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OF THE

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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD,

On Wednesday May 18, Thursday May 19, Friday May 20, Saturday
May 21, and Monday May 23,

1842.

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LIST OF CLERGY,

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

Right Rev. L. S. IVES, D. D., Bishop, and Ex-Officio President of the Convention.

Rev. CHARLES ALDIS, Missionary, Washington County.

Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

Rev. JOSEPH B. CHESHIRE, Missionary, Bertie and Halifax Counties.

Rev. M. ASILEY CURTIS, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.

Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, Christ Church and St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County.

Rev. CHARLES H. DISBROW, Missionary, Hertford and Gates Counties.

Rev. ROBERT B. DRANE, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.

Rev. EDWARD M. FORBES, Missionary, Lincoln and Burke Counties, and parts adjacent.

Rev. EDWIN GEER, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

Rev. W. M. GREEN, Professor in the University of North Carolina.

Rev. WILLIAM N. HAWKS, Rector of St. Paul's and St. Thomas's Chapels, Craven County.

Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Rev. CAMERON F. McRAE, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.

Rev. JACOB B. MORSS, Minister of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.

Rev. T. S. W. MOTT, Rector of St. John's in the Wilderness, Henderson County.

Rev. W. B. OTIS, Missionary at Plymouth, and parts adjacent.

Rev. LEWIS S. NOBLE, Missionary at Hertford and Harvey's Neck, Perquimons County.

Rev. RICHARD S. MASON, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.

Rev. H. H. PROUT, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange County.

Rev. JOHN SINGELTARY, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.

Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and St. James's and St. John's, Granville County.

Rev. CHARLES BRUCE WALKER, Deacon, Assistant to the Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr.

Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN, Missionary, Beaufort County and parts adjacent.

Rev. JOHN M. ROBINSON.

Clergy of the Diocese, not Canonically entitled to Seats.

Rev. R. M. CHAPMAN, Rector of Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, Granville County, and parts adjacent.

Rev. PHILIP BERRY, Missionary.

Rev. ALDERT SMEDES, Rector of the Female Seminary, Raleigh.

Rev. J. S. KIDNEY, Deacon, Assistant to the Rev. Edward M. Forbes.

The Rev. L. S. Noble, Rev. John M. Robinson, Rev. John Singeltary, Rev. W. Thurston, Rev. William N. Hawks, Rev. Philip Berry, Rev. J. S. Kidney, and Rev. Aldert Smedes, were not present at this Convention.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

- *W. C. Lord,*
Joshua G. Wright,
Dr. L. J. Poisson,
J. T. Miller, } St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Hon. Geo. E. Badger,*
Dr. J. O. Watson,
Dr. John Beckwith,
**E. P. Guion,* } Christ Church, Raleigh.
- E. S. Hubbard,*
Dr. W. G. Jones,
**Thomas S. Ashe,*
W. R. Myers, } Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
- Hon. W. B. Shepard,*
Dr. R. Piedmont,
Gilbert Elliott,
Dennis Ferebee, } Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- *Joshua Skinner,*
G. W. Barney,
Augustus Moore,
Robert Paine, } St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- S. S. Jackson,*
J. H. Haughton,
H. A. London,
W. H. Hardin, } St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.
- Edward Laughinghouse,*
**William J. Laughinghouse,*
Frederick Grist, } Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County.
- *John C. Latta,* St. Mary's Chapel, Orange County.
- *R. Kingsbury,*
**Dr. John R. Herndon,*
**Thomas J. Hicks,*
**R. N. Herndon,* } St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
- Edward Lee Winslow,*
**Dr. James T. Gilliam,*
**John W. Wright,*
Joseph C. Huske, } St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- John Berry,*
Hon. J. L. Bailey,
**Joseph C. Norwood,*
P. H. Mangum, } St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- Dr. Sturdivant,*
**James H. Taylor,*
**Charles Hamilton,* } St. John's Church, Williamsborough.
- *Dennis T. Paschall,*
**Daniel A. Paschall,*
**William H. Paschall,*
**D. P. Paschall,* } St. James's Church, Granville County.

<i>* Daniel Turner,</i>	}	Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
<i>William Plummer,</i>		
<i>* Dr. Henry Plummer,</i>		
<i>George E. Spruill,</i>		
<i>Dr. J. W. Hawkins,</i>	}	Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.
<i>* J. S. Eaton,</i>		
<i>* E. T. Marable,</i>		
<i>* Dr. Henry J. Robards,</i>		
<i>* J. J. Roberts,</i>		Church of the Atonement, Chapel Hill.
<i>Thomas S. Singleton,</i>	}	Christ Church, Newbern.
<i>* J. Cicero Justice,</i>		
<i>James W. Bryan,</i>		
<i>John M. Roberts,</i>		

* Those marked thus (*) were present at the Convention.

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OXFORD, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1842.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 26th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Right. Rev. Bishop and attending Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled in St. Stephen's Church.

Prayers were read by the Rt. Rev. Bishop.

The names of the Clergy entitled to seats were called by Edward Lee Winslow, as Secretary *pro tempore*. The following were found present, viz:—

Rev. CHARLES ALDIS, Rev. JARVIS B. BUNTON, Rev. JOSEPH B. CHESHIRE, Rev. MOSES A. CURTIS, Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr., Rev. ROBERT B. DRANE, Rev. CHARLES H. DISBROW, Rev. EDWARD M. FORBES,		Rev. EDWIN GEER, Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rev. RICHARD S. MASON, D. D., Rev. WILLIAM B. OTIS, Rev. HENRY H. PROUT, Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN, Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Rev. CHARLES BRUCE WALKER.
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The Certificates of Lay Delegation were then called for, read, and the following, from the respective Churches, appeared to have been elected Delegates to this Convention, viz:—

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—W. C. Lord, Joshua G. Wright, Dr. L. J. Poisson, J. T. Miller.

Christ Church, Raleigh.—Hon. George E. Badger, Dr. Josiah O. Watson, Dr. John Beckwith, E. P. Guion.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—E. S. Hubbard, Dr. W. G. Jones, Thos. S. Ashe, William R. Myers.

Christ Church, Elizabeth City.—Hon. W. B. Shepard, Dr. R. Peimont, Gilbert Elliott, Dennis Ferebee.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—Joshua Skinner, George W. Barney, Augustus Moore, Robert Paine.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—S. S. Jackson, J. H. Haughton, H. A. London, W. H. Hardin.

Trinity Church, Beaufort County.—Edward Laughinghouse, William J. Laughinghouse, Frederick Grist.

St. Mary's Chapel, Orange County.—John C. Latta.

St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.—R. Kingsbury, Dr. John R. Herndon, Thomas J. Hicks, R. N. Herndon.

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—Edward Lee Winslow, Dr. Jas. T. Gilliam, John W. Wright, Joseph C. Huske.

St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—John Berry, Hon. J. L. Bailey, Joseph C. Norwood, P. H. Mangum.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats, viz: William C. Lord, R. Kingsbury, Dr. John R. Herndon, Edward Lee Winslow, William J. Laughinghouse, and John C. Latta.

The Convention was declared by the President duly organized, and, on motion, proceeded to ballot for a Secretary for the ensuing year. The Rev. Mr. Curtis, from the Committee to count the ballots, reported that Edward Lee Winslow was unanimously elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That all Clergymen, not members of this Convention, and all Candidates for Orders within the Diocese, who may be present during its sittings, be invited to take seats in the Convention.— Under this resolution, the Rev. Robert M. Chapman took a seat.

The President appointed the following to compose the Standing Committee on the State of the Church:

The Rev. Messrs. R. B. Drane, Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Moses A. Curtis, Edward M. Forbes, and Joseph B. Cheshire.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Mason, *Resolved*, That in addition to the other Standing Committees, there shall be one appointed at each Convention, to be called the Committee on the admission of new Congregations.

Which resolution being adopted, the President appointed the following to compose said Committee at this Convention: The Rev. Dr. Mason, Rev. J. B. Buxton, and William C. Lord.

The Rev. Edward M. Forbes, presented certain documents in relation to St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, Lincoln County, which were referred to the Committee on the admission of new Congregations.

The Rev. Samuel I. Johnston gave notice that he would present the documents relating to the formation of the Church of the Holy Innocents.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Geer, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed on the subject of any unfinished business of the last Convention, and also on any propositions which the last General Convention may have addressed to the State Conventions.

Which being adopted, the Rev. Mr. Geer, William J. Laughinghouse, and Dr. Herndon were appointed the Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn to attend Divine Service, and meet again on Thursday morning at half past 9 o'clock.

Divine Service was performed by the Rev. W. E. Snowden, and Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. R. B. Drane, from the 5th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, 13th verse.

The following Deeds were deposited with the Secretary:—

Deed from Lewis Reavis to L. S. Ives, Bishop, &c., for a Lot in the town of Henderson, on which the Church of the Holy Innocents has been erected.

Thos. Ellison to the Vestry, &c. of St. John's Church, Durham's Creek.
John B. Hagan and wife to R. Grist and others.

Deed of surrender and sentence of Consecration of Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County.

At Night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Edward M. Forbes, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr., from the 6th chapter of St. John's Gospel, part of the 68th verse.



THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1842.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rt. Rev. Bishop.

The Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott appeared and took his seat.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

E. P. Guion, Joshua Skinner, Joseph C. Norwood, John W. Wright, Dr. J. T. Gilliam, and Thos. S. Ashe, appeared and took their seats.

Robert Davis, a Clergyman of the Church, appeared, and under the resolution adopted yesterday, was invited to a seat in Convention.

Certificates of Lay Delegation from the following Churches were presented, from which it appeared the following were elected Delegates:—

St. John's Church, Williamsborough.—Dr. Sturdivant, Jas. H. Taylor, Charles Hamilton.

St. James's Church, Granville County.—Dennis T. Paschall, Daniel A. Paschall, William H. Paschall, D. P. Paschall.

Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.—Daniel Turner, William Plummer, Dr. Henry Plummer, George E. Spruill.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats: James H. Taylor, Charles Hamilton, Dennis T. Paschall, Daniel A. Paschall, William H. Paschall, D. P. Paschall, and George E. Spruill.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order of 1832 be adopted, and govern the deliberations of this Convention. And they were accordingly read by the Secretary.

The President announced the following as composing the Committee of Finance:—

The Rev. Messrs. Mason and Buxton, of the Clergy; and John W. Wright, George E. Spruill, and Joshua Skinner, of the Laity.

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

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

We have reason, this morning, to thank God for His merciful preservation of us since we last met in Convention, and for the prosperity that has attended our labors. None who then mingled in our councils have been removed by death. Our Clergy, as a body, have been blessed with health and strength to do the work of God; while the Laity have been enabled to yield their usual and needed co-operation. The results of our united exertion will be seen, by this Address and the Parochial Reports to be read to the Convention, to furnish special ground of encouragement, and increased motives to fidelity.

The record of my official acts, during the Conventional year just closed, is as follows:—

Saturday evening, May 8th, 1841, I officiated in St. James's Church, Wilmington, and confirmed *twenty-five* persons.

Next day, 4th Sunday after Easter, I preached in the same Church, and admitted Charles Bruce Walker to the Holy Order of Deacons; and the Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, the Rev. Edwin Geer, and the Rev. John Backhouse, to the Holy Order of Priests. A large number of the Clergy being present and assisting in the services.

Fifth Sunday after Easter, and the two previous days, officiated in Calvary Church, Wadesborough, preaching four times, and confirming *one* person.

Whitsunday, officiated in Christ Church, Raleigh, preached *twice*, and confirmed *six* persons.

Tuesday in Whitsun-week, performed service, and preached in Calvary Church, Tarborough.

Trinity Sunday, and Friday of previous Ember Week, officiated in St. Paul's Church, Edenton, on which occasion I preached *twice*, confirmed *sixteen* persons, and admitted William B. Otis, Charles H. Disbrow, and William E. Snowden, to the Holy Order of Deacons; and the Rev. Lewis S. Noble to the Holy Order of Priests. The Rev. John Singletary, the Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, and the Rev. Charles Aldis, being present and assisting.

Monday, June 7th, officiated on the plantation of Joshua Skinner, preaching, and confirming *one* person.

Tuesday, 8th, officiated in Court House at Hertford, Perquimons County, preaching, and confirming *three* persons.

First Sunday after Trinity, in the morning, preached at Pettigrew's Chapel, and confirmed *six* persons. In the evening, preached in the Chapel of Josiah Collins, Esq., Lake Scuppernong, and confirmed *five* persons.

Tuesday, 15th, preached in St. Luke's, Locust Grove, and confirmed *three* persons.

Wednesday, 16th, in Court House at Plymouth, preached, and confirmed *eight* persons.

Friday, 18th, preached in St. Thomas's, Windsor, and confirmed *nine* persons.

Second Sunday after Trinity, preached in Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, and confirmed *eight* persons.

Tuesday, 22d, preached in the Chapel at Halifax, and confirmed *one* person.

Third Sunday after Trinity, by request of the Bishop of New York, I was at St. Paul's, New York City, to preach the Ordination Sermon of the Graduating Class of the General Theological Seminary, but from indisposition was unable to perform the duty. I assisted, however, on that occasion at the Ordination of *nine* Deacons.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity, by request of the Bishop of New Jersey, I officiated in Trinity Church, Princeton, of that Diocese, preaching *twice*, and confirming *six* persons.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity, I officiated three times in Washington City, in the morning and afternoon at St. John's, and in the evening at Trinity.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity, I preached *twice* at Louisburg, and confirmed *one* person.

On the following Wednesday, preached at night in Christ Church, Raleigh, and confirmed *two* persons.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity, and the Monday following, preached *four* times in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, and confirmed *eight* persons. From this place, in company with my young friend and presbyter, the Rev. Mr. Cheshire, I proceeded West on my Summer visitation.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity, and the preceding day, I officiated at St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, preaching *three* times.

August 4th, I officiated at Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, preaching *twice*, and confirming *one* person.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity, and the day previous, officiated at Lincolnton, preaching *three* times, and confirming *four* persons.

Tuesday, 10th, preached at Rutherfordton.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity, preached *twice* in St. John's in the Wilderness, and confirmed *two* persons.

Wednesday, 18th, preached *twice* at Asheville, Buncombe County.

Saturday, 21st, preached at Morganton, and confirmed *four* persons.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, preached at Lower Creek, and confirmed *one* person.

Here I was induced to forego my intention of visiting the friends of the Church in the Valley of the Yadkin, and to return to Lincolnton, where the public mind had become greatly excited by a violent and unprovoked attack upon the Church. This step became the more necessary as the Rev. Mr. Forbes was unable to officiate, from an affection of the throat. Upon my return to that place, I preached *three* times to large congregations, though the weather was unpropitious. I was happy to find that these services operated to restore confidence, and a spirit of forbearance and charity to the friends of the Church; while the assault upon it had the effect, as such assaults always will, to extend and confirm its interests. It is here due to the Minister of that Parish to remark, that, under the circumstances to which I have alluded, though of the most irritating kind, he bore himself as became the defender of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Brethren, most gladly would I abstain from any notice of these attacks upon the Church, were I not compelled by a painful sense of duty. There is no concealing the fact that they have become general and systematic. The increasing prosperity of our Zion has awakened a spirit of jealousy, and a settled plan of opposition. This you will be called upon to meet. And it is my duty, as the chief watchman among you, to counsel you to meet it in the *spirit of your Master*. You are "*meekly* to instruct those who oppose themselves,"—are to "overcome evil with good." The Church, of which you are Ministers, is "the Church of the living God," and has the promise of His protection. The truth you are sent to promulge, is God's truth; "the sword of his Spirit, quick and powerful," and by His decree will prevail. You, therefore, have only to go forward in the strength of God, and with the temper of Christ, and calmly and steadily and faithfully, through evil as well as good report, uphold His Church, and preach His truth, leaving all results with Him, for he hath promised "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Besides, in a country like our own, of intelligent freemen, we have no-

thing to fear. The good sense and good feeling of the great body of the people furnish ample security against acts of persecution. Groundless assertion and uncharitable abuse, however boldly uttered, will, in the end, meet with their merited rebuke. It becomes us, therefore, in the spirit of meekness and love, to do our duty as good stewards of the manifold grace of God, relying on His promise for our success and reward.

Saturday, August 28th, preached in the morning at St. Andrew's, Rowan County, and in the evening at Mocksville, Davie County.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, in the morning, preached again in St. Andrew's, and confirmed *nine* persons. In the evening, preached in St. Luke's, Salisbury, and confirmed *one* person.

Tuesday, Sept. 1st, preached in Christ Church, Rowan, and confirmed *three* persons. In the evening of the same day, preached again in St. Luke's, Salisbury.

Wednesday, 2d, preached at Lexington, Davidson County.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, performed service, preached, and confirmed *one* person, near Leaksville, Rockingham County.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, preached in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, and confirmed *three* persons. I passed the week in this parish, but from illness, was unable to officiate more than once.

Tuesday, 14th, preached in St. Mary's Church, Orange County, and confirmed *four* persons.

Thursday, 16th, performed service and preached in Salem Chapel, on the estate of Judge Cameron.

Saturday, 18th, preached in St. James's Church, Granville County, and confirmed *three* persons.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, preached *twice* in St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and confirmed *two* persons.

Tuesday, 21st, (St. Matthew's day,) preached in St. John's, Williamsborough, and confirmed *three* persons. On the evening of the same day, preached at the house of John S. Eaton, Esq., near Henderson, and confirmed *three* persons.

Thursday, 23d, attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Episcopal School at Raleigh.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, preached *twice* in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, and confirmed *ten* persons.

During the week following this date, I went, at the call of the Church, to the city of New York, to meet my brethren and counsel with them in our General Convention. This was a highly interesting assemblage.— Besides a large and able representation in the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, it was a circumstance worthy of note, that in the good providence of God, every Bishop of our Church, 21 in all, was in his place,— one having been added during the sittings of the Convention.

During my absence at the Convention, I officiated on Sundays and other days in the following Churches: In St. John's, St. Paul's, St. Luke's, St. Bartholomew's, Christ's, St. Peter's, and the Church of the Annunciation, New York; and in St. John's, Elizabeth Town, N. J. Also, by the kind request of my excellent friend, the Rev. Mr. Parkes, I passed a Sunday with him at West Point, preaching *twice* to a congregation in which I felt deeply interested, in the Military Chapel. God grant that His truth and grace may preside in that most important National School.

On Sunday, 20th Nov., I officiated in Christ Church, Raleigh, where I had the happiness to meet my kind friend and Rt. Rev. brother, the Bishop of Louisiana.

The following Tuesday, 22d, I officiated at the house of John S. Eaton, Esq., preaching, and confirming *one* person.

The next day, 23d, went to the house of George Terry, Esq., officiated, baptising an infant and confirming *one* person.

The remaining part of the week was occupied in the sad and painful duty of investigating certain rumors, touching the moral character of the Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, which investigation resulted, after due trial, in his degradation from the holy Ministry.

The following Sunday, I preached in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.

While here, I received intelligence of the death, after a short illness, of the venerable and much loved Bishop of Virginia. This intelligence was sudden and afflicting. We had just parted at the close of our General Convention, where he had appeared in his usual health and spirits. Little did I think, as he gave me that warm, paternal grasp of the hand at parting, and pronounced over me a father's blessing, in his own sweet tones of love, that I was never again to be cheered in my toils and anxieties by his encouraging smiles and words. But the will of God be done. The good old Saint and Bishop has gone to his rest. He died, as became him, on the field of labor, with the panoply of God about him: died in the triumphs of that faith which, for half a century, he had so valiantly and successfully proclaimed. As these aged servants of God, these Patriarchs of his Church, are fast ascended from our midst, the earnest prayer is prompted, that their mantles may fall upon their sons in the Gospel, who are left to counsel for the heritage of Christ.

Tuesday, 29th, I returned to Raleigh, and immediately applied myself to the work of devising some plan by which to prevent the sacrifice of the Episcopal School property, (which was advertised for public sale on the following Monday,) or its passing into the hands of some other Communion. God heard my prayers, and blessed my efforts in this hour of the Church's danger and humiliation. Just as every project seemed to fail, the Hon. Judge Cameron, ever the able and active friend of the Church in her need, came forward, and by an arrangement which secured the buildings and adjacent grounds to the purposes of a FEMALE SEMINARY of the highest order, so greatly needed at the South, restored the funds which the Diocese had invested in the property, and saved the Church from the deep dishonor of suffering it to pass irrevocably from her control. Through this act of liberality, we have a *Female Seminary* already open, under able direction, and with complete and ample accommodations. All we ask for its success, is the patronage which the institution may deserve. It has been established by individual enterprise, and rests upon individual responsibility. The Church, however, is not without a deep interest in its prosperity, which, I doubt not, her members will duly recognize, by securing for their children the benefits which have thus been provided at some risk and self-sacrifice.

I remained at my residence in Raleigh, during the months of December and January, occasionally officiating in Christ Church of that city.

The first week in February I started on my Spring visitation.

Spent Quinquagesima Sunday at our University, Chapel Hill, and preached *twice*.

First Sunday in Lent, preached in Christ Church, Raleigh, and confirmed *seven* persons.

Tuesday 15th, performed service, preached, and confirmed *one* person in Calvary Church, Tarborough.

Friday 17th, Ember day, preached at Plymouth.

Second Sunday in Lent, preached in St. Luke's, Locust Grove, and admitted the Rev. Wm. B. Otis to the Holy Order of Priests. The Rev. Mr. Johnston, the Rev. Mr. McRae, the Rev. Mr. Noble, and the Rev. Mr. Aldis, being present and assisting.

Thursday, (St. Matthias' day,) preached *twice* at Murfreesborough, and confirmed *two* persons.

Friday, 25th, preached at Buckhorn Chapel, Manney's Neck.

Third Sunday in Lent, preached *twice* in Court House, Gatesville, and confirmed *two* persons.

Monday, 28th, preached in Damascus Chapel, near Sunbury, Gates County, and confirmed *one* person.

Saturday, March 5th, and the next day, 4th Sunday in Lent, preached *four* times in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, and confirmed *seven* persons.

Thursday and Friday following, visited Harvey's Neck and Durant's Neck.

Fifth Sunday in Lent, preached *twice* in the Court House, Hertford, and confirmed *five* persons.

Wednesday, 16th, preached in St. Thomas's Church, Windsor, baptized and confirmed *one* person.

Saturday, 19th, and next day, 6th Sunday in Lent, preached in St. Paul's, Edenton, *three* times, and confirmed *nineteen* persons.

Tuesday before Easter, preached at Plymouth, and confirmed *two* persons. A number of the candidates here preferred receiving confirmation the next day at St. Luke's.

Wednesday before Easter, preached in St. Luke's, Locust Grove, and confirmed *nineteen* persons.

Good Friday, preached at the Chapel of Josiah Collins, Esq., Lake Scuppernong; also on Easter-day, and confirmed *ten* persons.

Likewise preached on Easter-day in Pettigrew's Chapel, and confirmed *seven* persons.

Wednesday, 30th, preached in St. Thomas's, Bath, and confirmed *seven* persons.

Thursday, 31st, preached in St. John's, Durham's Creek.

Saturday, April 2d, preached in Zion Chapel, Beaufort County, and confirmed *thirteen* persons.

Saturday and next day, (1st Sunday after Easter,) preached *three* times in St. Peter's, Washington, and confirmed *fourteen* persons.

Tuesday, 5th, preached in Trinity, Beaufort County, and confirmed *nine* persons.

Wednesday, 6th, preached in Parish of St. Paul's, Swift Creek, baptized *two* children, and confirmed *five* persons.

Second Sunday after Easter, and three preceding days, visited Christ Church, Newbern, preached *six* times, and confirmed *twenty-nine* persons.

The next day, Monday, 11th, preached in St. Thomas's Church, and confirmed *seven* persons.

Friday and Saturday, 15th and 16th, and third Sunday after Easter, preached *three* times in St. James's Church, Wilmington, (the state of my throat preventing my preaching more,) and confirmed *twenty-six* persons.

Saturday, 23d, and fourth Sunday after Easter, preached *three* times in Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

Fifth Sunday after Easter, and three previous days, passed in Parish of St. John's, Fayetteville, preached *five* times, and confirmed *nine* persons.

Sunday after Ascension, preached in Christ Church, Raleigh, and confirmed *nine* persons.

Tuesday, 10th May, performed Service in Calvary Church, Tarborough, preached, and baptized an adult.

Wednesday, 11th, preached in Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, and confirmed *two* persons.

Thursday, 12th, preached in Chapel, Halifax.

Saturday, 14th, performed Service, and preached in Louisburg.

Whitsunday, consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, a building with the style and title of *the Church of the Holy Innocents*, in the town of Henderson, Granville County, preached on the occasion, and confirmed *one* person. The Rev. Dr. Mason, the Rev. Mr. Johnston, the Rev. Mr. Taylor, and the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Chapman, being present and assisting.

The name of this Church was occasioned by the touching fact, that the death of a youth, 13 years of age, remarkable for piety, sweetness of temper, and purity of character, produced, under God, the first impulse to its erection.

From the above record, it will be seen, that during the Conventional year just closed, I have visited every Parish and every Missionary Station in the Diocese, besides attending the meeting of the General Convention and other general meetings of the Church, held in the city of New York; have preached 137 times; confirmed 379 persons; ordained to the holy ministry four Deacons and five Priests, and consecrated one Church. In addition, which for want of time I have not stated in detail, I have baptised a number of persons, examined and addressed the children on the Catechism in almost every Parish; and generally administered to the Churches the Lord's Supper. In the discharge of which duties I have travelled in my own carriage not less than 2700 miles, besides two journeys to and from New York by public conveyance.

The following persons are Candidates for Orders in this Diocese: Jarvis Buxton, Norman C. Stoughton, Robert Y. Read, and Ed. W. Putnam. The last has been received the present year. Two others have made application.

The following Candidates have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons: William B. Otis, William E. Snowden, Charles Bruce Walker, and Charles H. Disbrow.

The following Deacons have been admitted to the holy order of Priesthood: The Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, the Rev. Edwin Geer, the Rev. John A. Backhouse, the Rev. Lewis S. Noble, and the Rev. Wm. B. Otis.

The Rev. John A. Backhouse has been degraded from the Ministry.

The following changes have taken place among the Clergy:

The Rev. Harvey Stanly has removed by letter to Virginia; and the Rev. John Morgan, by letter to Connecticut.

The Rev. J. S. Kidney and the Rev. Aldert Smedes, have been received from the Diocese of New York—the former being associated with the Rev. Mr. Forbes; the latter, having opened a School for young ladies in the City of Raleigh. The Rev. Mr. Chapman has been received by letter from the Diocese of Connecticut, and is employed as Minister of the Church of the Holy Innocents, at Henderson, Granville county.

The Rev. Mr. Curtis has, by call, become the Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. The Rev. Mr. McRae has accepted a call to become the Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, and will enter upon his duties immediately after this Convention.

The Rev. Philip Berry, a Deacon, from the Island of Jamaica, having passed the Canonical term of probation, and presented the Canonical papers, has been received into this Diocese. He has been, for part of the year, officiating as Missionary at Tarborough, and parts adjacent. He is now awaiting an appointment, by the General Missionary Board, to Pensacola, Florida.

Before leaving New York, in the Autumn, I prepared and published a Catechism, designed to be taught orally to all who cannot read. Its simplicity adapts it to persons of the lowest capacity, and to children who are not sufficiently advanced to learn the Church Catechism. Wherever it has been tried, even with coloured children, the happiest results have been experienced. The plainness of its directions enables any person to apply it. If our Planters, therefore, under a sense of their solemn responsibility to God for the Christian instruction of their slaves, would adopt it, and see to its faithful inculcation, the next generation of blacks in our State, at a very small expense, would sufficiently understand *the truth as it is in Jesus, without knowing a letter of the Alphabet*:—a result which must be secured before this population can be expected to be governed by the morality of the Gospel, or become wise unto salvation. Let me again call the attention of my Lay Brethren to this too much neglected matter.

In reviewing the statistics of the Diocese now submitted, it will be perceived, that the interests of the Church are steadily advancing. The formation of an unusually large number of Parishes during the year, is a clear proof that our external limits are widening; while the decided increase of our Confirmations may be viewed as a fair index of the increased power of truth upon the hearts of our people. On no former visitation have I been cheered by evidence of such deep conviction of the necessity of salvation by Christ, and such solemn purpose of self-devotion to His service, according to the terms of the blessed Gospel.

This happy result, for which we cannot be too thankful to God, is not without a manifest cause.

Christian parents and sponsors begin to be more alive to the solemn relation they bear to their baptised children, as set forth in the baptismal office;—begin to feel, in some degree, the awful nature of their trust—that holy baptism has respect, not only to the external devotion of their children to God, but also to the work of the spirit upon their hearts, to be

cherished and increased in its power by the parental guidance, instruction, and prayers. The result is, that these children, in increased numbers, begin to understand their high privileges, and gifts, and duties, as members of Christ's body, the Church—the solemnity of their baptismal dedication to God, and the strength of the vows that bind them to His service. So that now, “coming to years of discretion,” they see more clearly their adoption to be the sons of God—feel more deeply their obligation to become “new creatures in Christ Jesus”—“to live by faith”—“live, not unto themselves, but unto him who died for them and rose again.” Instead, therefore, of shrinking from Confirmation, as an ordinance designed only to increase their duties, they now more generally come to it as a divine means through which, upon the humble profession of their faith, they may obtain anew the blessing of their Father in Heaven, in the laying on of hands, to quicken and confirm their obedience to the Gospel.

The Clergy of our Diocese, too, have shown increased fidelity in exhibiting, in its fulness and simplicity, the truth of God, and in relying upon its power, under His Spirit, to reclaim sinners, and edify His Church. Deprecating a state of animal excitement as unhealthy to the soul, they have not turned aside from the old paths of God's Word and Church, to the new ones of mere human expedient. But, believing it “better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man,” they have only been careful to understand “what the will of the Lord is,” revealed in His Word, and faithfully to proclaim it as “the power of God unto salvation.” Peculiar attention has been given, also, “*rightly* to divide the Word of truth.” To exhibit, in its own divine proportions, the faith of *Jesus Christ and Him Crucified, has been the broad and deep foundation*: The Holy Spirit, the great agent in building on this foundation the Temple of God: The Word, the Sacraments and Ordinances of the Gospel, in their due order, as presented by the Church of the living God,—the effectual instruments in the hand of the Holy Spirit to effect this work: The fruits of the Spirit, “love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance,” the only sure evidence that the work is effected in the hearts of men, that these hearts have been humbled and renewed:—Such have been the exhibitions of truth, such the means relied upon, under God's promise and grace, by our Clergy, for the conversion and sanctification of sinful men. God has blessed the means.

Another manifest cause for our increasing prosperity, is the increase among us of *family devotion*. I have lately remarked an important change in this particular. Heads of families, who had once thought it sufficient to worship in the public assembly, seem to have learned that God has a special blessing for the devout acknowledgment of Him in the *household*. This change is most favorable. Perhaps nothing in a Parish or a Diocese more strongly indicates, as well as promotes, a sound and advancing state, than this humble prostration of families, morning and night, before the God of their salvation, in prayer and thanksgiving. That Church must be blest with spiritual life, whose households thus live unto God: That body must be healthful and vigorous, where the vital circulation is thus kept up in all the distinct members.

A further cause of our enlargement, is the *harmony of our views and action*. Brethren, we have reason especially to thank God for this. It is a

great blessing, and cannot be too highly estimated. Under its benign influence, not only does brotherly love continue among us, but also "peace and quietness," in respect to all those disturbing matters which of late have been so deeply felt in some other sections of the Church. Questions which there have stirred up the bitter waters of strife, seem to have passed over us without ruffling even the surface of our tranquility. Publications, that have been received on the one hand with alarm and execration, as the very hydra of error, and on the other with childish exultation, as the returning angel of truth, have circulated in our Diocese, as have other human productions, coming from a high and respected source, without arousing more than a spirit of calm inquiry into their real character, leading to the adoption of whatever lessons of wisdom, when viewed in the light of Scripture and primitive antiquity, they manifestly inculcate, and to the passing by of all that seemed not to bear this test. It should be a matter of mutual congratulation, Brethren, as well as of thankfulness to God, that by His grace we have been enabled, under what is termed the "Oxford excitement," to remain self-possessed and unmoved; that, entrenched behind the noble bulwarks of the faith, set up in our Liturgy, we have escaped without panic and without harm, unbroken in our ranks, unchecked in our progress, and unwavering in our reliance upon the truth and the promise of God.

The last cause, which time will allow me to notice, of increased piety among us, is a more general one,—the manifest hand of God in the depression and derangement of our temporal concerns. A wild and reckless spirit of accumulation, with all the sad attendants of fictitious wealth and artificial want, for the last few years has swept over the land. The Church has been more or less drawn into the current and involved in the sin. Almighty God, who is ever jealous of his honor, has, in mercy, visited our iniquity; has shut up the avenues of our worldliness, broken in pieces our idols of gold, and cast them into the dust. The blow has, in some degree, been effectual. Men begin to open their eyes, and to see that "there is a God who judgeth in the earth." A deeper seriousness is manifest, more dependence upon God's providence, a greater concern to lay up treasures in Heaven. We have only to pray God that His Spirit may deepen and extend this work; that the Church may shake herself from the dust, and come up, as one man, "to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Other things I might mention, as having contributed to our advancement, but, lest our hearts should be too much lifted up by small successes, it becomes us to turn our view to the field that still lies waste, and to ask ourselves whether much more might not have been accomplished had we come up to the full measure of our ability and hence of our duty?

We have *twelve* Missionaries in the field of active labor. Let us look at the extent of country over which their ministrations are spread; and consider the means which they lack to sustain these ministrations with effect.

First, we have a Presbyter established at Lincolnton, aided in his labors by a Deacon recently sent to him. Their field embraces the Counties of Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Rutherford, Caldwell, and Burke. At one or more points in each of these Counties, they have promising congregations, with encouragement and calls to establish more. As yet, from the

Diocese generally, they have received no aid. A small legacy, left by a pious lady at my disposal, has enabled me thus far to keep the Missionaries from absolute want. Their future support must mainly depend upon you, as we find it fatal to our Missions, to be obliged to make, at first, any considerable pecuniary demands upon the people. The Gospel, dispensed among them, must be left to generate the principle and prompt the duty of giving for Christ's sake.

Next, the Counties of Rowan, Davie, Iredell, Davidson, and Surry, come under the charge of another faithful Presbyterian, with his associate Deacon. In these Counties no less than six congregations, or points of great interest, call for the ministrations of the Gospel. The Missionaries here deserve your attention, and claim, although they have hitherto received comparatively nothing, a share of your bounty. They have been able to sustain themselves in their work only by limited private means.

Next, Pittsborough and parts adjacent, demand a full Missionary allowance. In consequence of his scanty support, too scanty indeed to give him daily bread, your Missionary has been compelled, much against the true interests of the parish and his own wishes, to resort to school-keeping. The same may be said of the Missionary at Wadesborough. Both these stations, owing to their distance from any other parish, can be sustained only at an unusual expense both of money and labor, and yet our plain duty is to sustain them.

Again, at Plymouth, St. Luke's, Locust Grove, Washington County, and Williamston, Martin County, we have a presbyter actively laboring, and depending, in part, upon our Missionary Fund.

Again, we have a presbyter acting successfully as a Missionary in the Counties of Halifax and Bertie, officiating at Scotland Neck, and in the towns of Halifax and Windsor. What addition may be necessary to the amount raised for his support in these parishes, is not known to me.

In Beaufort County, the parishes of Trinity, St. Thomas, Bath, St. John's, Durham's Creek, and Zion, Beaver Dam, are under the pastoral care of an active Missionary, who extends occasional services to Greenville, Pitt County. The amount received from these parishes is less than *three hundred dollars*.

Perquimons County, embracing Hertford, Harvey's Neck, Old Neck, and Durant's Neck, has enjoyed the faithful labors of another presbyter, who likewise is partly dependent upon your Missionary Committee.—Should he, for the ensuing year, unite Elizabeth City with his present charge, an arrangement contemplated, the Missionary stipend will not be required.

Hertford and Gates Counties have received the gratuitous services of the Deacon of St. Paul's, Edenton, who has sustained himself by teaching a Classical School. His labors have been rewarded by the establishment of parishes at Murfreesborough, Manney's Neck, Gatesville, and Sunbury Swamp. He deserves the countenance and aid of the Diocese.

At St. Paul's, Swift Creek, St. Thomas's, Craven County, and at St. Mary's, Orange County, services have been kept up also by the labors of two worthy presbyters, whose main support has been derived from teaching.

The ministrations of another Missionary, successful in establishing the Church at Henderson, Granville County, have been sustained mainly by the bounty of a single individual.

Whoever casts an eye over this wide Missionary field here exhibited, and examines the reports of these few Missionaries who have been called to labor in this field, will discover how large an amount of good has been effected during the past year by our comparatively small provision; and if he possesses any portion of the Missionary spirit, will be led to ask himself whether, for Christ's sake, and the immortal soul's sake, he may not do something more to increase this provision. For you must know, beloved Brethren, that this we have exhibited is but a part only of the region of spiritual want which now appeals to our christian sympathy. You must know, that within the borders of our own Diocese, the actual necessity for Missionary and Church building expenditure, demands a large increase of our usual contributions. Many Missionary stations, where the interest of the Church is considerable, such as Tarborough, Greenville, Rockingham County, &c. are unsupplied. (At the latter place, our friends have applied for years without success.) While the erection of a Church edifice at Chapel Hill, an object in importance second to none in the Diocese, claims our immediate and vigorous efforts. Besides, it is our bounden duty to extend our present Diocesan missions, so encouraging, and to bear our part of the general Missionary burdens of the Church.

But you say, the demands upon us are already heavy; we have hitherto gone to the limit of our ability, and our resources are actually becoming less, how then are we to increase the amount of our charities?

I answer, there are single congregations in this Diocese, if each baptised member would give as God hath blessed him, and as God requires of him to give, which have the ability to meet every claim of charity now presented. Yea, I can go further, and hazard nothing in affirming that there are single individuals who might do this.

What, then, do we need in order to insure the most enlarged Missionary operations of the Church? Surely not money? Of this our members have more already than they are prepared to account for to God. Yes, the misapplication of our Master's goods has already brought upon us His severe displeasure. And His providence plainly indicates, that if we would regain His blessing upon our worldly affairs, we must make a more holy use of what is yet left in our hands, must acknowledge His authority over us and our substance, and yield to His command in devising liberal things for His kingdom.

But the question returns, what *do we need* to bring about this essential change in the management of our trust?

We need in our hearts a deeper love for Christ, and the souls of men; need to be more sensible of their danger, without being savingly interested in His death, and obedient members of His kingdom; we need, therefore, to pray more constantly and earnestly for His spirit, that we may hasten to do His will.

2. Again, we need to realize more fully, and feel more seriously our condition as *Stewards*; that all that we have, of time, or talents, or influence, or substance, belongs to Almighty God, and cannot be withheld from the promotion of His glory and kingdom, without terrible hazard to our own souls.

3. Further, we, to whom is committed the Missionary work, need, in our forward movements, a more simple regard to God's commands, and a more simple reliance upon His promise. A more simple regard to God's commands, in respect both to the question, *how* we shall proceed, and how *much* we shall do. In respect to the question *how* we shall proceed, we must be governed solely by God's revealed will; must send the means of salvation to the destitute, in just such form as He has delivered them to us; must send the Ministry, the Word, and Sacraments, in all their integrity and fullness, as constituted by Himself; must not "put asunder what God hath joined together," in expectation that He will bless a partial and disjointed service. But we must learn to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, in just such order and with precisely such weapons as He hath appointed. The three-fold Ministry, the quick and powerful Word, the divine Sacraments, instinct with the life-given Spirit, in the Church of the living God, with His crucified Son as its Ruler and Head, present the glorious array of means which God hath promised to bless to the conversion and salvation of men. With nothing short of these can we hope to be successful.

In respect to the question *how much* we shall do. We must learn to place a more simple reliance upon God's promise. Instead of casting an eye upon our *scanty treasury*, and settling in our minds whether we will or not do this or that good work, according to the amount *there*, we must look to the *command* of God, to the perishing *condition* of men, to God's own declaration that the gold and silver are *His*, and that the hearts of His people are in His hand, and to be turned by Him as the rivers of water.

Brethren, we have lamentably departed from this principle, of trusting in the power and promise of Almighty God, and have shaped our Missionary work to meet the principles of mere worldly economy. It becomes us, therefore, to return; to consult only our *duty*, under the command of God, in view of our *real ability*. God hath opened before the Church in this Diocese a certain field of duty, and hath blessed us with the means necessary to accomplish it. We are to go forward in our plans of labor with as much confidence and energy as if the money was actually in our treasury; God's spirit upon the hearts of our individual members being the guarantee that it will be there in due time. This timid, distrustful policy has never, and will never spread the Gospel among the destitute. Had the Apostles and primitive Saints acted upon it, at the death of St. John, the blessings of the Church of Christ would not have been scattered in profusion over the then civilized world. Had our Anglo-Saxon fathers been governed by it, the surrounding heathen would have perished in their blindness. Had the noble Martyrs of the English Reformation been under its influence, Popery would still have held its dark and gloomy sway over that bright land of promise. Yea, we their prospered sons might now be groaning under that worse than Egyptian bondage.

But thanks be to God, the spirit which actuated the primitive Saints was of a bolder and more self-sacrificing character! Thanks be to God, our English forefathers had a love for the souls of men, which not only moved them to give their goods to the needy, but their bodies to the fires of martyrdom. In their onward course, bearing the everlasting Gospel

to the perishing, they stopped not to counsel with worldly wisdom, to estimate labor or expense; for "they counted not their lives dear unto themselves," so they might but accomplish their high commission.

We, Brethren, must act more upon this holy principle; must trust more to the promise of our God. Make Him our only security, and then claim His blessing;—then look to see the hearts of men open to pray, and their hands to give, in behalf of our holy cause. God invites us to this trust in Him, and men, who mark our high profession, expect to see us acting upon this trust.

Brethren, we of the Clergy are actually behind the feeling and expectation of many of our Laity. They expect to be led on boldly, yea, forced up to their duty. But in our plans and appeals we act feebly and doubtfully; act too much as if we were afraid to tell them plainly and with authority "what the Lord our God requires of them." And they often rebuke our timidity by pressing to the foremost rank, and exclaiming, "why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" Brethren, we who are commissioned to lead on the host of the Lord, must show that, under command of Almighty God, we are determined to possess the land; determined to do our duty, relying upon Him for succour and protection. He will be faithful to His promise—will open the hearts of our Laity to supply the means; for He has never failed those who have relied upon Him in the way of plain and simple obedience to His requirements.

4. But to increase and to place the mode of collecting our charities upon the true Gospel ground, we *need more system and regularity*.—Though the streams be small, yet if they be many and constant, and *flow together*, the reservoir will soon be full.

In the year 1835, I exhibited to the Diocese, in a Pastoral Letter, the reasons for a general plan of *systematic charity*, based upon the Apostolic injunction, "Upon the first day of the week, let *every one of you* lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

The plan thus recommended was adopted by the subsequent Convention, and urged upon the congregations. A part of them only have acted upon it, and where it has been received, its operation has become languid and inefficient. Under a strengthened and still strengthening conviction of the vital importance of this plan, I now present it anew to the Diocese, and urge, for Christ's sake, its adoption under the form of the *Weekly Offertory*. On each Lord's day morning, when the Sermon is ended, let the Minister return to the Lord's Table and repeat the sentences as appointed at the Communion *Offertory*, while the Wardens or proper persons collect the charities of the congregation. And let each Vestry co-operate with their Minister in endeavoring to obtain something, each Lord's day, from every baptised member of the congregation. Let there be *one penny* given, weekly, for each baptised member, (infant and adult, bond and free,) and we shall soon be blessed with an overflowing treasury. The Rector of St. Peter's, Washington, has, by a partial trial of this weekly *Offertory*, become convinced, as he informed me, that he should more than double the usual amount of offerings from that parish. Let this system, Brethren, be carried into full effect, and we shall hear no more, in connection with our charities, of *hard times or stinted funds*.

This system will have the effect to keep alive in our parishes the spir-

it of true charity, which is the spirit of Christ. It will secure to all, the blessing of doing good, without personal embarrassment or inconvenience; and so distribute what, by a sad misnomer, are called the burdens of a parish, among all, as that no one can have cause to complain. The idea of complaint, however, is excluded, where it is a priceless privilege to be a co-worker with God in the glorious scheme of saving men.

5. But it is further requisite, in order that we may act together intelligently and with the strongest motive, that the pecuniary demands upon the Diocese for the current year, be placed with as much fullness and accuracy as possible before the congregations.

So far as these demands originate within the Diocese itself, this is easily accomplished. The last year it was done, and at the present time we are prepared to do it. In reference to the claims upon us, originating out of the Diocese, and connected with the success of our general Missionary operations, it is not so easy to obtain the requisite information. In answer to inquiries, however, from the General Missionary Committees, I have suggested the following plan, viz: that the Committees obtain from each Diocese a statement of the number of Parochial Clergy within its limits; of the aggregate amount of salaries paid them; of the number of Missionaries to be employed in it for the ensuing year, and of the amount of money raised in it for their support, and of the other contingent expenses of the Diocese; and that this information be laid, through "the spirit of Missions," before the whole Church, with a statement, as nearly as may be, of the sum required to sustain, for the same year, the operations of the General Society. Thus having a view of the comparative ability of each Diocese, in connexion with what each is actually doing in the work of the Lord, within its own borders, we shall be able to see at a glance what proportion of the expense of Missions, beyond its limits, it should bear.

And I trust, beloved Brethren, that no one among us for a moment doubts, if it should be found that we are not already doing our part, the existence of a Missionary spirit within our Diocese, which, if properly enlightened and directed, will, under God, impel us to the full measure, the highest point of our duty.

L. SILLIMAN IVES.

John W. Wright, Treasurer, made his Report to the Convention, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion of George E. Spruill, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Charles Aldis, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, from 14th chap. of St. Luke's Gospel, part of the 18th verse.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. W. M. Green appeared and took his seat.

The Parochial Reports were called for and read by the Secretary, and on motion of the Rev. T. S. W. Mott, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, as follows:

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. Richard S. Mason, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 4, children 12,	16
Confirmations,	24
Communicants—Added 15, withdrawn 1, removed 1.	
Present number,	80
Marriages,	5
Burials,	5
Sunday School—Scholars, about	60
Contributions—For Diocesan expenses,	\$200
For Missionary purposes,	245

Thirty dollars of the above being contributed by the "Ladies Sewing Society," the rest by members of the Congregation. Seventy-five dollars of this contribution was, however, collected in part immediately before, and in part immediately after, the last Convention, for the Conventional year of 1840-41, and, properly speaking, belongs to the report of contributions for that year.

R. S. MASON.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. Robert B. Drane, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants 29, adults 2,	31
Confirmations,	51
Communicants—Added 32, died or removed 3,	
Present number,	214
Marriages,	13
Funerals,	14
Money collected—For Assessment,	\$210
Diocesan Missions,	294
Families of dec'd clergymen,	45
	————— \$549 00
For Church in Galveston, Texas,	47
Foreign Missions,	10
Parochial Charities,	91 10
	————— 148 10
	————— \$697 10

R. B. DRANE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult, white 1, coloured 1—Infant, white	
12, coloured 19,—Total	33
Confirmations,	9

Communicants—added 9, (3 of these by transfer.)	
decrease by death 2, by removal 6, present	
number, white,	127
Colored,	20
	— 147
Marriages,—white 5, colored 2,	7
Funerals,	6
Moneys collected—For Assessment,	\$210
For Missionary Committee,	200
For Relief Committee,	40

During the year, this Congregation has suffered very painful bereavements, both by death and removal. These departed friends, however, are in sweet remembrance; and while the dead have left behind them a most comforting testimony to the excellence and sufficiency of the divine provisions, the *living*, we trust, have carried with them, in affectionate zeal for the Church, one important qualification for usefulness wherever their destinies may be fixed.

The Rector records with pleasure the general repair and painting of the Church premises.

JARVIS B. BUXTON.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 13, colored 190,	113
Adults, white 8, colored 9,	17
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Communicants—removed 6, present number,	118
Deaths,	4
Burials, (four Communicants,)	16
Marriages—white 2, colored 2,	4
Moneys collected—For Assessment,	\$200
For Missionary purposes,	177
	SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. Cameron F. McRae, late Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 11, Infants 39, in Newbern, and 29	
at Ravenswood, Jones County,	79
Confirmations,	32
Communicants,	125
Burials,	29
Marriages,	3
Moneys collected—Assessment,	\$210
Missionary purposes,	110
Families of deceased Clergymen,	45
Parochial and other Charities,	126
	CAMERON F. McRAE.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Rector.
Rev. C. B. Walker, Deacon.

Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants 6,	7
Confirmation,	1
Communicants—removed 3, dead 1, present number,	23
Burials,	5
Marriage,	1
Money collected—For Assessment and Con. Fund,	\$40

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Rector.
Rev. C. B. Walker, Deacon.

Baptisms—Infants,	4
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—decrease by death, 2 white, 1 colored, added 5, present number 80 white, 12 colored,	92
Money collected—For Assessment and Con. Fund,	\$13 50

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Rector.
Rev. C. B. Walker, Deacon.

Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants 3,	4
Confirmations,	9
Communicants—added 8, present number, 35 white, 2 colored,	37
Money collected—For Assessment and Con. Fund,	\$10

MILLS' SETTLEMENT.

Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants 6,	7
Communicants—added 1, present number,	18

At LEXINGTON, we have preached on one Sunday in every month.

Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants 4,	5
Communicants,	2

At MOCKSVILLE, we have preached regularly on one Sunday in each month, and occasionally at intervals.

Baptisms—Infants,	3
Communicants,	2

At HUNTSVILLE, we have preached twice only, but hope to furnish them with regular ministrations.

Communicant,	1
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THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Rev. Wm. Thurston, Rector.

Communicants—removed 2, added 8, present number,	
white 28, colored 3,	31
Baptisms—Infants 11, Adults 5, (of whom white 10,	
colored 6,)	16
Confirmations—white 5, colored 3,	8
Burials,	7

WM. THURSTON.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. Lewis Taylor, Rector.

Confirmations,	2
Baptisms,	2
Death,	1
Marriage,	1
Removals,	5
Contribution to family of deceased Clergyman,	\$10
Present number of Communicants,	17

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Rev. Lewis Taylor, Rector.

Confirmations,	4
Baptisms,	11
Communicants,	16

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Rev. Lewis Taylor, Rector.

Confirmations,	5
Baptisms,	24
Removal,	1
Communicants,	12

LEWIS TAYLOR.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. Jacob B. Morss, Minister.

Baptisms—white, Infants 8, Adult 1, colored Infants 9,	18
Confirmations,	7
Communicants—white males 2, white females 28, co-	
lored male 1, colored females 3, added 8,	35
Marriages,	2

Funerals,		7
Sunday School—Scholars,		41
Teachers,		8
Money raised—For the Episcopate,	\$60	00
For Missionary Fund,	30	19
Monthly Collections,	20	00
	————	\$110 19

A congregation of orderly and well disposed colored persons attend the services of the Church, as often as it has been in my power to open Church for them, which has usually been on Sunday evening.

The death of the Senior Warden of this Church is a severe loss to it, which will be long felt, for to his liberality and active exertions it has long been indebted, under God, for its success.

JACOB B. MORSS.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. John Singeltary, Rector.

Burials,		10
Baptisms—Infants 16, Adult 5,		21
Marriages,		3
Confirmations,		14
Communicants,		79
Paid to Missionary Fund, Jan'y 1842,	\$50	
“ “ “ May “	50	
	————	\$100

J. SINGELTARY.

LINCOLNTON, LINCOLN COUNTY.

Rev. Edward M. Forbes, Missionary.

Baptisms—Infants, white 3, colored 14, Adults, white 3; whole number of Baptisms,		23
Marriage,		1
Confirmations,		4
Communicants—removed 3, added 4, present number,		10

MORGANTON, BURKE COUNTY.

Baptisms—Infants 8, Adults 2,		10
Confirmations,		4
Communicants,		6

LENOIR, CALDWELL COUNTY.

Baptisms—Infants,		4
Confirmation,		1
Communicants,		6

CHARLOTTE.

Baptism—Infant,	1
Communicants,	7

I have distributed 6 Bibles, 110 Prayer Books, and between nine and ten thousand pages of Tracts. The congregation in Lincoln has commenced the erection of a Church. In February the Rev. Mr. Kidney took charge of the congregations in Morganton and Lenoir, in connection with Rutherfordton.

E. M. FORBES.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. Moses A. Curtis, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	7
Marriages,	4
Confirmations, (one from St. Mary's,)	3
Funerals,	6
Communicants—removed 5, present number,	57
Money collected for Diocesan purposes,	\$125

M. A. CURTIS.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY.

Rev. Henry H. Prout, Minister.

Communicants,	7
Confirmations,	4
Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants, white 8, colored 2,	11
Marriages,	4
Deaths,	2

HENRY H. PROUT.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. Edwin Geer, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 10, colored 1,	11
Communicants—added 2, removed 2, died 4, present number,	28
Marriages,	2
Deaths,	4
Confirmation,	1
Sunday School—Number of Scholars,	35
“ “ Teachers,	4
Money collected—For Assessment,	\$36
For Relief Committee,	8
For Parochial Charities,	16
	————— \$60

EDWIN GEER.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

I took the temporary charge of this Parish about the first of December last, since which time I have preached there regularly once a fortnight. This Church is in a highly prosperous condition, and has the prospect of a constant growth in a community so well disposed towards religious things, and so intelligent to appreciate the beauties of our Zion, in her order, sober piety, and instructive worship.

Baptisms,	4
Confirmations,	10
Communicants,	23

R. M. CHAPMAN.

REPORT of Rev. Wm. M. Green, Professor of Rhetoric and Logic in the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Owing to the pecuniary distress that prevails throughout this State, the hope expressed at the last Convention, of erecting a House of Worship at this place, has not yet been realized. A few contributions have been made to the object, and assurances given from many parts of the Diocese, that unabated interest is felt in the undertaking, and that in due time sufficient help would be afforded. A pleasant, spacious, and convenient lot has been purchased, and a contract made for a good part of the materials for building. Since the last Convention, a Sunday School has been opened, and attended by the children of the congregation. On the 13th inst., the members of the Church were organized into a Congregation, by the name of the "Church of the Atonement;" a Vestry was appointed, and all necessary measures adopted for the regular organization of a Parish. Many of the villagers express an anxious desire for the completion of our Church,—some from a dislike to attend the services of the College Chapel, others on account of their sincere preference for the doctrine and worship of our Church.

Communicants—(2 removed, 2 added,)	15
Baptisms—(3 Adults, 3 Infants,)	6

SALEM CHAPEL.

Baptism—colored Adult,	1
Communicants,	3

I have at this place an interesting Catechetical Class of colored children, which is rapidly improving in Christian knowledge, and is increasing in number.

WM. M. GREEN.

ST. JOHN'S IN THE WILDERNESS, HENDERSON COUNTY.

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

Number of families attending Church regularly,	15
Communicants—white 10, colored 6,	25
Confirmations,	2
Baptisms,	4

Funerals,	2
Sunday School Teachers,	8
" " Scholars,	50
T. S. W. MOTT.	

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Missionary.

Baptisms—Adult 3, Infant 6,	9
Confirmations,	10
Communicants,	24
Marriage,	1
Sunday School Scholars,	30

TRINITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND NECK.

Baptisms—Adults 4, Infants 13,	17
Confirmations,	10
Communicants 16, removed 2, present number,	14
Marriage,	1
Sunday School Scholars,	40

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HALIFAX.

Baptisms—Adults 2, Infants 2,	4
Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	6
Marriage,	1

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.

*REPORT of the Parishes of St. Luke's, Locust Grove, and Grace Church, Plymouth.**Rev. Wm. B. Otis, Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults, white 12, colored 8, Infants, white 7,	28
Confirmations—white 27, colored 5,	32
Communicants—white 38, colored 5,	43
Funerals,	2
Sunday School Scholars,	30

The present Rector commenced his labors in these Parishes about the middle of October 1841. This Report, however, includes the whole Conventional year. From present indications, they seem to be in a state of prosperity, both as to their spiritual and temporal affairs. Since the commencement of my duties here, a new Parish has been organized in Plymouth, under the name of Grace Church, and about \$1,500 subscribed for the erection of a Church, which is now in progress, and will be completed in a few months. St. Luke's Church has also undergone various improvements, which now render it complete. I have officiated also a few times at Williamston, where there are a few friends of the

Church, and where there is a prospect of erecting a Church building, provided the services of a Minister can be secured to them.

WM. B. OTIS.

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBOROUGH.

Baptisms—2 Adults, 3 Infants,	5
Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	8
Sunday School Teachers,	4
“ “ Scholars,	20
Assessment on this congregation for the Bishop's Fund,	\$25

REPORT of Tarborough and Greenville Missionary Stations.

The undersigned, who occupied these Stations from June to December, 1841, reports, that during that period there was, in the first named Station, one adult Baptism. The number of Communicants he found there was 8. In the latter Station, there was one adult Baptism, and one infant Baptism. The number of Communicants found there was 5, of whom 2 have ceased to reside there. One Communicant has been added.

The state of the Church, within its narrow limits, was very interesting and promising; but there was little encouragement for the hope of enlarging it.

PHILIP BERRY.

TRINITY CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

William E. Snowden, Missionary.

Communicants,	31
Baptisms—2 Infants, 2 Adults,	4
Confirmations,	9

ZION CHAPEL.

Communicants,	20
Baptisms—16 Children, 4 Adults,	20
Burials,	5
Confirmations,	13
Marriage,	1

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, BATH.

Communicants,	18
Baptisms—13 Children, 2 Adults,	15
Burials,	3
Confirmations,	8

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DURHAM'S CREEK.

Communicants,	5
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The congregation of Trinity Parish have shown a laudable zeal in the enlargement of their Church, by the addition of a Gallery, which was rendered necessary by the increase of the attendance. They have also painted the Church and added other improvements. The venerable Church of St. Thomas, at Bath, is about to be thoroughly repaired.

WM. EDWARD SNOWDEN.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, HENDERSON.

Rev. R. M. Chapman, Rector.

This Parish was organized at Easter. The number of families composing it is small, but their liberality in contributing to procure the services of the Church, shows a commendable zeal for those religious principles in which they were mostly educated.

From the middle of Nov. last until Easter, services were held once a fortnight, at the house of a Communicant, and were well attended. The favor with which our services have ever been received, by persons previously strangers to the worship and doctrines of the Church, gives great encouragement to hope, that many will adhere to that which they have begun to approve. Some accessions have been made already, and we have reason to think that others are contemplating joining us. We commit the interests of the Church here to Him whose truth she teaches, and whose commandment she illustrates; and while we faithfully nourish that which in hope we have planted, we confidently expect from Him the increase.

Communicants 10. There have been Baptised 1 Adult and 37 Infants, (all colored;); Confirmed 4; Buried 1.

R. M. CHAPMAN.

REPORT of the Rev. Louis L. Noble, Missionary in the County of Perquimons.

On the 23d Sunday after Trinity, (Nov. 22, 1840,) I commenced my labors as Missionary in this County. I held Divine Service alternately at Harvey's Neck and Hertford until July. At Harvey's Neck I officiated for a small congregation of white people in the morning, and for a tolerably large one of colored people in the afternoon. At Hertford, I officiated in the Court House mostly, for a small congregation of white people in the morning; and at Old Neck, about six miles distant, for the colored people of Mr. Benjamin Skinner, in the afternoon.

At the commencement of the sickly season I left until frost should make it safe for a Northern constitution. I returned to my labors in October 1841. A change in circumstances brought around an arrangement different from the one settled at first. Since my return, I have held Divine Service morning and evening only in Hertford. Such is its locality, that the people on the extremes of my field can come and worship at least every other Sunday.

My plan has been to hold Services as above, morning and evening, each Lord's day, and to visit during the week from house to house throughout the County, wherever my presence would be acceptable.

During my labors in Perquimons there have been

Baptised—white Adults,	6
“ Children,	6
Colored Adult,	1
“ Children,	2
	— 15
Confirmed,	9
Administrations of the Holy Supper,	8
Married,	1
Buried,	3
Money received for Missionary purposes in North Carolina from a lady,	\$10
Communicants,	17
Tracts distributed, indefinite; Prayer Books, a few.	

LOUIS L. NOBLE, *Presbyter and Missionary*
in County of Perquimons.

Hertford, May 10, 1842.

REPORT of the Parish including Pettigrew's Chapel and Lake Scuppernong.

Rev. Charles Aldis, Minister.

Baptisms—Adults, white 8, black 17,	25
Infants, white 9, black 25,	34
	— 59
Confirmations—white 12, black 15,	27
Marriage—black,	1
Funerals—white 1, black 3,	4
Communicants—White, died 1, removed 1, added 8,	
present number,	35
Black, died 2, removed 3, added 15,	
present number,	39
	— 74

Collected for the Bishop's Salary, \$30

A number of Bibles, Common Prayer Books, and Tracts, have been distributed.

CHARLES ALDIS.

ST. MARY'S PARISH, GATES COUNTY.

Rev. C. H. Disbrow, Missionary.

Communicants—white,	5
Confirmations,	4
Baptisms—Adults, white,	2
Infants, white 5, black 3,	8
	— 19

I commenced my labors as a Missionary in this Parish July 25th, 1841, previous to which time there had been no regular Episcopal services in the County for upwards of twenty years. The Parish has been regularly organized and a Vestry elected. An eligible lot of ground has been given, and about \$1000 have been subscribed for the erection of a Church.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH, MURFREESBOROUGH.

Confirmations—white,	2
Baptisms—Adults, white,	2
Infants, white 7, black 1,	8
	— 10

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, MANNEY'S NECK, HERTFORD.

Baptisms—white, Adult 1, Infants 8,	9
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The two last mentioned Parishes present a very interesting field of labor. I commenced my Parochial duties at Murfreesborough on the 29th of August, 1841, and in Manney's Neck on the 26th of December, 1841, previous to which there had not been any stated Episcopal services in either place for upwards of fifty years. The people seem to have become much interested in the services and doctrines of the Church.

Since the 25th of July, 1841, I have distributed in Gates and Hertford Counties 90 Prayer Books, and between ten and twelve thousand pages of Tracts.

I have also to report occasional services in St. PAUL'S PARISH, EDENTON. During the year, as Assistant to the Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, I have Baptised 78 Infants and Adults, and Buried 2 Infants and 1 Adult.

CHARLES H. DISBROW.

ST. PAUL'S & ST. THOMAS'S CHAPELS, CRAVEN COUNTY.

Rev. Wm. N. Hawks, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 3, Children 10,	13
Burials—Children,	3
Marriages,	4
Confirmations,	10

WM. N. HAWKS.

Daniel Turner and Dr. Henry L. Plummer appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Secretary and Agent of the Missionary Committee, made the following Report, which, on motion of the Rev. W. M. Green, was laid on the table:

REPORT of the Missionary Committee.

The Missionary Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina, respectfully report:—That the depression so generally and so severely felt in all the business departments of life, has not been as disastrous in its effects on our Missionary operations, as, at first, was seriously apprehended. Rarely have these operations been marked with more activity than in the present year, or encouraged with livelier prospects of success. Under the divine blessing, a good spirit begins every where to prevail.—which, while it opens the eye to a more just appreciation of the Church, unlocks

the heart and opens the hand for her support. In the mean time, our Missionaries, with exemplary patience, endure the privations incident to the work assigned them. Let but this spirit of calm, affectionate, enlightened zeal be continued among us, and we need not distrust the voice of inspiration which assures to the Church her peculiar reward—a reward identified in Scripture with the glory of the Father, the honor of the Son, the vindication of the Holy Ghost, and the joy of Angels in the present peace and enduring happiness of those for whom Christ died.

During the Conventional year, the Rev. Mr. Forbes, and since the 1st of January aided by the Rev. Mr. Kidney, Deacon, has been employed at Lincolnton, Charlotte, Rutherford, Morganton, and parts adjacent. The pecuniary aid afforded these stations, has been derived from the bequest of the late Mrs. Troy of Wadesborough, entrusted to the Bishop for Missionary purposes.

The Rev. Mr. Davis, aided by the Rev. Mr. Walker, Deacon, continues his ministrations at Salisbury, Christ Church, and St. Andrew's, Rowan county, Mocksville, Davie county, and Lexington.

The Rev. Mr. Thurston officiates at St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough, and at the Station of Deep River, Chatham county.

The Rev. Mr. Prout, at no charge to the Committee, is engaged at St. Mary's, Orange county.

The Rev. Mr. Geer continues to fill the Rectorship of Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor is in charge of Oxford, St. James's Church, Granville, and St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman, since November last, has ministered to the Church of the Holy Innocents at Henderson. Warrenton, also, during the vacancy of that Parish, has received attentions from this Clergyman.

The Rev. Mr. Cheshire continues his services at Weldon, Scotland Neck, and Halifax.

The Rev. Mr. Disbrow, at no expense to the Committee, has officiated at Murfreesborough, Buckhorn, Hertford county, Gatesville and Middle Swamp, Gates county.

The Rev. Mr. Noble is employed at Hertford, and preaches also at Harvey's, Old, and Durant's Necks, Perquimons county.

The Rev. Mr. Otis, in the first half of the year, ministered at Louisburg and parts adjacent. He has since been engaged at Plymouth, St. Luke's, Locust Grove, and Williamston, Martin county.

The Rev. Mr. Aldis, at no expense to the Committee, officiates at Lake Scuppernong, and in its vicinity.

The Rev. Mr. Snowden supplies ministrations to St. Thomas's, Bath, St. John's, Durham's Creek, Zion Chapel and Trinity, Beaufort county.

The Rev. Mr. Hawks, at no expense to the Committee, ministers to the congregations of St. Paul's and St. Thomas's, Craven county.

The Rev. Mr. Berry, in the early part of the Conventional year, officiated at Tarborough.

The Committee, in addition to an adequate supply of Bibles and Prayer Books, have furnished to the Diocese a large number of Tracts relating to the distinctive principles of the Church, as well as to the culture and illustration of true piety. A few volumes of the Ravenscroft Works remain on hand.

The Funds subject to the order of the Board during the past Conventional year, including the balance on hand at the last Convention, amount to \$1,939 21. Of this sum, \$1000 have been appropriated to salaries of Missionaries, for services rendered up to the Convention of 1841, and \$360 in part of salaries for the present year. \$16 20 have been expended for Tracts. Leaving a balance unappropriated and applicable to salaries now due, \$573 01.

For the detail of these matters, the Committee refer to the Treasurer's Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

On motion of the Rev. Lewis Taylor, the Convention adjourned to Friday morning, 9 o'clock.

At Night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Wm. B. Otis, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Charles Aldis, from the 1st verse of the 12th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.



FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1842.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Right Rev'd Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The documents relating to the formation of the Congregations of the Church of the "Holy Innocents" at Henderson, Granville county, and the Church of the "Atonement," Chapel Hill, Orange county, were handed in, and referred to the Committee on the admission of new Congregations.

The Rev. Richard S. Mason, D. D., from the Committee on the admission of new Congregations, made the following Report, accompanied with the subjoined Resolution, which Report was accepted and the Resolution adopted:

The Committee on the admission of new Congregations respectfully report: That Certificates of the formation of the following Congregations have been laid before the Committee, namely: From St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, Lincoln County; the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, Granville County; and the Church of the Atonement, Chapel Hill, Orange County. Of the first of these, St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, the Certificate not being signed by the Vestry of the said Congregation, is not executed according to the requisitions of the 7th Canon, and the Committee sincerely regret that they cannot recommend the admission of said Congregation. The Certificates of the other two Congregations, namely, of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, and of the Church of the Atonement, Chapel Hill, having been executed in compliance with the requisitions of the Canon, the Committee recommend the admission of the said Churches into Convention with the Church in this Diocese.

R. S. MASON, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Congregation of the "Church of the Holy Innocents," and that of the "Church of the Atonement," having complied with the requisitions of the 7th Canon, be admitted into Convention with the Church in this Diocese.

Certificates of Lay Delegation from the following Churches were presented, from which it appeared the following were elected Delegates:

Church of the Holy Innocents.—Dr. J. W. Hawkins, John S. Eaton, E. T. Marable, Dr. Henry J. Robards.

Church of the Atonement.—J. J. Roberts.

Of whom, the following, John S. Eaton, E. T. Marable, and J. J. Roberts, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect, by ballot, the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, and the Rev. Messrs. Green, Mason, and Buxton, and Messrs. Charles Manly and S. F. Patterson, were elected.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect Delegates to the General Convention. On counting the ballots, the following were elected:

Messrs. Richard S. Mason, Jarvis B. Buxton, of the Clergy, and Josiah Collins, George E. Spruill, of the Laity.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Geer, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Service was read by the Rev. Rich'd S. Mason, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, from the 1st chapter of the 1st Epistle of Peter, 4th and 5th verses.

4 O'CLOCK.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect, by ballot, the remaining number of Delegates to the General Convention. On counting the ballots, the Rev. Messrs. T. S. W. Mott, and Samuel I. Johnston, of the Clergy, and Messrs. Richard Hines and Edward Lee Winslow, of the Laity, were elected.

On motion, a balloting was had for the election of the "Committee for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen," and the following were elected for the ensuing year:

Rev. Richard S. Mason and Dr. John Beckwith.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect, by ballot, the Missionary Committee for the ensuing year, and the Rev. Messrs. Richard S. Mason, and Jarvis B. Buxton, of the Clergy, and Messrs. John W. Wright, Chas. T. Haigh, and Edward Lee Winslow, of the Laity, were elected.

Dr. H. J. Robards, a Delegate from the Church of the Holy Innocents, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. T. S. W. Mott, the Report of the Agent of the Missionary Committee was called up, and after some remarks, was adopted.

The Rev. W. M. Green, President of the Standing Committee, submitted the following Report of their proceedings for the past year:

REPORT of the Standing Committee.

The only acts of the Committee since the last Convention have been to recommend the Rev. Wm. B. Otis, the Rev. Jacob B. Morss, the Rev. Charles H. Disbrow, and the Rev. William E. Snowden, for Priest's Orders; and John J. Roberts and Edward W. Putnam as Candidates for Orders.

W. M. GREEN, *Pres't.*

The Rev. R. B. Drane made the following Report from the Committee on the State of the Church.

REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church, after a careful examination of the documents submitted to them, are of opinion that her condition was never more prosperous than at present. The Clergy appear to be actively engaged in the duties of their respective Cures; and from their Parochial Reports, a considerable increase in the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, and Communicants, may be observed in almost every quarter. The Committee fully concur with their Bishop in the opinion, that this result is mainly to be ascribed to the increased attention of Parents and Sponsors to the duties and obligations of the Baptismal covenant and the religious training of the young.

Among the various causes of joy and congratulation among themselves, as well as of sincere thanks to Almighty God for his bounty and goodness, the Committee cannot omit the particular notice of the Missionary operations of the Diocese. All agree that this is one of the most powerful and efficient agents in promoting the interests of the Church; and from past success the Committee feel assured, that nothing under God is necessary but fidelity in sustaining and carrying forward this branch of our operations, to see the banner of the Church firmly planted in every section of this extensive Diocese. With regard to the best method of raising the necessary means for prosecuting this object, the Committee can suggest nothing better than the plan of systematic collections already recommended by the Bishop and sanctioned by the Convention. It is not only most Scriptural in its character, but wherever faithfully tested, it has been productive of the best results. Let the system be generally adopted in all our Parishes, and we shall doubtless reap from it the same advantages which have been realized in other portions of our Zion. The Committee, in conclusion, would submit the following condensed view of the present state of the Church: Baptisms 749, (increase over last year 205;) Confirmations 379, (more than double the last year;) Communicants 1521, (increase 217.) Four Deacons and five Priests have been ordained. There are in the Diocese 29 Clergy, of whom 12 are Missionaries. Candidates for Holy Orders 5.

In behalf of the Committee.

R. B. DRANE, *Chairman.*

On motion of the Rev. W. M. Green, the Convention proceeded to fix the time and place for the meeting of the next Annual Convention; when

the Town of Edenton was fixed on as the place, and the first Wednesday in May, 1843, as the time.

By leave, the Rev. Richard S. Mason called the attention of the Members of the Convention to the Report and Resolutions submitted at the last Convention on the subject of the Diocesan Library.

On motion of the Rev. M. A. Curtis, *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Librarian of the Diocesan Library, to report the condition of the Library at each Annual Convention.

On motion of the Rev. J. B. Buxton, the Convention adjourned to Saturday morning, half past 9 o'clock.

At Night, Service was performed by the Rev. M. A. Curtis, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. W. B. Otis, from 17th chapter of Acts, 10th and 11th verses.



SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1842.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Cameron F. McRae appeared and took his seat.

A Certificate of Lay Delegation from Christ Church, Newbern, was read, from which it appeared the following were elected Delegates: Thos. S. Singleton, J. Cicero Justice, James W. Bryan, and John M. Roberts; of whom J. Cicero Justice took his seat.

The Right Rev. L. S. Ives, President of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal School, made the following Report, which was accepted:

REPORT of the Trustees of the Episcopal School.

By resolution of the last Convention of this Diocese, on page 23d of the Journal, "John H. Bryan and William H. Haywood, Jr., Esquires, were appointed Agents to sell the land and buildings of the Episcopal School." These gentlemen having declined to me to serve under the appointment, a meeting of the Trustees of said School was convened in Raleigh on the 23d of Sept. last, to take measures to carry into effect the will of the Convention. They ordered the sale on the first Monday of the following December, and appointed Edmund B. Freeman, Esq. their Agent to effect the same. Accordingly on that day the sale took place, when the Hon. Judge Cameron, making the highest bid, became the purchaser of the property, at an amount covering the original purchase of the land with the interest thereon, and also the sum loaned from the Episcopal Fund, with the back interest. This amount having been paid to said Agent, and applied to the removal of the aforesaid incumbrances, the proper deeds were executed, and the property duly conveyed to Judge Cameron.

L. S. IVES, *Pres't of the Board of Trustees
of Episcopal School.*

E. T. Marable, a Delegate, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Richard S. Mason, from the Committee on the admission of

new Congregations, made the following Report, which, on motion of the Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, was laid on the table:

The Committee on the reception of new Congregations beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Canon, in place of the Seventh Canon, on the formation of new Congregations:

CANON VII.

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

We, the undersigned, being assembled for the purpose of forming ourselves into a Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, do certify that we have consented to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; that we have assumed the name of ———, [here should follow the name,] and have elected the following persons Vestrymen, to-wit: [names of Vestrymen.] In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———.

On motion of George E. Spruill, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr. During the Service, one Adult was baptised by the Rev. Mr. Curtis. A Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Green, from the 3d chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, 27th verse; and after the Services, the holy rite of Confirmation was administered to 5 persons.

4 O'CLOCK.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The Report of the Committee on the admission of new Congregations was called up.

The Rev. Mr. Johnston moved to strike out the word "baptised," before the word "Adults," in the Canon reported.

After some discussion, and the yeas and nays being called for, the Convention decided to strike out the word, and the Canon was adopted, in place of the 7th Canon, and the form of Certificate approved.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Green, *Resolved*, That the Secretary have printed 900 copies of the Journals of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mott, *Resolved*, That the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese be printed with the Journals.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report, which was adopted:

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Finance report, that they have examined the statements of the Treasurer of the Convention, have compared them with the vouchers for payments, and find the same to be correct. The condition of the several funds under the control of the Convention, being set forth in the statements, the Committee refer the Convention to them for the particular detail. (*See Appendix.*)

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Scale of Assessments, to meet the charges for the Bishop's salary and contingent expenses of the Convention for the ensuing year. (*See Appendix.*) These assessments being graduated so as to meet the requirements of the Diocese, punctuality in payment by the several congregations is necessary to avoid embarrassment, and the Committee recommend that in all cases of delinquency, the Treasurer should communicate with the congregations failing to contribute, urging upon them the payments required.

Respectfully submitted.

R. S. MASON, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Mr. Geer, from the Committee on unfinished business of the last Convention, and on the subject of any communications from the General Convention to the Diocesan Conventions, made the following Report:

The Committee respectfully report: That they find in the Journal of the last Convention of the Church in this Diocese no unfinished business. In the Journal of the last General Convention, they find the following Resolution adopted by the House of Bishops:

"*Resolved*, That it be communicated to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is proposed to add, at the next General Convention, the following Article to the Constitution:

"ARTICLE X.—Bishops may be consecrated, (with the approbation of the Bishops of this Church, signified to the presiding Bishop, he thereupon taking order for the same,) for foreign countries. The evidence of the election, and of the character and the learning of the person or persons proposed for the Episcopate, and the solemnity of the Consecration, shall be the same, as nearly as may be in the judgment of the Bishops, made known to the presiding Bishop, with the evidence and the solemnity required and used in the case of Bishops elect of this Church. Such Bishops shall have no Episcopal authority in the United States."

The Committee find nothing further in said Journal requiring the action of this Convention.

EDWIN GEER, *Chairman.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Buxton, the Convention adjourned to Monday morning, 6 o'clock.

At Night, Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Johnston, and a Missionary Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Mason, from the 5th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, 4th verse. After Service, the Bishop delivered that portion of his Address relating to the Missionary operations of the Diocese.

A collection was made, amounting to \$106 75, in aid of the Missionary Fund.

On Sunday Morning, Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Drane, and a Sermon preached by the Bishop, from the 18th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, 37th verse.

After which, the Rev. W. E. Snowden, and the Rev. Charles H. Disbrow, were admitted to the Order of Priesthood. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop to the Clergy; and by the Rev. Messrs. Buxton, Drane, Green and Mason, to about 70 of the Laity.

In the Afternoon, Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Chapman, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Curtis, from the 3d chapter of St. Paul's 2d Epistle to the Corinthians, 18th verse.

At Night, Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Geer, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. McRae, from the 1st Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, 15th chapter and 55th verse.

After the Service, one Adult was baptised by the Rev. Mr. Taylor.



MONDAY, 6 O'CLOCK, A. M., MAY 23.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved unanimously*, That the Missionary operations of the Diocese ought to be sustained, and that the Clergymen of the Diocese be earnestly requested to adopt, wherever practicable, on their return, the system of Weekly Offering recommended in the Annual Address of the Bishop, and that they embrace in their Parochial Reports to the next Annual Convention the amount thus collected.

There being no further business before the Convention, after Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, on motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.



SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS,

*For the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Expenses of the Convention
for the year ending with the Convention of 1843.*

St. James's Church, Wilmington,	-	-	-	\$225
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	-	-	-	210
Christ Church, Newbern,	-	-	-	210
Christ Church, Raleigh,	-	-	-	210
St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	-	-	-	200
St. Peter's Church, Washington,	-	-	-	100
St. Matthew's and St. Mary's, Orange,	-	-	-	60
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	-	-	-	40
Christ Church, Rowan,	-	-	-	25
St. Andrew's Church, Rowan,	-	-	-	15
Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	-	-	-	30
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	-	-	-	50
St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	-	-	-	30
St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,	-	-	-	36
Trinity Church, Scotland Neck,	-	-	-	36
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	-	-	-	25
St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough,	-	-	-	30
St. John's in the Wilderness, Henderson County,	-	-	-	36
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort,	-	-	-	24
St. Thomas's, Bath,	-	-	-	20
St. Thomas's, Craven,	-	-	-	15
Zion Chapel, Beaufort,	-	-	-	12
Calvary Church, Tarborough,	-	-	-	25
St. Paul's Chapel, Swift Creek,	-	-	-	5
Congregation at Hertford,	-	-	-	20
St. James's Church, Granville,	-	-	-	10
St. Luke's Church and Congregation at Plymouth,	-	-	-	15
Pettigrew's Chapel and Congregation at Lake Scuppernong,	-	-	-	25
St. Thomas's, Windsor,	-	-	-	20
Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson,	-	-	-	20
Church of the Atonement, Chapel Hill,	-	-	-	10
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				\$1,789

REPORT of the Treasurer.

FAYETTEVILLE, MAY 12th, 1842.

The undersigned submits to the Convention the usual exhibits of the receipt and disbursement of funds, coming into his hands as Treasurer, during the past year. From these statements it will be seen, that the loan from the Episcopal Fund, to the Episcopal School of North Carolina, has been paid off, and the principal invested in Bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company, guaranteed by the State. By this advantageous arrangement, the interest on the fund will be regularly received, and if the Assessments are met by the Congregations punctually, the salary of the Bishop and Contingent Expenses of the Convention will be provided for.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

DR.

Diocese of North Carolina, in account

1841,		
April 30.	To balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1841,	\$344 26
May 8.	To cash paid to Bishop Ives, in part of salary,	272 00
17.	To ac't pd. A. A. Brown, printing 100 copies Bishop's Circular,	6 00
19.	To cash paid Bishop Ives, in full of salary to 1st June, 1841,	728 00
28.	To ac't paid E. J. Hale, printing 800 copies Journals of 1841,	70 00
July 24.	To do do do 1000 copies Bishop's Address,	60 00
Sept. 26.	To cash paid Bishop Ives, on account of salary,	4 50
Oct. 2.	To check remitted to Bp. Ives in N. York, for Assessment for expenses of Gen. Convention. \$21 75; prem. & postage \$1 16,	22 91
Dec. 24.	To draft of L. S. Ives in favor of Duncan Cameron,	350 00
1842,		
Jan'y 1.	To cash paid Bishop Ives, on account of salary.	545 50
March 3.	To draft of Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, in favor of Jas. McKimmon,	200 00
April 4.	To ditto ditto in favor of C. Dewey, Cashier,	100 00
May 2.	To cash to Bp. Ives, pr. rec. in full salary to 1st March, 1842,	150 00
11.	To cash for postages to date,	2 76
12.	To New Account for balance on hand,	360 34
		\$3,216 27

DR.

Fund for the support of the Episcopate, in

1842,		
May.	To securities on hand, viz:	
	Bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Co., guaranteed by the State, received in payment of loans to the Episcopal School of North Carolina,	\$7,500 00
	Eleven shares of stock of Bank of Cape Fear, cost	998 00
	Cash on hand,	220 30
		\$8,718 30

with the Treasurer of the Convention.

C.R.

1841,		
May 11.	By cash for assessment from Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	\$36 00
	Ditto from St. Matthew's and St. Mary's, Orange,	60 00
	Ditto from Rev. J. Singeltary, St. Peter's Church, Washington,	60 00
	Ditto ditto Calvary Church, Tarborough,	25 00
	Ditto from Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ Church, Raleigh,	195 00
	Ditto from Trinity Chapel, Beaufort,	24 00
	Ditto from Rev. C. F. McRae, Christ Church, Newbern,	210 00
	Ditto from Missionary Station, Washington Co.,	30 00
	Ditto from Rev. Mr. Backhouse, Emmanuel Ch., Warrenton,	36 00
	Ditto ditto ditto (paym't for 1840.)	36 00
	Ditto from Rev. Lewis Taylor, St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,	30 00
	Ditto ditto St. James's, Granville,	10 00
	Ditto from Rev. T. F. Davis, Christ Church, Rowan,	30 00
	Ditto ditto St. Andrew's, Rowan,	10 00
	Ditto ditto St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	40 00
	Ditto from Rev. Mr. Cheshire, Trinity Church, Scotland Neck,	36 00
	Ditto from H. A. London, St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, (payment for 1840.)	50 00
	Ditto from Bp. Ives, St. John's in the Wilderness, (pay. 1840.)	36 00
	Ditto ditto ditto, 1841,	36 00
	Ditto from Rev. S. I. Johnston, St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	200 00
	Ditto from T. H. Wright, St. James's Church, Wilmington,	210 00
	Ditto from J. W. Wright, St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	210 00
1842,		
Jan. 10.	Ditto from Episcopal School of N. C. in full for interest due on loan to them from Episcopal Fund to 1st Jan'y. 1842,	1,485 77
11.	Ditto from Bk. C. Fear, div. on 11 shares Stock, July & Jan'y,	60 50
May 7.	Ditto from Rev. J. B. Morss, assessment from Christ Church, Elizabeth City, (payment for 1842.)	60 00
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		\$3,216 27
May 12.	By balance on hand,	<hr/>
		\$360 34

account with the Treasurer of the Convention.

C.R.

1841,		
May.	By cash and securities on hand, per statement rendered to Convention of 1841,	\$8,718 30
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		\$8,718 30

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

the Treasurer of the Convention.

CR.

1841,		
April 30	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1841,	\$590 23
May 11.	By cash from Rev. J. Singeltary, for contribution from St. Peter's Church, Washington,	98 00
	Ditto from Rev. C. F. McRae, Christ Church, Newbern,	35 00
	Ditto from Rev. S. I. Johnston, St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	100 00
	Ditto from Rev. R. S. Mason, Christ Church, Raleigh,	32 00
	Ditto from Mr. T. H. Wright, St. James's Church, Wilmington,	144 00
	Ditto from Rev. Mr. Forbes, bal. of collections as special agent,	193 16
	Ditto from Rev. Mr. Green, for contribution,	10 00
	Ditto from Miss Ann Brickell, ditto,	10 00
	Ditto from Rev. Mr. Drane, col. in St. James's Ch., Wilmington,	193 81
17	Ditto from E. J. Hale, publishing Missionary Sermon, not used,	6 00
Dec. 29.	Ditto from Rev. Mr. Drane, con. fm. St. James's Ch, Wilmington,	75 00
1842,		
Jan. 1.	Ditto from Rev. R. S. Mason, Christ Church, Raleigh,	45 00
10.	Ditto from Mr. Parker, Calvary Church, Tarborough,	15 00
22.	Ditto from Rev. J. B. Morss, Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	30 19
	Ditto from Rev. M. A. Curtis, St. Matthew's Ch. Hillsborough,	33 00
	Ditto from ditto, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange,	2 00
25.	Ditto from J. W. Wright, St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	88 82
	Ditto from Rev. S. I. Johnston, St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	75 00
	Ditto from Rev. J. Singeltary, St. Peter's Church, Washington,	50 00
Feb. 25.	Ditto from Rev. W. Thurston, St. Bartholomew's Ch. Pittsboro,'	13 00
Mar. 20.	Ditto from Rev. R. S. Mason, Christ Church, Raleigh,	100 00
		<u>\$1,939 21</u>
May 12.	By balance from Old Account,	\$573 01

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

CR.

1841,		
May 19.	By contributions by hands of Bishop Ives, viz:	
	From Josiah Collins,	\$25 00
	From J. C. Ehringhaus,	20 00
	From W. B. Shepard,	10 00
	From James Bonner,	3 00
	From sundry persons at Hertford,	7 00
	Contribution fm. St. Paul's Ch., Edenton, by Rev. S. I. Johnston,	40 00
	Ditto from St. Peter's Ch., Washington, by Rev. J. Singeltary,	40 00
Sept. 26.	Ditto from St. John's in the Wilderness, by Bishop Ives,	20 00
Dec. 29.	Ditto from St. James's Ch., Wilmington, by Rev. R. B. Drane,	45 00
1842,		
Jan. 10.	Ditto from Calvary Church, Tarborough, by T. Parker,	5 00
22	Ditto from St. Matthew's Ch., Hillsboro', by Rev. M. A. Curtis,	15 00
25.	Ditto from St. John's Ch., Fayetteville, by Rev. J. B. Buxton,	45 00
	Ditto from St. Paul's Church, Edenton, by Rev. S. I. Johnston,	5 00
Feb. 26.	Ditto from St. Thomas's, Windsor, by Rev. J. B. Cheshire,	5 00
	Ditto from Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, by ditto,	7 00
	Ditto from Halifax, by ditto,	1 00
		<u>\$293 00</u>
May 12.	By balance on hand.	\$28 00

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

Standing Committee for 1842-3.

The Rev. WILLIAM M. GREEN, Chapel Hill.
 The Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON,
 The Rev. RICHARD S. MASON, D. D.
 CHARLES MANLY.
 SAMUEL F. PATTERSON.

Missionary Committee.

Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, Secretary and Agent, Fayetteville.
 Rev. RICHARD S. MASON, D. D.
 JOHN W. WRIGHT.
 EDWARD LEE WINSLOW.
 CHARLES T. HAIGH.

Committee for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

Rt. Rev. Bishop IVES.
 Rev. RICHARD S. MASON, D. D.
 Dr. JOHN BECKWITH.

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERICAL.

Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON,
 Rev. RICHARD S. MASON, D. D.,
 Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON,
 Rev. T. S. W. MOTT.

LAY.

GEORGE E. SPRUILL,
 JOSIAH COLLINS,
 EDWARD LEE WINSLOW,
 RICHARD HINES.

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

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in St. Paul's Church, Edenton, on the first Wednesday in May, 1843.

ERRATA.

In the List of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, the name of the Rev. Wm. Thurston, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, was accidentally omitted.

On page 17, at the end of the 25th line, the sentence should be terminated by the addition of the words "the Gospel."

Page 19, 5th line from the bottom, the word "Swamp" should be omitted.

Page 21, 14th line, "life-given," should be "life-giving."

" " 19th line, the *period* at the word "do." should be changed to a *comma*.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina.

ARTICLE I.

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

ARTICLE II.

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

ARTICLE III.

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

ARTICLE IV.

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

ARTICLE V.

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

ARTICLE VI.

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

ARTICLE VII.

A Standing Committee, of not less than three nor more than seven persons, shall be annually chosen by ballot. They shall have power to admit Candidates for the Ministry, and when there is not a Bishop, they shall examine and pass on the testimonials of foreign Clergymen. They may call special meetings of the Convention; and shall transact all other business as they are empowered to do by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. They shall also have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by death, removal, or otherwise, during the recess of the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

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

ARTICLE IX.

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

ARTICLE X.

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

titled to votes be present, and two-thirds of all the Congregations entitled to votes be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

ARTICLE XI.

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

CANONS

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina.



CANON I.—PASSED APRIL 1817.

Of Presentments.

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

CANON II.—PASSED APRIL 1817.

Of the trial of a Clergyman.

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, shall examine fully, the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate their decision to the

Bishop—and, also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final.

CANON III.—PASSED APRIL 1817.

Of the sentence to be pronounced on a Clergyman found guilty of misbehaviour.

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

CANON IV.—PASSED APRIL 1819.

Respecting the call of a Special Convention.

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

CANON V.—PASSED APRIL 1819.

Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his Ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, with the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite is performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the Communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the parish. Which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI.—PASSED APRIL 1819.

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of each Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over,

the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII.—PASSED MAY 1842. IN THE ROOM OF THE ONE PASSED MAY 1821.

Of the forming of a Congregation.

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

We, the undersigned, being assembled for the purpose of forming ourselves into a Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, do certify that we have consented to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; that we have assumed the name of ———, [here should follow the name,] and have elected the following persons Vestrymen, to-wit: [names of Vestrymen.] In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———.

• CANON VIII.—PASSED MAY 1824.

Respecting Annual Contributions.

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

CANON IX.—PASSED MAY 1824.

Respecting the Bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.

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

CANON X.—PASSED APRIL 1825.

To appoint a Treasurer, and to prescribe his duties.

A Treasurer of the Convention shall be appointed annually. He shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall

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

CANON XI.—PASSED MAY 1827.

Authorising the Treasurer to invest the money belonging to Convention.

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

CANON XII.—PASSED MAY 1830.

Pointing out the additional duties of the Secretary.

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

CANON XIII.—PASSED MAY 1830.

On the election of a Bishop.

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

CANON XIV.—PASSED MAY 1841.

Relating to the Standing Committee.

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

