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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH,

*On Wednesday June 6, Thursday June 7, Friday June 8, Saturday
June 9, and Monday June 11,*

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LIST OF CLERGY,

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

- Right Rev. LEVI SILLIMAN IVES, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Ex-Officio President of the Convention.
- Rev. JARVIS B. BUNTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- Rev. JOHN BURKE, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
- Rev. MOSES A. CURTIS, Episcopal School, Raleigh.
- Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ Church, Rowan County.
- Rev. ROBERT B. DRANE, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN, Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. EDWARD N. FORBES, Missionary, officiating at Pettigrew's Chapel, Washington county, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. WILLIAM M. GREEN, Professor of Rhetoric, &c., in the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- Rev. W. N. HAWKS, Rector of the Griffin School, Newbern.
- Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Rev. T. S. W. MOTT, Rector of St. John's, in the Wilderness, Buncombe County.
- Rev. CAMERON F. MAC RAE, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
- Rev. HENRY H. PROUT, Minister, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- Rev. JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS, Christ Church, Pensacola, Florida.
- Rev. JOHN SINGELTARY, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- Rev. HARVEY STANLY, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. JAMES SUNDERLAND, Missionary.
- Rev. WILLIAM THURSTON, Minister, St. Stephen's, Oxford, and St. John's, Williamsborough.
- Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, of Banks' Chapel, Granville County.
- Rev. JOHN TOLAND, Missionary, St. Thomas's, Bath.
- Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.

The Rev. Messrs. BURKE, CURTIS, HAWKS, MOTT, SAUNDERS, and TOLAND, were not present at this Convention.



LIST OF LAY DELEGATES ELECTED TO THIS CONVENTION.

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| <p><i>Hon. Duncan Cameron,</i>
 <i>Charles Manley,</i>
 <i>Edmund B. Freeman,</i>
 <i>William Thompson,</i>
 <i>Dr. Nathaniel Hill,</i>
 <i>Dr. Frederick J. Hill,</i>
 <i>Dr. A. J. De Rossset, Jr.</i>
 <i>Edwin Geer,</i></p> | } | <p>Christ Church, Raleigh.</p> |
| <p><i>Dr. Nathaniel Hill,</i>
 <i>Dr. Frederick J. Hill,</i>
 <i>Dr. A. J. De Rossset, Jr.</i>
 <i>Edwin Geer,</i></p> | } | <p>St. James's Church, Wilmington.</p> |

- Charles P. Mallett,*
John W. Wright,
Edward L. Winslow,
Edward J. Hale,
Samuel S. Jackson,
William H. Hardin,
John H. Haughton,
Maurice Q. Waddell, } St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- Joseph B. Skinner,*
Joseph B. Cheshire,
Joshua Skinner,
Richard B. Creecy, } St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.
- Joseph E. Dobbins,*
James Alexander, Jr. } St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Hugh Wuddell,*
George W. Burgwin,
Dr. Walter B. Norwood,
Joseph C. Norwood, } Christ Church, Rowan.
- Hon. Wm. B. Shepard,*
Dr. Thomas D. Parke, } St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- John W. Huske,*
Thomas S. Ashe, } Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- John W. Huske,*
Thomas S. Ashe, } Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

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PITTSBOROUGH, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th, 1838.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 22d Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Bishop and attending Clergy assembled in St. Bartholomew's Church.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention being called, the following were found to be present:

REV. JARVIS B. BUXTON,	REV. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON,
REV. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr.	REV. JOHN SINGELTARY,
REV. ROBERT B. DRANE,	REV. LEWIS TAYLOR,
REV. GEORGE W. FREEMAN,	REV. PHILIP B. WILEY.

The Certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, laid on the Secretary's table, and read. The following Churches were found to be represented, and the following Delegates elected:—

Christ Church, Raleigh.—Hon. Duncan Cameron, Charles Manly, Edmund B. Freeman, and William Thompson.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Dr. Nathaniel Hill, Dr. Frederick J. Hill, Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Jr. and Edwin Geer.

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

St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—Samuel S. Jackson, William H. Hardin, John H. Haughton, and Maurice Q. Waddell.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—Joseph B. Skinner, Joseph B. Cheshire, Joshua Skinner, Richard B. Creecy.

Christ Church, Rowan.—Joseph E. Dobbins, James Alexander, Jr.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats as members of this Convention, viz: Edwin Geer, John H. Haughton, Maurice Q. Waddell, William H. Hardin, Edward L. Winslow, Edward J. Hale, Joseph B. Cheshire, and Joseph E. Dobbins.

The President declared the Convention duly organized, and ready for the transaction of business.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary for the ensuing Conventional year; and on counting the ballots, Edward L. Winslow was declared to be unanimously re-elected.

On motion of Mr. Hale, it was

Resolved, That such Clergymen of the Church as may be present at this

Convention, and are not entitled to sit therein, and such Candidates for Orders as may be present, be invited to take seats in the Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. William Thurston, Minister of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford; the Rev. Henry H. Prout, Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough; and the Rev. James Sunderland, Missionary; with Messrs. Jacob B. Morse and William B. Otis, Candidates for Orders, appeared and took seats in the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, the Rules of Order heretofore in force for the government of the proceedings of the Convention, were adopted for this Convention.—[*See Appendix.*]

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

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, (in the course of which one adult was baptised,) and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Sunderland, from Hebrews, 3d chapter and 13th verse.

In the Evening, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Prout, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Thurston, from 1st Kings, 18th chapter and 21st verse.



THURSDAY, JUNE 7th, 1838.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. William M. Green, Cameron F. Mac Rae, and Edward N. Forbes, appeared and took their seats. And the Rev. Wm. W. Spear, of the Diocese of South Carolina, took a seat, under the resolution of yesterday.

Duncan Cameron, a Delegate from Christ Church, Raleigh, and Dr. Nathaniel Hill, a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wilmington, appeared and took their seats.

Certificates of Lay Delegation from St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, and Christ Church, Elizabeth City, were presented and read, from which it appeared that the following Delegates were appointed, viz:

St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—Hugh Waddell, George W. Burgwin, Dr. Walter A. Norwood, and Joseph C. Norwood.

Christ Church, Elizabeth City.—Hon. William B. Shepard.

Of whom Messrs. George W. Burgwin and Joseph C. Norwood appeared and took their seats.

The President appointed the following to compose the Standing Committees, viz:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. Singeltary, Johnston, Davis, Mac Rae, and Forbes.

Committee of Finance.—Messrs. Cameron, M. Q. Waddell, N. Hill, Cheshire, and Winslow.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address to the Convention, which, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, as follows:—

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THIS CONVENTION:

Assembled as we are to-day, after the experience of God's grace and forbearance for another year, our first act should be one of devout and hearty thanksgiving to the divine Head of the Church. At our last Convention, we separated with hearts full of the worst apprehensions for the temporal condition of our beloved Zion. A cloud of deep pecuniary distress seemed to be rapidly spreading itself over the whole face of our land, and betokening general ruin among the friends and supporters of the Church. It required a strong faith in the good will and providence of our heavenly Father, not to yield to despondency. Much indeed was suffered. Still, our community has been comparatively exempt; and by the unmerited goodness of God, we meet together this morning, with our accustomed ability to supply the means necessary for sustaining and making efficient the important institutions of the Diocese. Our gratitude to God is no less due on the score of our *spiritual* state. Our progress here, has, at least, not been retrograde. Our number of communicants will be found to have increased;—our confirmations to have more than doubled those of last year;—our Candidates for Orders, and our little band of Clergy, to have received an important accession;—while my late visitation to the Churches in the low country has been blessed with more than usual indications of growth in grace, and in the knowledge of the *truth as it is in Jesus*.

Since the date of my last Address, I have visited the following Churches, and performed the following official acts, a record of which, with such remarks as seem called for, I now proceed to submit, as required by Canon vii, of 1835.

May 27th, 1837, I preached in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, and confirmed 12 persons.

June 4th, preached twice in Christ Church, Newbern.

5th and 6th, preached in St. Paul's parish, Swift Creek, confirmed 9 persons, and baptised an adult. The Missionary services at this place have been blest with an encouraging return. The field is one of great want, and with persevering exertion, under the favor of God, will amply reward the laborer.

7th, preached at Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County, in the morning, and in the evening at St. Peter's Church, Washington, and confirmed 3 persons.

10th and 11th, preached at Pettigrew's Chapel, Washington county;—confirmed, on the latter day, 19 persons, and officiated in the evening for the colored congregation at Lake Phelps.

13th, preached in, and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, *St. Luke's Church, Locust Grove*, a neat edifice, with a commodious Vestry room, erected by the exemplary zeal and bounty, chiefly of one faithful son of the Church, Henry Hoffman, Esq., residing at the place.

By Providential circumstances I was prevented from entering upon my visitation to the Western Churches till the month of August.

On the 5th of that month, I performed service and preached twice, in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton—confirmed 2 persons and baptised an adult. This parish is still destitute of a Clergyman, although the Vestry have used every reasonable effort to obtain one.

10th, performed service and preached in St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

13th, performed service and preached three times in St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and confirmed one person.

14th, preached twice at the Missionary Station, Granville county,—in the morning at Banks' Chapel, and in the evening at the house of the Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Taylor.

16th, performed service and preached at Salem Chapel, where I was gratified with a large and orderly attendance of colored people from the plantations of Messrs. Cameron and Bennehan.

17th, preached at St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county.

19th and 20th, preached three times in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, and confirmed 3 persons. Here the services were well attended, particularly by young persons, who compose a large part of the parish, and give to it a feature of peculiar interest. May the blessing of a heavenly Father rest upon them, and his good spirit lead them to devote their best days to his service.

26th and 27th, preached five times in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, and confirmed one person. I found this parish in an advancing state. The services were numerous attended, and an unusual seriousness prevailed, consequent, it is believed, upon an alarming providence of God, faithfully improved by his Minister, in the sudden and afflicting death of an interesting young lady of the parish. May it be seen on the solemn day of account, that this merciful warning of God was not fatally disregarded by any!

September 2d and 3d, preached in Christ Church, Rowan county, and confirmed 2 persons. This is one of the most numerous, and, in some respects, most interesting parishes in the Diocese; embracing, as it does, the bulk of the people, and among them a large proportion of highly respectable and independent farmers, who seem desirous of securing to themselves and children the full benefits of the Gospel of the Covenant, in providing an ample support for their devoted pastor.

5th, preached and administered the Holy Communion to a number of Episcopalians and others at Mills' Settlement, Iredell county.

The following five days I spent at St. Luke's parish, Salisbury,—preached five times, and confirmed 3 persons. The interests of this parish have much declined, from removals.

14th, and the three following days, preached in Calvary Church, Wadesborough,—confirmed 3 persons, and baptized 2 adults and 2 infants. It is much to the credit of this parish, that during the period in which it was destitute of a Clergyman, public worship was kept up by means of Lay reading.

24th, preached in Christ Church, Raleigh, and confirmed 2 persons.—This parish is blest with a steady increase, under the faithful instructions and supervision of its devoted Rector.

27th, preached at Louisburg, Franklin county. The friends of the Church here, though few in number, deserve the encouragement and aid of the more wealthy parishes, in obtaining at least the partial services of a Clergyman. This place, in connexion with the neighborhood of John D. Hawkins, Esq., aided by the usual Missionary appropriation, has the abil-

ity, and, I think, the willingness, to support among them the ministrations of the Gospel.

29th and 30th, preached at Banks' Chapel, to large and deeply attentive Congregations, and confirmed 3 persons. The next day, by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, of Raleigh, the Holy Communion was here administered for the first time since the resuscitation of the Church in the Diocese in 1817. This was formerly a settlement mostly of Episcopalians; and from the increasing evidences of interest in favour of the Church, under the Ministry of the present excellent Missionary, it is believed that a desire is gradually gaining among the people to return to the faith of their fathers,—the "old paths" of primitive truth and order. Much opposition, it is true, will be made to hinder this desirable result. Much has *already* been made. The Chapel, once belonging to the Church, has, by my advice, been quietly given up as "a peace offering," to a dissenting denomination, who, with no other claim than that of having been allowed to occupy it for several years already, demand the entire possession of it hereafter. It is hoped that, under these circumstances, the friends of the Church in the Diocese will extend a helping hand to our brethren there, to enable them to erect a small building in which they may worship God according to the dictates of conscience, and after the manner of their fathers.

30th, performed Service and preached at night in St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.

October 1st, performed Service and preached in St. John's Church, Williamsborough. I was gratified to discover in this parish a more than usual effort to obtain the services of a Minister.

From this place I proceeded to the Northern Cities, in pursuance of a request of our last Convention, to collect funds in aid of the Episcopal School. Notwithstanding the pecuniary embarrassments in the City of New York, our brethren there evinced the strength of their zeal for the Church, and their deep sympathy with us in our difficulties, by a prompt and liberal contribution, and by the promise of further assistance at a more prosperous time. We are under special obligation to the zealous Clergy of that City and to three or four Godly Laymen, for their personal efforts in our behalf. If any thing could ever reconcile the mind of your Bishop to the unpleasant service of asking aid for his Diocese, it would be the generous response of kind and brotherly feeling with which his application was met by New York Churchmen. Our friends in other Cities, had time been allowed me to bring the subject properly before them, would, I doubt not, have shown the same kindness and liberality. As it was, numbers of them were not behind their brethren of New York.

On the 23d of November I returned to Raleigh, and on the 25th, 26th and 27th of that month, attended a Convention of the Diocese there, specially called in reference to the embarrassed condition of the *Episcopal School*. By the action of that body, as you know, the immediate necessities of the School were met, and its continuance and usefulness secured, so far as a Convention could secure them, to the Church.

Here I must be permitted to detain you, brethren, while I again urge upon your attention the *Episcopal School* of North Carolina. Churchmen abroad made acquainted with the circumstances in which we are placed, and called upon to contribute of their substance to sustain our hands, clear-

ly perceive and fully appreciate the important bearing of this Institution upon the interests of truth and righteousness in our Diocese: While those of the Clergy and Laity among ourselves, who, from having given a long and laborious attention to this subject, have the best claim to be heard upon its merits, are unanimous in the opinion that it deserves the highest regard and most active support of every Churchman in the State,—a regard and support far greater than it has hitherto received. Aside from its importance to us as an instrument of providing our children with the best security against the pernicious influence of error, and thus of diffusing more widely among us the blessings of true religion, this Institution manifestly offers the only means within our reach, of securing to the Diocese an efficient and adequate Ministry. And here it may be made fully to meet our necessities; and without the contribution of another dollar to its *support*. Let the Church cancel the debt now due to the Bank, furnish us with a small Philosophical Apparatus, and secure to us fifty pupils yearly, at the present reduced rate of 150 dollars each, and upon evidence furnished by an experiment already made, we feel authorized in becoming responsible for the interest of the Episcopal Fund, for the proper training of the pupils for creditable admission to any of our Colleges, and furthermore, for the constant support and due Theological instruction of at least *six* candidates for Holy Orders. This statement, brethren, is not the extemporary expression of hasty and over-anxious zeal; it is the result of a deliberate and careful estimate founded upon facts. The matter has, by a sufficient test, been reduced to certainty. Thirty pupils, it has been found, will defray the expenses of the School with a competent Rector and Assistant. Any pupils over that number, therefore, will go to increase the ability of the School to sustain a Theological department. *This* department can be so managed as really to return to the *Classical* department more than an equivalent for all it receives. While exercising a wholesome, religious influence upon the Institution, it may be made to supply an amount of labour in actual instruction and supervision, which could not easily be procured in any other way.

In respect to the means of Theological instruction, I would remark, that while they fall short of what might be desired, they seem to be sufficient for our immediate wants, and for all the purposes of a useful Theological education. Our Libraries are adequate, and the resident Clergy of the place, acting as a Theological Faculty in connexion with the School, would render the appointment of a salaried Professor for the present unnecessary.

All we ask of you, brethren, in aid of this important enterprize, is to give us your patronage and your prayers; to do yourselves a benefit, and entrust to us the education of your sons. I say *we*,—by which I mean, those few of us upon whom the Church has seen fit to lay the burden of sustaining the Institution, and the responsibility of every measure relating to its progress. Although our connexion with this matter really involves no greater obligation, no more solemn duty than that which at this moment rests upon every Churchman in the Diocese; still we confess ourselves willing, with the expectation of no other reward than the approbation of our God, to bear both the burden and the responsibility, upon the simple and easy conditions I have mentioned. I will add no other argument than *THIS*,—and if you love your Church, have any care for the welfare of the Diocese,

you will need no other. *Withhold from us your sons*, and you take from your Bishop the last hope that cheers him as he contemplates the destitution of much of his charge, and the difficulties which hinder its sufficient and permanent supply. *I repeat, dear brethren, and with increased conviction of its certainty, that our Diocese can never flourish without the means of raising up a Ministry within ourselves; and that the only means now open to us are to be realized in the successful maintenance of the Episcopal School.*

The three months succeeding the Special Convention I passed at my residence in Raleigh,—officiating in Christ Church some part of every Sunday but *one*, which I spent at our University—preaching in the morning at the College Chapel, and in the evening at a small Chapel in the village.

March 4th, I preached in Christ Church, Raleigh, and confirmed 2 persons.

On the 8th of that month, I started on my visitation to the Churches in the low country.

Passed 10 days, from the 10th to the 20th, in the parish of St. John's Church, Fayetteville;—preached 9 times to the white congregation, once to the coloured, and confirmed 14 persons. The examination of the children in the Catechism was omitted in consequence of the inclemency of the weather. This parish is in a flourishing state. Its additions from surrounding communions and from other sources, have more than kept pace with its removals, which have not been few; while the evidences of its spiritual advancement have increased. No parish affords more cheering proof that “in simplicity and Godly sincerity” its members “have their conversation in the world.”

From the 22d to the 30th, was in St. James's parish, Wilmington,—preached 8 times, examined the children in the Catechism, addressed them and their parents, and confirmed 7 persons. This congregation I found in its usual healthy state of advancement. The Vestry have in view the erection of a new House of Worship—a work greatly to be desired, because essentially connected with the increase and prosperity of the parish. I trust, therefore, that the congregation will evince their submission to the precept of Christ, “to seek *first* the Kingdom of Heaven,” by suffering no projects for worldly aggrandizement to take precedence of this most important work.

Spent the first week of April at Newbern,—preached 6 times in Christ Church to the white congregation—once to the coloured, performed the Funeral Service, examined the children in the Catechism, baptised one adult, confirmed 3 persons, administered the Holy Communion, and visited the “*Griffin School*,” a most valuable Institution for poor children, and conducted with admirable judgment by the Rev. Wm. N. Hawks. I am most happy in being able to state, that the difficulties which during the last year distracted the parish of Christ Church, have been fully removed, and that the Vestry, with entire unanimity among themselves, and satisfaction to the congregation, have again secured the services of a Minister. May the “author of peace and lover of concord” continue to shed upon them his blessed influence!

April 6th, preached to the small congregation of St. Thomas's, Craven county.

The 7th, preached in St. Paul's parish, Swift Creek. The friends of the Church here need and deserve encouragement. They are now destitute of a Clergyman; but in connexion with Trinity parish, Beaufort county, are able to do much towards the support of one.

The 8th, and 7 days following, passed at St. Peter's Church, Washington, and parts adjacent,—preached in St. Peter's 8 times to the white congregation and once to the coloured, examined the children and addressed the mothers of the congregation, and confirmed 15 persons. This parish, notwithstanding its deep temporal suffering by fire during the past year, has never before exhibited so many and so decided marks of spiritual prosperity.

Good Friday, (13th,) preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion, in Trinity Church, Beaufort county; after which, visited a sick family belonging to the parish, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

Next day, preached in Zion Chapel, Beaufort county; and the day following (Easter Day) in St. Thomas's Church, Bath. Confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion. The state of these parishes has not improved since my last visitation.

22d, preached twice in St. Paul's Church, Edenton, and confirmed 3 persons.

My appointment on the 25th, in St. Luke's, Locust Grove, Washington county, owing to my indisposition, was kindly met by the Rev. Mr. Singeltary. The next day, however, I preached at this Church and confirmed 2 persons. My appointment the day following in Pettigrew's Chapel, was also fulfilled, from the same cause, by my Rev. brother. 29th, however, I preached in this Chapel, and confirmed 4 persons. The present state of the Church in Washington county is highly encouraging, and presents a striking example of what may be done by the fidelity, the industry and unshrinking perseverance of a Missionary. When the Rev. Mr. Forbes, 2 years and a half ago, entered upon his field of labour, the only feature of encouragement was its miserable destitution. Perhaps in the whole Diocese, a point of less promise could not have been selected;—a point where long continued error had left a fouler stain upon the bulk of the people, or a deeper prejudice against "the Faith once delivered to the Saints." Still circumstances existed, making it our duty to send a Missionary to the county; and through his fearless and untiring assiduity, his spirit of self-sacrifice, and firm reliance upon the power of Truth, under the blessing of God, no Missionary efforts in the State have produced a stronger impression, or been crowned with more abundant fruits to the Church.

This instance of success strengthens greatly my conviction that our failure in most cases, arises from a too easy discouragement of the Missionary, resulting in his too sudden removal. I could name places, thus prematurely abandoned, where even now, without censure and without protection, the good seed of the Kingdom, sown in despondency, is, by the undeserved favour of God, springing up on every hand, and inviting the care of the spiritual husbandman.

27th, 28th and 29th, I spent on the plantations of Messrs. Pettigrew and Collins, at Lake Phelps, attending examinations in the Catechism and Bible, preaching, and confirming 10 persons. The coloured people on these

plantations constitute an important part of the charge of the Rev. Mr. Forbes. And as the efforts put forth to bring these people under the influence of Gospel Truth, have been blest with a result in many respects new and instructive, I must be permitted here to call your special attention to it and to some of the steps by which it has been attained.

A little more than two years ago, through the earnest solicitations of Mr. Josiah Collins, Jr., Mr. Forbes, by my advice, took charge of the religious instruction of the Slaves belonging to the plantations I have named, in connexion with his duties as Missionary for the county. On Friday night of the 27th April last, I attended, in company with the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, the examination in the Catechism of the coloured candidates for confirmation, 10 in number. The examination was minute and thorough; and we had the most unexpected satisfaction of witnessing a promptness and correctness and apparent intelligence of answer to the numerous questions, that would have done credit to any class of Catechumens in the Church.

The following Sunday night, however, I attended, with Mr. Singeltary and others, to witness a general examination of the Slaves in the Bible.—The number assembled could not have been less, I think, than 250. The expression of interest and pleasure which animated their countenances, notwithstanding the exhausting services of the day, showed at once that no compulsion had been called for to bring them together. And no sooner had the examination commenced than it was easy to perceive, that a better spirit than that of curiosity had prompted so large an attendance.—Brethren, I shall never forget the impressions of that night;—They will continue to be among the most pleasing of my Ministry! The examination embraced much of the Old Testament history, in its relation to that of the New, and hence to the doctrines immediately connected with our redemption by Jesus Christ; and a better sustained examination it would be hardly possible to conceive. An adequate description of it, were it in my power to give one, would, with your present views of these things, be drawing too largely upon your faith, judging from my own feelings at the time, to encourage me in the attempt. My only desire in the matter is, that you may soon have an opportunity of witnessing a similar spectacle yourselves.

The performance of the regular Evening Prayer by these people was no less gratifying. The Responses were made from memory, and the whole Service was conducted with a spirit and propriety which might have put many of our most enlightened congregations to the blush. Although it has been my prevailing conviction, that by a judicious course, much might be done for this class of persons which is left undone, still this effort at Lake Phelps has gone far beyond any thing I had supposed possible. The evidence of Scriptural knowledge, of intelligent perception of the Truth, and of deep interest in it, while it produced surprise, convinced us of our previous errors upon this subject—errors in reference both to the capabilities of this people to receive instruction, and to the proper mode of its inculcation.

Upon careful inquiry, I found the following among the leading causes of the surprising effects we had witnessed:

First, a firm and pious resolve, under a solemn sense of responsibility, and in reliance upon God, on the part of the master and mistress of the family, *to go to the very limit of their ability*, in fulfilling their trust in this matter.

Previously to this last successful attempt, the proprietors at Lake Phelps had tried various plans, and realized all the discouragements usually experienced under the same circumstances. Many of the slaves, it is true, were induced to make a public profession of Religion, but without any improvement in their tempers and lives;—their piety being evinced only in noisy and disorderly meetings,—resulting in little else than petulance and self-conceit. Notwithstanding these discouragements, however, Mr. Collins was not to be moved from his purpose; but only became more resolute and energetic in his exertions. He determined, after witnessing the failure of various schemes, chiefly addressed to the *passions*, to try the grave and subordinating system of the Church. In order to this, he sought and obtained an active, discreet, and patient Episcopal Clergyman.

Such a Clergyman, is the *Second* thing required to ensure a result like that I have mentioned.

The Rev. Mr. Forbes entered upon his duty, with a just sense of its importance, and a steadfast resolution, by the help of God, to discharge it. He soon discovered, that the ordinary methods employed with these people, would produce no permanent advantage: That to depend upon their *feelings*, as the chief medium of good impressions, would lead to inevitable disappointment: That their feelings could not well be aroused after the novelty of a service had passed away, or, if they could, that the good effects would hardly be seen beyond the walls of their Chapel. He determined, therefore, to adopt some plan by which he might reach their *understandings*. The obstacles here, against which he soon found himself obliged to provide, were *two*,—*the want of sufficient attraction to bring them together; and, the difficulty of making them comprehend instruction, when they were assembled.*

In order to meet the *first*, he resolved to apply himself assiduously to the improvement of the few who manifested a willingness to be instructed; in hope that through them he might finally gain the ear of all.

And to obviate the *other*, he had recourse to the *Scripture narrative*. Beginning at the creation of the world, and making himself master of the facts of the Bible, he related them in the simplest language, dwelling upon such points, and deducing such inferences, as were calculated to strike the mind and engage the affections; at the same time giving the hearers to understand, that they were *learners*, and were to be called upon to give an account of what was related to them. A good deal of *patience* and *industry* were here demanded; but after a time an interest in the subject became manifest; the answers were more prompt and intelligent; the number of hearers increased; till finally the Chapel was thronged, and a general anxiety to know the truth prevailed. This gradual effect was a natural one. The few, who first attended, becoming deeply interested in the subject, communicated what they had heard to others on the plantation; who, one after another, were led by curiosity to witness that which had so attracted their fellows, and finally, by a better motive, to become partakers of its benefits.

In aid of these instructions, the regular services of the Church are performed by the Missionary; and, in his absence, by the master of the family. It has been supposed by some, that our services are not adapted to the condition of this people; but let any one visit the colored congregation in

question, and listen to the hearty and animated response from almost every lip, and he will discover at once the utter fallacy of this idea; will discover a peculiar adaptedness of our Liturgy to their state of dependence.

Here, Brethren, you have a partial view of what has been done on the plantations at Lake Phelps, and of what has been required to do it.

You will ask, perhaps, whether, by means of this oral instruction, any important *change* has been effected?

I answer,—that from numerous and well-attested facts, it is manifest, this people are essentially *changed*, in respect to *their general interest in religion*, to their *views of religion*, and to their *practice under its influence*.

As regards their *increased sensibility* to religion, it is sufficient to remark, that the services, which three years ago it was with difficulty they could be induced to attend, are now uniformly thronged by those eager to be instructed. The Missionary informed me, that an appointment could not be made for the *communicants* or *candidates for confirmation*, without bringing together a full congregation—and that too, at night, after the fatigues of a long summer's day.

In respect to a *change in their views of religion*, it is proper to observe, that the bulk of them had long been *practical Antinomians*: That they had been taught to believe, that *Faith* was alone necessary to salvation: That their *election* to eternal life, sustained by a *confident assurance* of it, by an *immersion* in water called baptism, and by certain sensible impulses in the excited meeting, rendered certain their final happiness, without the troublesome appendage of *good works*: That, not having sufficient intelligence to resist the influence of their creed, they had reduced it thoroughly to *practice*. But it is now seen, that their *views of religion* are different: That they regard it as designed not only to give them good hope in Christ, but also to lead them to Him in the way of *all holy obedience*; to impart to them the strength to be faithful in all the duties of life; to make them not only devout worshippers of God, but also, *good husbands, good wives, good parents, good children, and good servants*. This is evident, not more from their general tone of remark, than from an important *change in their conduct*. From having carried themselves proudly towards their master, as if they regarded him in great ignorance of religion, they have become modest in their deportment, evincing the fullest confidence in the friendship and judgment of those who have the rule over them; and the fullest conviction of their own ignorance and imperfect views. From having been addicted, even the most religious of them, to the grossest vices, they are changed to comparative uprightness of conduct—furnishing daily increasing evidence of being actuated, so far as they have knowledge, by the principles of christian morality, and of desiring to understand the truth that they *may live by it*. So great is the change already, that I was assured, *the voluntary increase of labour* and *the diminished necessity for discipline*, would amply compensate a much greater effort in their behalf.

In reviewing this case, my brethren, does any thing appear in it, which should prevent its being held up for general imitation?

The *condition* of these plantations surely afforded no peculiar facility or encouragement. The slaves had long been in habits of great irregularity on the Lord's day;—of wandering from one place of worship to another;

and of being led astray, as I was informed, by a most pernicious neighborhood influence. And then, as to the motives which here impelled to exertion, were they not such as exist and should operate in the case of every master? Are spiritual wants more affecting, or religious obligations more solemn at Lake Phelps than on every plantation in the Diocese? And in regard to the means used, are they of a character which places them beyond the reach of other planters? There is a difficulty, it is true, in *the want of proper Missionaries*. But this should only serve to stimulate our efforts to supply the deficiency. The *Episcopal School*, organized and sustained on the plan I have urged, will, I am confident, in a short time do it. In the mean season, much may be done for our slaves by means already within our power. Let us use these means. Taking the example before us and relying upon the Grace of God, let us put forth a new effort in this urgent, this noble, but too much neglected cause!

May 3d, I went to Elizabeth City, where I spent 4 days in the parish of Christ Church,—preaching 5 times, confirming 4 persons, and examining the children in the Catechism. This parish, though it has lost much by removals, continues in a state of decided prosperity.

8th, preached at Hertford, and baptised an infant. The friends of the Church here are still resolved on the erection of a house for public worship. May the Lord prosper them!

9th, and six following days, spent in St. Paul's parish, Edenton,—preached 5 times to the white congregation and once to the coloured, examined the children in the Catechism, and confirmed 25 persons. The number of confirmations in this parish, (28 in all) furnish a faithful index to its spiritual condition. Among the persons confirmed were some of the most influential members of the community, who now promise to be among the most active and useful members of the Church of God. The Rector has been peculiarly successful, too, in his efforts for the religious instruction of the coloured population. This parish is among the most liberal in its contributions to the institutions of the Church.

16th, preached at Windsor, to a large and attentive congregation assembled in the Court House. My appointment having been made without a knowledge that the Court was to be in session, it politely adjourned to give place to Divine Service. As no house of public worship exists in this place, it is hoped Episcopalians elsewhere will enable the few friends of the Church here to carry into effect their desire and intention to erect one.

17th, proceeded to Scotland Neck; but owing to the absence of the gentleman to whom I forwarded the notice for my appointment, it was not made, and hence I did not officiate. I could learn little of the state of Trinity parish here. The recent removals have deprived it of many of its chief supporters.

20th, preached in the parish of Calvary Church, Tarborough, and confirmed one person. This parish, in connexion with Greenville, is in a situation to support the services of the Church, and is of too much importance to the interests of Truth to be overlooked.

21st, baptised the child of Richard Hines, Esq., at his residence.

Thus, brethren, have I given you the record of my official acts for the past year, and it may not be improper to state, that in performing them, I have travelled in my own carriage not less than 2000 miles. The Church-

es should take into view, therefore, the large amount of time necessarily consumed in this way, in estimating my ability to devote more *attention* to their wants.

During the year, I have admitted three persons as Candidates for Holy Orders, and received one, transferred by letter from the Diocese of New York. The following persons are now Candidates in this Diocese:—Edwin Geer, John Backhous, Jarvis Buxton, Jacob B. Morse, and William B. Otis.

The following changes, since I last addressed you, have taken place among our Clergy:—The Rev. Wm. M. Green has left the Rectorship of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, and entered upon his duties as Professor of the University at Chapel Hill;—The Rev. John Burke has accepted the Rectorship of Calvary Church, Wadesborough, and removed from Newbern to that place;—The Rev. Cameron F. MacRae has accepted the Rectorship of Christ Church, Newbern, and is to enter upon his duties immediately after this Convention;—The Rev. Harvey Stanly has accepted the Rectorship of Christ Church, Elizabeth City, vacant by removal of Rev. Mr. MacRae, and has entered upon his duties;—The Rev. John Morgan has been received by letter from the Bishop of New York, and has been officiating the Winter past at Calvary Church, Tarborough, and Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, but is now absent from the Diocese by permission;—The Rev. Wm. Thurston has been received by letter from the Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, and has been officiating for the last six months as Minister of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and St. John's Church, Williamsborough;—The Rev. H. H. Prout and Rev. Jas. Sunderland have made application to be received into this Diocese, and only wait their letters of *dismission*. The former is to officiate at St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough,—the latter at some parish not yet designated.

The Rev. John M. Robinson, now in Alabama, is still a member of this Diocese, but, though repeatedly reminded of his duty, has given no account of his Ministerial Services to his Diocesan for more than three years. It is with much pain and concern that I feel myself compelled to give public notice of this fact.

The VII. Canon of 1835 requires, *in order to secure an accurate view of the State of the Church*, that every Minister of the same shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, to his Bishop, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals, and of the number of Communicants in his parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same,—and these Parochial Reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the Journals of the Convention. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or Church, shall also report to the Ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese the occasional services he may have performed; and if he have performed no such services, the causes and reasons which have prevented the same.

My Rev. brethren will excuse me for thus reminding them of a duty which in time past has been too much neglected, or too carelessly and hastily performed.

I take this opportunity of putting the Churches on their guard against a person of suspicious character, now in Edenton, calling himself Alfred Ad-

dis, and claiming to be a Clergyman of the Church, but who has not been received as such into this Diocese, nor Canonically recognized, so far as I can learn, by any Bishop of the American Church.

Brethren, the Missionary operations of the Church are a good deal circumscribed for the want of means. The Missionary Committee have done what they could; but, after having applied your bounty with all possible economy, many calls for Missionary aid remain unanswered. The places yet unsupplied, which deserve your special and immediate attention, are, Calvary Church, Tarborough, and Greenville, Pitt county; St. Paul's, Swift Creek, and Trinity, Beaufort county; Trinity, Scotland Neck, with the villages of Halifax and Jackson; Windsor and Turner's X Roads, Bertie county; Hertford, Perquimons county, and Gates county; Louisburg and parts adjacent; Rockingham county, and Lincoln and Burke counties. Had the Committee the means at their disposal, the most of these places might soon be provided with Clergymen, as I learn a number of the Candidates for Orders in the present Senior Class in the General Theological Seminary of our Church have intimated a willingness to enter the field of labour in our Diocese. Brethren, it rests with yourselves whether your Bishop shall say, in reply to those who are thus calling importunately for Missionary aid, *we cannot help you*; or shall give them the cheering encouragement of soon being blest with the word of life.

Let those in our Diocese to whom God has given the ability, keep in mind the source of their blessings, and their character *as Stewards of the manifold gifts of God*. Let them remember that to whom much is given, much will be required; and that their only security against the pernicious, the destructive influence of riches, is to consecrate their wealth to the Kingdom of Christ. Let them cherish in their minds, by meditation and prayer, a just sense of the vast interests of that Kingdom, and the immense value of souls,—and our Missionary Treasury will be full. *The love of Christ will constrain all his true disciples to seek first and chiefly the welfare of his Church*.

Let me exhort my brethren of the Clergy to renew their efforts to carry out our plan of systematic charity. That plan, duly cherished, will, under the blessing of God, be found effectual to the full support of all our charitable institutions.

Our sympathies and prayers are demanded for our sister Diocese of Maryland, which has recently been deprived by death, of its devoted and most excellent Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Murray Stone.

Brethren, may the blessing of Almighty God be upon us in our deliberations, and his spirit guide and protect us in the way of everlasting salvation, through his son Jesus Christ.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley, business was suspended for Divine Service.

Morning Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Drane, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Buxton, from 2d Timothy, 4th chapter and 15th verse.

After Divine Service, on motion,

Resolved, That a Committee on the Episcopal School, to consist of two Clergymen and three Laymen, be appointed by the President.

The President accordingly appointed the Rev. Messrs. Drane and Johnston, of the Clergy, and Messrs. Hale, Wright, and Burgwin, of the Laity, to compose said committee.

On motion, a Committee on the unfinished business of the last Convention was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Green and Buxton, of the Clergy, and Mr. Haughton of the Laity.

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

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Parochial Reports, which had been made to the Bishop, were read by the Secretary, as follows—

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. George W. Freeman, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult, 1 white, 1 colored,	2
Children, 13 white, 1 colored,	14
	— 16
Confirmations,	5
Communicants—removed 5, added 4.	
Present number,	75
Marriages,	6
Burials—Adults, 1 white, 1 colored,	2
Children, 6 white,	6
	— 8
Families,	52
Adults,	150
Sunday School—Scholars,	64
Teachers,	12
Moneys received:	
For Missionary purposes—sale of books, &c.	\$14 50
“ offerings of the congregation,	118 50
For the Bishop's Fund and Contingencies,	160 00
	— 293 00

GEORGE W. FREEMAN.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. Robert B. Drane, Rector.

Baptisms,	29
Confirmations,	7
Communicants—2 dead, 7 added.	
Present number,	171
Marriages,	8

Moneys collected—For Assessment,	\$175 00	
For Missionary Committee,	252 65	
		427 65
For Sunday School Union,	33 17	
For General Missions,	9 00	
For Parochial Charities,	162 43	
		205 60

ROBERT B. DRANE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Baptisms—Adult, white 6, colored 4,	10
Infant, white 20, colored 16,	36
	46
Confirmations—White 19, colored 7,	26
Communion—Decrease, by death 2, by removal 6,	8
Addition, white 23, colored 3,	26
Present number, white 105, colored 25,	130
Marriages—White 2, colored 4,	6
Burials—White 6, colored 5,	11
Moneys collected for Assessment,	\$175
Appropriated to the Missionary Department,	150
Additional collections for Episcopal School,	300

The year has been distinguished for religious decision among the young—the hope of the congregation. Some twelve or fourteen of the reported additions to the communion are of this class. The general condition of the congregation is believed to be healthy and prosperous. Its Sunday School department is filled with poor children, and these are blessed with devoted Teachers.

JARVIS B. BUXTON.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Rev. P. B. Wiley, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult, 1 white, 1 colored,	2
Infants, 11 white, 25 colored,	36
	38
Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	31
Burials—4 white and 3 colored,	7
Marriages,	2
Families,	18
Sunday School—Scholars,	30
Teachers,	6
Children publicly catechised, about	25
Money collected to pay Assessment,	\$40

The Rectory reported last year as in progress, has since been completed; and in addition to this generous effort to make their Minister comfortable, the Vestry, with some aid from the congregation, have effected very consi-

derable improvements in their house of worship. To this latter object, the Working Society, composed of a small number of zealous ladies, has materially contributed.

The spiritual state of this charge is encouraging. Although no addition to the communion has been made the past year, and one has been taken from the number by death; still, the Rector is not without hope, that the good seed has been sown, and that the fruit will be seen before many days.

He has, according as he had opportunity, officiated at the Gulf on Deep River; and on the last occasion of his doing so, baptized 23 colored children belonging to Mr. John Haughton. To this place he wishes to devote such portion of his time and services, as can with propriety be taken from St. Bartholomew's.

PHILIP B. WILEY.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr. Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	2
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—Added 1, decrease by death and removals 5—Present number,	18
Marriage,	1
Burials,	2
Sunday School,	25
Money collected—For Episcopate and contingent fund,	\$22

This Church has lost, during the past year, by removal to the West, one of the largest families connected with it; among them two of the communicants of the Church. It is expected also that another of the largest and most influential families connected with the Church will certainly remove in the course of the next year. So that our small number has become and is becoming still smaller. The condition of the Church in Salisbury is not encouraging. We still, however, continue to hope for a blessing from that God, who only can give both grace and increase.

THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr. Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	3
Confirmations—(colored)	3
Communicants—Additions, 4 white, 2 colored,	6
Decrease, withdrawn 1, dead 4,	5
Present number,	78
Burials,	6
Sunday School,	18
Money collected—For Episcopate and contingent fund,	\$26

The condition of Christ Church is much the same that it was at the time of the last Convention. It has met with some severe losses during the

past year, especially in the death of one of its most valued members and zealous supporters. But these losses have been supplied by additions. Upon the whole, I hope and believe, that this Church is gradually gaining strength.

I have continued to attend the congregation at Mr. Mills', in Iredell county,—preaching at his house on every fourth Saturday, and preaching and administering the communion on two or three Sundays in the year. The number of communicants at this place is 18. Baptisms, 3 infants. The congregations sometimes very large on Sundays; but on Saturdays generally small.

I have also, on one occasion, preached in Cabarrus county, and baptized one adult, and two children, being members of the same family.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, late Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 7, colored 1, adult 1,	9
Confirmations,	3
Marriages,	3
Deaths—Adults 3, infant 1,	4
Families,	27
Adults,	96
Communicants—Died 2, added 2, removed 1,	
Present number,	66
Monies contributed by the Congregation—	
For Bishop's Salary,	\$40
For Missionary Society,	54

But little change has taken place in the condition of this congregation since the last Convention. A short time before the Rector resigned his charge, the plan of weekly contributions was revived, and placed, as it is hoped, on a more permanent and effective basis. This new arrangement, however, has not been long enough in operation to yield at this time any considerable amount in furtherance of the Missionary cause.

Since the resignation of his parochial charge, and his removal from Hillsborough, the late Rector has regularly officiated in the Church on the afternoon of each Lord's Day.

WM. M. GREEN.

REPORT of Rev. Wm. M. Green, Professor of Rhetoric, &c. in the University of North Carolina.

It has been but two months since my removal to this place. In the discharge of my public Ministerial duties, I have been met by the most respectful attention of both the Authorities and the Students of the Institution. The responses are made with spirit; a number of Prayer Books has been called for; and the hours of public worship are marked with that reverential respect which our services seldom fail to inspire.

WM. M. GREEN.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. John Singeltary, Rector.

Communicants—White 61, colored 5,	66
Confirmations,	18
Baptisms—Adult 3—infant, white 18, black 5,	26
Assessment,	\$50
For Missionary and other objects,	56
	———— \$106

JOHN SINGELTARY.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, 1 white, 2 colored,	3
Infants, 16 white, 6 colored,	22
	———— 25
Communicants—Decrease, by death 2, by removal 1,	3
Increase, by removal 1, additions 16,	17
Present number,	60

This number is exclusive of those residing at Hertford, heretofore reported as belonging to this congregation.

Confirmed,	31
Burials,	13
Marriages,	2
Sunday School—Scholars,	75
Teachers,	10
Assessment for Bishop's fund and contingent expenses,	\$160
Missionary Society,	100

By request of the Rt. Rev. Bishop, I have to submit the following Report of the parish of Windsor:

Baptisms—infants,	6
Communicants,	7

SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. Cameron F. McRae, late Rector.

Baptisms—Adult 1, infants 4,	5
Confirmations,	4
Communicants—Decrease by death,	2
Present number,	43
Burials,	3
Marriages,	6
Money collected—for the Assessment,	\$50

CAMERON F. McRAE.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. John Burke, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 3,	5
Confirmations,	3
Deaths,	2
Communicants,	30
Sunday School—Scholars,	48
Teachers,	7
Moneys received—For Assessment,	\$30
For Diocesan Missions,	20

On the part, and with the known wishes of the parishioners of Calvary Church, as well as of the members of the Church at Morven, their Minister takes the opportunity of thus publicly acknowledging their great and lasting obligations to that faithful and indefatigable servant of God, the Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, of Cheraw, S. C., for his pious, charitable, and effective labors among them, when deprived of the services of a resident Pastor.

The establishment, in this village, within the year, of a Methodist Sunday School, and the consequent removal from our charge of the children of that Society, will account for our diminished number, as exhibited in the present report.

JOHN BURKE.

MISSIONARY STATION, WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND PARTS ADJACENT.

Rev. E. M. Forbes, Missionary.

Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 5,	7
Colored, adults 14, infants (none)	14
	— 21
Communicants—White, added 7, died 2, removed	
2; present number,	28
Colored, added 21, present No.	21
	— 49
Marriages—White 1, colored 2,	3
Funerals—White 4, colored 1,	5

I have distributed between six and seven thousand pages of Tracts, and 40 Prayer Books.

I have commenced giving oral instruction in the Church Catechism to the members and candidates in my colored congregation, and I have found it to be attended with beneficial results. I still continue the system of instruction in the Bible, mentioned in my last Report, and the members of the congregation can answer the principal questions in the Old and New Testament. They are now able to go through the responses in the Evening Service. These have been taught them orally. They can also make the responses in the Litany, the Commandments, and the Third Selection of Psalms.

E. M. FORBES.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. Wm. Thurston, Minister.

Number of Families,	11
Communicants,	18
Baptisms,	1
Burial,	1
Sunday School Scholars,	20
Teachers,	4

By appointment of the Bishop, I commenced my ministrations in this parish and at Williamsborough, at Christmas. I find from examination of the Register, that there had been a great decrease of the number of communicants by removals and death.

There are at present four or five candidates for confirmation, as soon as the first opportunity occurs.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Number of Families,	14
Communicants,	12
Baptism,	1

Removals and death have also diminished the number of this parish, but the number of regular attendants upon the services seems to be gradually increasing.

WM. THURSTON.

FORT CREEK ACADEMY.

Rev. L. Taylor, Minister.

Communicants—Died 1, removed 1; present number,	4
Confirmations, (one not of the congregation,)	3
Baptism,	1
Marriage,	1

L. TAYLOR.

MISSIONARY STATION, BEAUFORT & CRAVEN COUNTIES.

Rev. Harvey Stanly, Missionary.

Baptisms—At Swift Creek, Craven county, 1 adult, 3 infants,	4
Griffin Free School, infants,	19
Newbern,	1
	— 24
Confirmations—At Swift Creek,	10
Communicants,—Added at Swift Creek,	8
Reported last year,	6
St. Thomas's, Craven,	9
	— 23

Since my relinquishment of the parishes of St. Thomas and St. Paul's, I have aided the Rev. Mr. Hawks with occasional services at Griffin Free School.

H. STANLY.

ST. THOMAS'S, BATH, AND PARTS ADJACENT.

Rev. John Toland, Missionary.

Baptisms—(all infants,)	10
Confirmations,	1
Marriages,	2
Burials,	7
Communicants,	24

JOHN TOLAND.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, the above Reports were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Green, Chairman of the Standing Committee, submitted the following Annual Report, viz:

REPORT of the Standing Committee.

The acts of the Standing Committee, since the last Convention, have been, to recommend Messrs. Jarvis Buxton, John H. Backhouse, and William B. Otis, to the Bishop, as Candidates for Orders;—To grant to the Rev. Lewis Taylor and the Rev. William Thurston, the testimonial required of those who are to be ordained Priests;—and to give the necessary testimonial to Mr. Jacob B. Morse, preparatory to his receiving Deacon's Orders.

WILLIAM M. GREEN, *Pres't.*

The Annual Reports of John W. Wright, Treasurer of the Convention, were submitted, read, and referred to the Committee of Finance.—[*See Appendix.*]

The Rev. Mr. Buxton, Secretary and Agent of the Missionary Committee, submitted the following Report:—

REPORT of the Missionary Committee.

The Missionary Committee, of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, respectfully report:—

First, on Missionary Stations. These, for the year past, and at the instance of the Bishop, were fixed in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro'; Calvary Church, Wadesborough; Washington county; and Calvary Church, Tarborough. More recently, and at the same instance, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, by special appropriation to its aid, has been admitted within the Missionary cure. Chapel Hill, also, has received attentions from this department through the Rev. Mr. Green;—St Thomas's and St. Paul's, Craven county, through the Rev. Mr. Stanly;—Oxford, through the Rev. Mr. Taylor;—and Bath, through the Rev. Mr. Toland. While the Committee lament these narrow limits which have circumscribed their ope-

rations, they have reason to believe, that, under existing circumstances, this general appropriation of the funds at their disposal, in aid of small but zealous congregations, in the support of their valued Pastors, will be productive of more good than a wider and therefore less efficient expenditure.

Secondly, on Books. All orders on this department for Books have received prompt attention. The Depositories, as far as heard from, are adequately supplied with Bibles, Prayer Books, Tracts, and other publications of approved character. Under this head, the Committee regret the necessity they are under to state, that other losses to this department in the Ravenscroft's Works, than those abroad and reported the last year, are apprehended, in the unaccountable remissness of former home Agents in the sale of this Work, to make their returns. Some hundreds of dollars, it is believed, are involved in the fault—partly in books and partly in moneys retained. Such inconsideration is exceedingly ungenerous to the Committee, and leaves them no alternative, but either to compromise, by silence, their own fidelity, or to report *specifically* to the Convention, for its action in the case. The Committee, therefore, through this medium, and in the name of the Church, solemnly call on all persons, in any wise indebted on account of the Ravenscroft Works, to transmit their dues without delay to the Treasurer of the Convention, and on all persons retaining in their possession one or more copies of the Work unaccounted for, to notify the Secretary and Agent of the same.

Under this head, the Committee acknowledge a liberal donation of Prayer Books from "the Bishop White Prayer Book Society of Philadelphia," made to our Bishop for the use of his Diocese, and placed at the disposal of this department. The donation, valuable in itself, is regarded with livelier interest by the Committee, on the ground of the distinctive title which the donors have assumed,—a name revered by the Church in this Diocese, and *here* also, as *every where*, associated with all that is exalted in moral worth, or venerated by Christian affection.

Thirdly, on receipts and disbursements. The detail of these will be spread out in the Treasurer's Report, to which the Committee respectfully refer. The receipts during the past year, including an unappropriated balance of \$45 93, amount to \$1290 57—of which the sum of \$979 has been appropriated to salaries due within the cure,—leaving a balance of \$315 82, which is more than adequate to meet the liabilities of the department.

Under this head, the Committee take occasion to notice what was early foreseen, that without due caution on the part of beneficiary congregations, the aid intended for their good may be seriously perverted to their injury, and so far from operating as an incentive to increasing exertion on their part in the support of their Pastors, may, in reality, be attended with contrary effects. The proper evidence that this perversion does not actually exist, can be made apparent only by two facts:—First, that, when favored with Pastors, these congregations, to the full extent of their disposable means, co-operate with this department in their support: and secondly, that when without Pastors, they pay into our Treasury the amount ordinarily raised for this purpose. This rule is unquestionably reasonable in itself, and wholesome in its operation. It applies to our congregations generally, but more especially to those who, when favored with Pastors, are accustomed to look to our Treasury for aid in their support. Experience proves,

that under spiritual privation, we are more open to the influence of covetousness, and that this fault of our nature, if not defeated by apt measures, will engender an interest in our own spiritual destitution. This great evil can be averted only by preserving, under changing circumstances, a constant exercise of Christian liberality. In this sense 'Charity never faileth,' but, like a flowing stream, will make to itself other channels, as its accustomed outlets cease. Though your Committee regret to state, that in no instance of a vacant parish has this rule been adopted; yet they confidently believe that the oversight is the fruit only of inconsideration, and that under the suggestion here made, our congregations generally, while under privation, will not fail to transmit to our Treasury the full amount of their accustomed contributions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Sec'y & Agent.*

On motion, the Report was received.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Spear, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Drane, from Ezekiel, 36th chapter, 25th, 26th, and 27th verses.



FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 8, 1838.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Samuel S. Jackson, a Delegate from St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, and Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Jr., a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wilmington, and Charles Manly and William Thompson, Delegates from Christ Church, Raleigh, appeared and took their seats.

A Certificate of Lay Delegation from Calvary Church, Wadesborough, was presented, showing that Dr. Thomas D. Parke, Thos. S. Ashe, and John W. Huske, were appointed Delegates from that Congregation. Of whom Dr. Thos. D. Parke appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Singeltary presented the Reports of the Rector and Treasurer of the Episcopal School, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on the School.

The Committee of Finance made a Report, which, being considered and amended, was received, as follows:—

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the accounts of the different funds belonging to the Diocese, in the hands of John W. Wright, Treasurer, report—That having examined the same, they find them to be correct and sustained by proper Vouchers. That the balance on hand belonging to the general Fund is \$76 13;—The balance on hand belonging to the Missionary Fund is \$315 82;—The balance of cash on hand belong-

ing to the Fund for the support of the Episcopate is \$179 02. The Committee find, by examination, that of the amount of \$1,320, assessed on the different congregations for the year 1837, the sum of \$1,198 08 was paid into the hands of the Treasurer. In order to raise the sum necessary to pay the Bishop's salary, and the contingent expenses of the Diocese, they recommend the following rates of Assessment on the different congregations for the ensuing year.—[*See Appendix.*]

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DUNCAN CAMERON, *Chairman.*

The Convention took a recess, for Divine Service.

Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Forbes, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Davis, from Ezekiel, 18th chapter, and verse.

After Service, the Rev. Mr. Green, from the Committee on unfinished business, reported, that the only business of this nature was the alterations of the Constitution of the Church, and the amendment to the Table of Moveable Feasts, proposed by the last General Convention, to be acted on by the several Dioceses.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Green, a Committee was appointed to report on said proposed alterations and amendment to this Convention. And the President appointed the Rev. Mr. Green and Messrs. Cameron and Burghwin to compose said Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley,

Resolved, That the Missionary Committee be instructed to procure for circulation in this Diocese, the Prayer Book as compared with the Standard Edition of 1832.

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

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Spear, from Exodus, 10th chapter, 3d verse.



SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 9th, 1838.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

John W. Wright, a Delegate from St. John's Church, Fayetteville, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Winslow,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention pay to the Secretary of the General Convention, the quota of this Diocese for the Contingent Fund for the years 1837 and 1838.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley,

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. James's Church, Wilmington, on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1839.

The Rev. Mr. Forbes, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following Report, which, on motion, was adopted, viz:

REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.

It is with feelings of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that this Committee report to the Convention, that notwithstanding the continued emigration from the State, the Parochial Reports show, that the places of those who have left us have been more than supplied; and we feel convinced, that it only needs the united and persevering efforts of Clergy and Laity, to give the Church a more prominent station in the Diocese.

The Bishop's Journal and the Parochial Reports show, that there have been 255 Baptisms and 154 Confirmations. So far as can be ascertained from the reports laid before the Committee, there are 933 communicants. We would here recommend to the Vestry, where there is no Minister, to send the report of their Church to the Convention, that an accurate state of the Church may be known.

We learn with pleasure, that there are five Candidates for the Ministry, and that a valuable accession has been made to our little band of laborers.

We would call the attention of the Missionaries to that portion of the Bishop's Journal where he recommends perseverance under the difficulties and discouragements which our Missionary Stations present.

Your Committee beg leave to make two suggestions:—1st, That where two or three parishes may be connected together, the Missionary Committee should send them a Minister, without waiting for them to meet together to make an application. For, being so far from each other, it is very difficult for them to meet together to consult on this matter; and thus congregations who would willingly receive, and almost support a Missionary, are permitted to languish. But if the Missionary Committee would promptly send them a Minister, ensuring him a salary, and at the same time enforcing it as a duty to press his congregation to raise as much of this salary as they are able—we would thus prevent them from being deprived of the preaching of the Gospel, and from falling into that state which calls forth the same exertion as if the work of forming them into congregations had just commenced.

The other suggestion is, that when a Missionary Station is deprived of the services of a Missionary, they should pay into the Treasury that sum which they were accustomed to give to the salary of their Clergyman. This is no more than right, for it would be in a measure returning that favor which they have received, and they should willingly contribute to the supply of that fountain which aided them in supplying their wants, and to which they will still look when they are again blessed with the services of an Ambassador of Christ.

E. M. FORBES, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing Conventional year; and on counting the ballots, it was found that the Rev. Messrs. Green, Freeman, and Wiley, of the Clergy; and Messrs. John De Berniere Hooper and Charles Manly, of the Laity, were duly elected.

The Rev. Mr. Green, from the Committee appointed to report on the alterations in the Constitution of the Church, and the amendment to the Table of Moveable Feasts, proposed by the last General Convention for the action of the several Dioceses, reported the following resolution as the result of their deliberations, and respectfully recommend that it be adopted by the Convention:—

Resolved, That the alterations in the Constitution, and the amendment to the Table of Moveable Feasts, proposed by the General Convention of 1835, for the adoption of the several Dioceses, be approved by this Convention.

W. M. GREEN, *Chairman*.

Which, on motion of Dr. De Rosset, was laid on the table.

Convention took a recess, for the purpose of attending

Divine Service, which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Johnston, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Mac Rae, from the 13th chapter and 37th verse of the Gospel according to St. Mark. After which the Holy rite of Confirmation was administered to five persons.

Convention met after Divine Service.

On motion, a balloting was had for four Trustees of the Episcopal School, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of the Second Class of the Board, which resulted in the re-election of the Rev. Messrs. William M. Green and John Singeltary, and Messrs. George E. Spruill and William H. Haywood, Jr.—[*See Appendix.*]

The Convention proceeded to ballot for a Missionary Committee for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Messrs. Buxton and Freeman, and Messrs. John W. Wright, Charles T. Haigh, and Edward L. Winslow, were duly elected.

A balloting was, on motion, had for Delegates to the General Convention, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. Messrs. George W. Freeman, Robert B. Drane, Samuel I. Johnston, and John Singeltary, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Josiah Collins, Jr., Edward L. Winslow, A. J. De-Rossett, Jr., and J. W. Wright, of the Laity.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Drane,

Resolved, That the Standing Committee have power to fill any vacancies which may occur in the above Delegation; and that any individual who may decline serving shall give one month's notice thereof to the Chairman of that Committee.

On motion, John W. Wright was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Convention for the ensuing Conventional year.

The Rev. Mr. Drane, from the Committee on the Episcopal School, submitted the following Report, which, on motion, was received, viz:—

REPORT of the Committee on the Episcopal School.

The Committee beg leave respectfully to report, that in the discharge of the duties assigned to them by the Convention, their attention has been directed chiefly to two points, viz: First, to ascertain how far the liabilities of the School, contracted previous to the Special Convention of November

last, have been met by the Trustees; and secondly, what are its present condition and prospects.

With regard to the first point, your Committee beg leave to append to, and make a part of their report, the Circular issued by the Committee of the Special Convention; from which it appears, that at that time there was due the Bank of the State \$6,256 51. Of this sum, the Report of the Treasurer of the School, made to the present Convention, shows that \$1779 57 have been paid, leaving a balance due the Bank of about \$4500, to be met by subscriptions already paid, (a portion having been received during the present session of the Convention,) and by others yet to be collected. It also appears, that other debts of the School, existing at that time, embracing arrears of current expenses, salaries, &c., to the amount of \$5,020 76, have been paid; and that there remained in the hands of the Treasurer, on the 1st inst., \$142 70.

The Committee has no means of ascertaining what amount of the subscriptions remains uncollected; but it appears from the Circular before referred to, that they are deemed sufficient to meet all liabilities, with the exception of the debt to the Episcopal Fund, that for the Land, and \$1100 of the Bank debt. The two former debts are considered as placed upon a permanent footing, rendering it unnecessary that any provision should now be made for their liquidation. As to the balance of the Bank debt, your Committee believe that it may be easily realized under the provision of the first resolution reported below.

For the more full understanding of the subject, your Committee recommend that the Report of the Treasurer, dated June 1st, 1838, from which the above particulars are compiled, be appended to this report.

With regard to the second point to which the attention of your Committee was directed, viz: the present condition and prospects of the School, they are able to present a gratifying statement. From the Report of the Rector, it appears that the system of instruction and discipline which has been pursued by him, has been entirely successful, and attended with the most satisfactory results. Not a single instance of mischief or insubordination is reported to have occurred, while cheerful diligence in study, and a ready submission to the wholesome discipline of the institution, have marked the conduct of every pupil. Your Committee are led to believe, that, under the management of the present able and devoted Rector, the Episcopal School of North Carolina has been made what its founders originally designed it to be—a nursery for sound learning and good morals, to which the Churchmen of the Diocese may safely confide their sons, and that nothing is needed but patient perseverance in the system now pursued, to place this establishment among the first of the kind in the country.

The Committee find, from the accounts submitted by the Rector, that the receipts of the Institution during the past year, have not been sufficient to meet the expenses,—a deficiency of a small amount existing. This has arisen from circumstances entirely beyond the control of the Trustees or Rector, and against which no foresight could have guarded. They have great pleasure, however, in stating, that from information which they have derived from several members of the Convention, they have reason to believe that the increased patronage to be calculated on for the next session, will not only defray all the current expenses of that session, but contri-

bute in some degree to make up for previous deficiencies. This anticipated state of things, owing, as the Committee are assured, to the perfectly satisfactory manner in which the Institution has been managed by the Rector, is a source of unalloyed satisfaction, and enables us with confidence to predict, that the School has passed its lowest point of depression, and that it will hereafter fully sustain itself.

The Committee find that inconvenience has arisen from the rule which excludes youths over 14 years of age. They therefore recommend that the Trustees give the Rector a discretionary power in that regard.

To carry into effect the above and other objects, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested, at such time as he may deem advisable, to make further applications for funds to pay off the remainder of the School debt; and that the Rectors of the several parishes also be requested to apply, at their convenience, to such persons as have not heretofore contributed for that purpose.

Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to give to the Rector, a discretionary power to admit youths over 14 years of age.

Resolved, That the Trustees be required to render to each Convention hereafter, a full account of its condition, management, prospects, &c.

Resolved, That the Trustees, in accordance with the suggestion of the Rector, be requested to take into consideration the propriety of altering the time of vacations.

Resolved, That the Rector's Report, submitted to this Convention, be published with the Journals.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT B. DRANE, *Chairman*.

[*For the Documents accompanying this Report, see Appendix.*]

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley,

Resolved, That 700 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed and distributed under the superintendence of the Secretary.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 5 o'clock this afternoon.

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Manly,

Resolved, That each member of the Clergy of this Diocese, delegated to the next General Convention, be allowed the sum of \$50 for travelling expenses, and that the Committee of Finance be directed to make the necessary Assessments on the several congregations for this purpose.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be requested to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop in attending the General Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till Monday, 8 o'clock A. M.

At Night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. McRae, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from 2d Phillippians, 2d chapter, and 12th and 13th verses.

On Sunday Morning, Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Green, and an Ordination Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, from 1st

Corinthians, 3d chapter and 16th verse. The Rev. Lewis Taylor and the Rev. William Thurston, Deacons, were then admitted to the Holy Order of Priests; and the Communion was administered to about 70 persons.

In the Afternoon, Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, and a Sermon preached by the Right Reverend the Bishop, from Daniel, 3d chapter and 18th verse.

At Night, Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Thurston, and a Missionary Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Forbes, from the Gospel according to St. Luke, 19th chapter and part of the 13th verse. A collection was made, in aid of the Missionary Fund, amounting to about \$110.



MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 11th, 1838.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, the Convention proceeded to nominate five persons as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. And the Rev. Messrs. William M. Green, Jarvis B. Buxton, and George W. Freeman, and Messrs. Duncan Cameron and Josiah Collins, Jr. were chosen.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Singeltary,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Pittsborough and its vicinity, for their hospitality to the members of the Convention, during its present session.

There being no further business before the Convention, the members united in singing the last 4 verses of the 122d Psalm, and in Prayer by the President.

The Convention then adjourned.

EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.



RATES OF ASSESSMENTS,

On the several Congregations, for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, for the year 1838.

St. James's Church, Wilmington,	\$210
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	210
Christ Church, Raleigh,	192
Christ Church, Newbern,	210
St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	192
St. Matthew's and St. Mary's Church, Orange,	60
St. Peter's Church, Washington,	60
Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	60
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	36
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	36
Christ Church, Rowan,	36
St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	36
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort,	24
St. Thomas's Church, Bath,	24
Trinity Church, Scotland Neck,	36
St. Thomas's Church, Craven,	12
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	36
St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough,	48
St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,	36
St. John's, Wilderness, Buncombe,	36
Zion Chapel, Beaufort,	12
Calvary Church, Tarborough,	24
St. Paul's Church, Swift Creek,	18
Missionary Station, Washington county,	24
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	\$1,668

[NOTE.—The Assessments are increased, as will be seen, in accordance with the resolution authorizing the payment of the travelling expenses of the Bishop and the Clerical Delegates to the General Convention.]

DOCUMENTS accompanying the Report of the School Committee.

CIRCULAR.

At a Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held in the City of Raleigh, on the 25th and 27th days of November, 1837, for the purpose of examining into the condition of the Episcopal School of North Carolina, there were present:

The Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, Rev. J. B. Buxton, Rev. M. A. Curtis, Rev. T. F. Davis, Jr., Rev. R. B. Drane, Rev. G. W. Freeman, Rev. Wm. M. Green, Rev. S. I. Johnston, Rev. J. Singeltary, Rev. L. Taylor, and Rev. P. B. Wiley, of the Clergy; and

Dr. John Beckwith, Duncan Cameron, Gov. Dudley, Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., J. H. Haughton, Richard Hines, Dr. B. R. Norcom, J. C. Norwood, G. E. Spruill, M. Q. Waddell, and E. L. Winslow, Lay Delegates.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, having just returned from the North, (whither he had gone to solicit aid for the School) reported that he had collected \$2,308 64, and the same was paid into the Treasury of the School. The Bishop further reported that the friends of the School, in the Northern Cities, manifested a lively interest in its success—uniformly expressing the most earnest solicitude for its relief and prosperity, and promising to renew their offerings at an early period.

The Rev. W. M. Green, Agent of the last Convention, appointed to apply for contributions in *this Diocese*, reported that he had collected \$2,647 50 in cash, and also obtained new subscriptions to the amount of \$2,652 50—all which were ordered to be delivered to the Treasurer of the School.

The Convention proceeded to ascertain the liabilities of the Institution, and its means of payment, when it appeared that on that day its liabilities were as follows, viz:

To the Bank of the State of North Carolina, (Principal and Interest,) - - - - -	\$6,256 51
To sundry persons, including Teachers, &c. to close of present Session, - - - - -	3,783 47
	\$10,039 98

And that the School has the following means of payment, viz:

*Cash, - - - - -	\$4,956 14
New Subscriptions, (due and good,) - - - - -	2,652 50
Old Subscriptions, (good,) - - - - -	1,800 00
	\$9,408 64
Leaving a balance of - - - - -	\$631 34

* This has since been found to be an over-statement; the actual amount of cash paid over at the Convention, from all sources, being only \$4,486 66. The discrepancy was doubtless occasioned by taking into the calculation the *gross amount* of collections, reported by the Agent of the Convention, which included the expenses of collection, &c. and probably several hundred dollars previously collected and disbursed by the Treasurer. The *real* deficiency of means to meet the Bank debt, is, therefore, \$1,100 82, and not \$631 34, as above stated.

The Bank having readily agreed to renew the note, the Convention resolved that the balance of cash in hand, after satisfying the outstanding claims, should be applied for that purpose; and that the Subscriptions now due should be collected immediately, and appropriated to the payment of the Bank debt—the Trustees agreeing to become individually responsible to the Bank as sureties, in reliance upon the pledge of this Convention, that the obligation shall be ultimately met.

The School stands indebted, moreover, in the following sums, which, though they do not now press upon the Institution for immediate payment, must ultimately be provided for, before it can be wholly released from debt, to-wit:

To Mrs. Sarah Polk, Executrix of Wm. Polk, a bond given for the purchase of lands on which the buildings are erected,	- - - - -	\$1,619 37
To Episcopal Church, being the whole amount loaned of fund for support of the Bishop of the Diocese,		7,400 00
Interest on the same,	- - - - -	222 00
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		\$9,241 37

The Buildings and Lands are mortgaged to pay these debts, (which, by the report of a former Convention, are declared to be *ample security*.)

The Convention, therefore, *Resolved*, that the Trustees be directed to contract no new debt, under any circumstances, without the assent of the Convention, previously obtained; and that the Trustees be further directed to apply the monies paid into the Treasury for Board and Tuition, to the purposes for which they are paid, and that they keep and expend the same separate and apart from all other funds.

It was also *Resolved*, that the Trustees must so arrange the School, that the expenses thereof, including interest on the 'Bishop's Fund,' shall not exceed the income of the Institution, derived from Scholars next year.

It was further *Resolved*, that a Committee of three persons be appointed to prepare a CIRCULAR ADDRESS, embodying the substance of the proceedings of this Convention, and that the same be printed under the direction of their Secretary, and extensively distributed, accompanied with the names of the Members present.

The COMMITTEE appointed under this last Resolution, in submitting to the public the foregoing abstract, beg leave to remark, that the liberal contributions made in the present period of unexampled pecuniary pressure, for the relief of the School, give the strongest assurance that its friends are disposed and determined to sustain it. Relying on the excellent spirit, thus manifested in the hour of the School's extremity; on the fulfilment of promises of further aid, made by our friends at the North, and on the liberality of others in the Diocese to whom personal application has not been made, they confidently hope that the time is not distant, when the EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF NORTH-CAROLINA will be free from all the embarrassments of debt, and be in a condition to pursue its unimpeded course in the advancement of learning and the cultivation of piety.

TEST,

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

RECTOR'S REPORT.

The Rector of the Episcopal School respectfully reports—

That in the review of the past Session he finds much to gratify him in the orderly demeanor of the pupils, their commendable industry, and cheerful submission to discipline. Not an instance of mischief or disorder has come to his knowledge.

The limits of indulgence have been considerably extended the past year, and, it is believed, with happy effect on the dispositions of the pupils and the order of the School.

Written laws have been dispensed with, and the plain principles of common sense, which even children recognize, have been the rules of government. No instance is remembered where they have not been acquiesced in.

The Rector has endeavored to adapt his course to all varieties of character;—to make due allowances for difference of temperament and capability of self-control, and for youthful infirmity and ignorance;—to offer encouragement to the timid and weak; and to exhibit sympathy for the trials and discouragements of all.

At the same time he has endeavored to observe sufficient strictness of discipline to secure order and industry, check all improprieties, and subdue vicious propensities.

The propriety of the above changes and principles, the Rector leaves to the Convention to decide upon. He has but little confidence in his qualifications for managing youth, and imputes the quiet order of the School the past Session, more to the small number of pupils, and their general good characters, than to any skill of his own.

Respectfully,

M. ASHLEY CURTIS.

Episcopal School, June 4th, 1838.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

OF THE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Rt. Rev. L. S. IVES, Ex Officio, President.

Rev. WILLIAM M. GREEN, Rev. JOHN SINGELTARY, GEORGE E. SPRUILL, Esq., W. H. HAYWOOD, Jr., Esq.,	}	Term of service expires in 1841.
Rev. J. B. BUXTON, RICHARD HINES, Esq., THOMAS P. DEVEREUX, Esq., BENJ. R. NORCOM, Esq.,	}	Term of service expires in 1840.
Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN, HOR. DUNCAN CAMERON, Doct. FRED'K. J. HILL, EDW'D. L. WINSLOW, Esq.,	}	Term of service expires in 1839.

Dr. Edmund B. Freeman, Treasurer of the Episcopal School, in account with the Trustees. Cr.

<p>1837, Nov. 1.</p> <p>To balance in hands of Treasurer,</p> <p>“ Cash received to this date, viz: For Board and Tuition, Subscriptions and Donations, Mattress and Bedding,</p>	<p>\$81 25</p> <p>1,168 00</p> <p>5,681 58</p> <p>12 00</p> <hr/> <p>\$6,942 83</p>	<p>1838, June 1.</p> <p>By Cash paid Current Expenses, in- cluding arrears,</p> <p>“ Cash paid Salaries, including do. Centre Building,</p> <p>“ “ J. W. Wright, Treas'r.</p> <p>“ “ Bank of State of N. C.</p> <p>“ Balance in hands of Treasurer,</p>	<p>\$2,403 64</p> <p>1,784 84</p> <p>388 28</p> <p>444 00</p> <p>1,779 37</p> <p>142 70</p> <hr/> <p>\$6,942 83</p>
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To Balance, June 1, 1838,

\$142 70

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E. B. FREEMAN,
Treasurer Episcopal School.

with the Treasurer of the Convention.

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1837,		
May 25	By balance on hand pr. statement render'd to Convention of 1837,	\$95 69
	By cash from Rev. J. Singeltary for Assessment from St. Peter's Church, Washington,	50 00
	From do. for Trinity Chapel, Beaufort,	20 00
	From do. for Calvary Church, Tarborough,	20 00
	From Rev. Mr. McRae, for Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	35 00
	From do. for Hertford,	15 00
	From Rev. Mr. Freeman, for Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	30 00
	From do. for Christ Church, Raleigh,	125 00
	From Rev. Mr. Davis, for Christ Church, Rowan,	40 00
	From do. for St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	50 59
	From Rev. Mr. Green, for St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough,	43 08
	From Rev. Mr. Buxton, for St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	175 00
	From Dr. B. R. Norcom, for St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	100 00
	From Dr. A. J. De Rosset, Jr., for St. James's Ch. Wilmington,	175 00
	From Mr. M. Jarvis, for Christ Church, Newbern,	150 00
	From Mr. W. E. Troy, for Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	30 00
	From Rev. Mr. Wiley, for St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro',	30 00
Dec. 5.	From Episcopal School, interest for 6 months on loan of \$7,400,	
1838,	viz: from 10th Feb'y to 10th August, 1837,	222 00
Feb. 14.	From Bank of Cape Fear, dividend of 7 per cent. on 11 Shares Stock,	77 00
Mar. 16.	From Episcopal School, interest for 6 months on loan, viz: from 10th August 1837, to 10th February, 1838,	222 00
May 13.	From Bank of Cape Fear, dividend of 4½ per cent. on 11 Shares Stock,	49 50
		<u>\$1734 77</u>
30.	By balance on hand,	\$76 13

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DR.

Fund for the Episcopate, in account

1837, Dec. 8	To loss of 6 per cent. on 15 Shares of Stock of the State Bank of North Carolina, bought at par and paying 94 per cent.,	\$90 00	
1838, May 30.	To cash and securities on hand, viz:—		
	Cash,	\$179 70	
	11 Shares of Stock of Bank of Cape Fear, cost	998 00	
	Loan to Episcopal School of North Carolina, secured by lien on lands and buildings,	7400 00	8577 70
			<u>\$8667 70</u>

DR.

Missionary Fund, in account with

1837, May 29.	To cash p'd Rev. W. M. Green, in aid of salary to 1st June, 1838,	\$100 00	
	To do. Rev. Lewis Taylor, do. do.	100 00	
	To do. Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, do. 1st June, 1837,	50 00	
	To do. Rev. P. B. Wiley, do. do.	100 00	
July,	To do. Rev. H. Stanly, do. do.	50 00	
	To do. Rev. E. M. Forbes, do. 28th July, 1837,	100 00	
Oct. 27. 1838,	To do. Rev. P. B. Wiley, do. 1st Dec., 1837,	100 00	
Jan. 12.	To do. Rev. H. Stanly, do. do.	100 00	
Mar. 3.	To do. Rev. John Burke, do. do.	50 00	
17	To do. Rev. John Toland, do. do.	50 00	
24	To do. Rev. E. M. Forbes, do. 28th Jan'y, 1838,	79 00	
	To do. Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, for freight of books f'm N. Y.,	4 75	
May 7.	To do. Rev. P. B. Wiley, in aid of salary to 1st June, 1838,	100 00	
30.	To balance on hand,	315 82	
			<u>\$1299 57</u>

SUMMARY.

Cr. Cash on hand at last Convention,	\$45 93	
Contributions and Interest on Funds invested since received,	1145 20	
Cash for Books sold,	108 44	
		\$1299 57
Dr. Appropriated in aid of salaries,	\$979 00	
To contingent charges,	4 75	
Balance on hand,	315 82	
		\$1299 57

with the *Treasurer of the Convention.*

C.R.

1837, May 25.	By cash and securities on hand as reported to Convention of 1837,	\$8667 70
		\$8667 70

the *Treasurer of the Convention.*

C.R.

1837, May 25	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1837,	\$45 93
29.	By cash from Dr. B. R. Norcom, for contributions from St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	100 00
	From Rev. Mr. Curtis, for sales of books and collections,	6 50
	From Rev. Mr. Freeman, do.	49 57
	From do. for Christ Church, Raleigh,	245 00
	From Rev. Mr. Drane, for St. James's Church, Wilmington,	200 00
	From Rev. Mr. Green, for St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough,	70 00
	From Rev. Mr. Buxton, for St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	150 00
	From Rev. Mr. Wiley, for St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro',	70 00
	From Mr. M. Jarvis, for Christ Church, Newbern,	55 00
	From Mr. W. E. Troy, for Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	13 00
	From Rev. Mr. Cairns, for Books sold,	8 50
	From Mr. E. J. Hale, do.	35 50
	From Rev. Mr. Buxton, for collection at Convention in Fayetteville,	200 20
Dec. 8	From State Bank of North Carolina for dividend of 6 per cent. on 7 Shares Stock,	42 00
1838, May 29.	From E. J. Hale, for sales of books,	8 37
		\$1299 57
30	By old account for balance on hand,	\$315 82

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RULES OF ORDER.



1. The organization of the Convention by the President.
2. The Convention shall then proceed to appoint a Secretary by ballot.
3. The Committees on the State of the Church, and of Finance, each consisting of five, and all Special Committees, shall next be appointed.
4. The Bishop's Annual Address.
5. Parochial Reports to be presented to the Convention.
6. Report from the Standing Committee.
7. Report from the Treasurer.
8. Reports from Committees appointed by the last Convention.
9. Reports from Special Committees.
10. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
11. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.
12. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded; and, if required, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.
13. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it: a motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment must be decided before the original motion.
14. A question once decided, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and not be drawn again into debate, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: *Provided always*, that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any resolution, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move a reconsideration of said vote.
15. No member shall be absent from the Sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be from sickness unable to attend.
16. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.

[The following Report of the Rev. Mr. Saunders, came to hand just in time to be printed with the last sheet of the Appendix.]

CHRIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA, (FLORIDA.)

Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	17
Confirmations, (by Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper,)	10
Marriages, (colored,)	10
Funerals, (only 2 infants and 3 adults belonging to the Parish,)	52
Communicants—No. in last Report 16, added 10, removed 2; present number,	24
Sunday School—Male Teachers 3, Female do. 5,	8
Scholars on the Register,	52
Average attendance,	35
Volumes in S. S. Library,	395

No. of Families: 45 have rented Pews in Church; besides which, the 9 free Pews and the Organ Gallery are occupied by 8 or 10 other families.

The Rector is thankful in being able to report, that the friends of the Church, in Pensacola, continue encouraged at the prospects of the Parish; that the average attendance on public worship has probably doubled within 18 months; that besides the additions to the communion, there has been some improvement observed in the habits of the place, particularly in the observance of Sunday—all the stores and shops in town having on that day been closed since last May; and that the renting of the Pews after Easter last, amounted to more than double the sum of the previous year.

Besides the two services for the white congregation on Sunday morning and night, the Rector, with the advice of the Vestry, established a service on the afternoon of that day, for the black people of the Parish, which is, however, but poorly attended;—and has a Bible Class of more than 20, meeting in Church on Wednesday night, and usually attended by several Parishioners not members of the Class.

This Church was, on Ash Wednesday, and until after the succeeding Sunday, favored with a visitation by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemper, the Missionary Bishop for Missouri and Indiana. Bishop Kemper is the only Protestant Bishop who has visited West or Middle Florida; he consecrated our church edifice; confirmed 10 persons, another candidate being unavoidably absent; administered the Holy Communion to about 30 persons, and preached 7 times. This visit and “labor of love,” of Bishop Kemper, is here thankfully acknowledged, and will be long remembered with gratitude, not only by the persons confirmed, but by various others in the Parish.

In January last, a meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the Church, in Florida, was held in Tallahassee; when the Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Florida was organized, the Primary Convention thereof held, and the necessary measures adopted to obtain admission into Union with the General Convention.

JOS. H. SAUNDERS.

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in St. James's Church, Wilmington, on the third Wednesday in May, 1839.

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