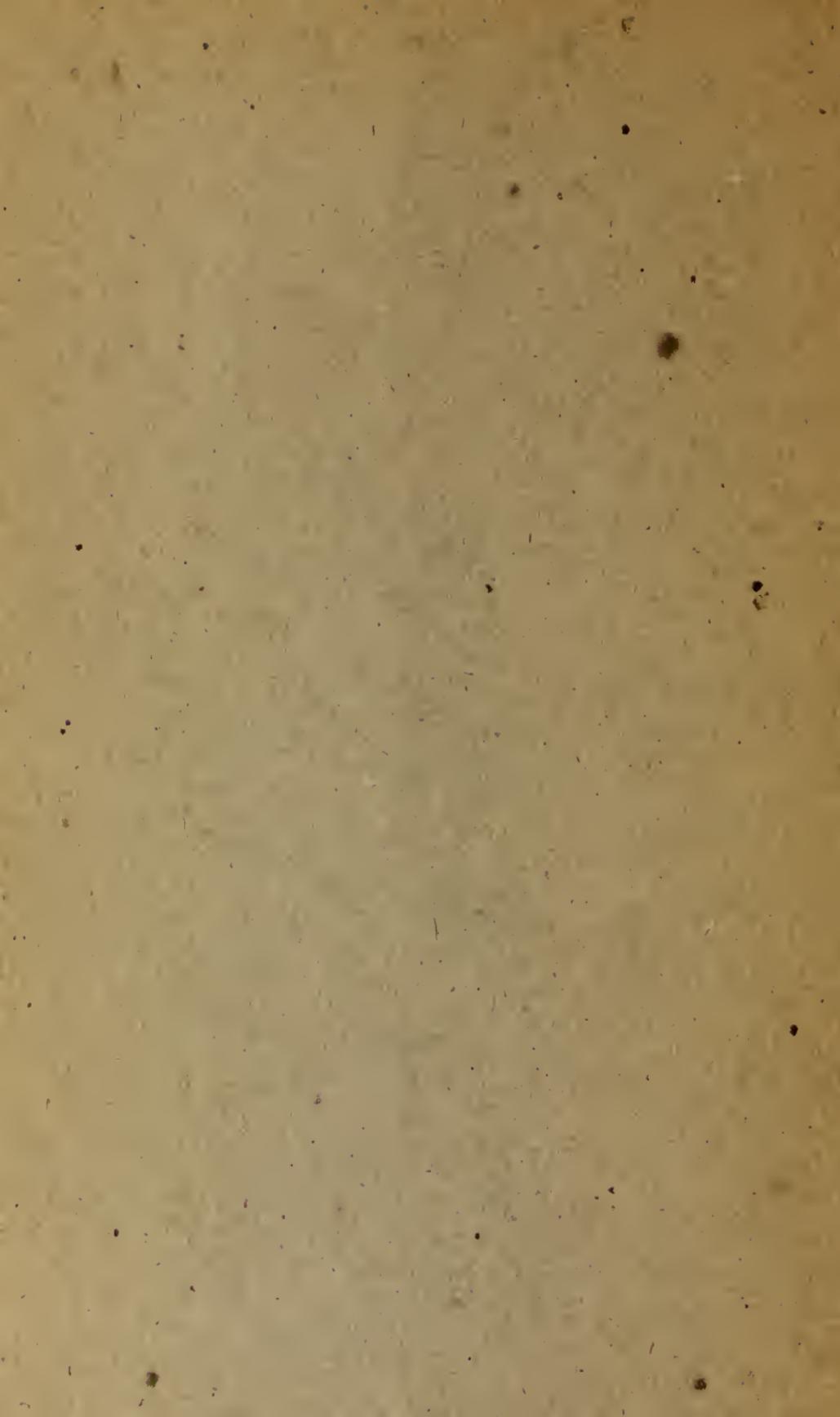


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OF THE
SOCIETY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOR THE
Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Made at the Anniversary of the Society, January 6, 1813.

WITH THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY

AND
A LIST OF ITS MEMBERS.

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IN compliance with that article of the Constitution, which directs, that, "at every anniversary, the Board of Trustees shall lay before the Society a report of their proceedings during the preceding year, shall exhibit a full and accurate view of the state of the funds and other property, and inform the members of any matters relative to the objects of the Society which may be interesting to them;" the Board of Trustees submit to the Society their first Report.

When it is recollected, that little more than eight months have elapsed since the organization of the Society was first contemplated, and that in the establishment of all similar institutions, difficulties are to be encountered, the means of removing or overcoming which experience alone can suggest, the most sanguine promoter of the objects proposed could scarcely expect, that more had yet been accomplished than in some degree to prepare the way for exertion during the ensuing year.

It is therefore with great pleasure that the Trustees feel themselves authorized to state, that much which it was at first supposed could not be undertaken, until the institution had arrived at some degree of maturity, has already been performed, and to congratulate the Society

upon the pleasing prospects of success in the laudable design for which they were associated, which the short period already elapsed has opened to them.

Among the various objects which were presented to the consideration of the Trustees, none appeared to them more important than that of endeavouring "to afford assistance to such churches in the state, whose members were not sufficiently numerous or wealthy to support established ministers, by sending missionaries for their spiritual comfort and assistance." To this, therefore, their attention was early directed. The first steps towards effecting it, appeared to be, to render the existence and views of the Society generally known throughout the state; to obtain correct information relative to the situation of the Episcopal congregations in it; the opportunities afforded to their members of attending divine worship, and to ascertain in what places the labours of a missionary would be most useful. For this purpose letters were addressed by the Corresponding Secretary to members of the church, residing in the different parishes in the state, soliciting the desired information, and enclosing copies of the Constitution of the Society. From several of them answers were received, expressing great satisfaction in the establishment of such an institution, a conviction that the labours of its members would be eminently useful in turning many to righteousness, and promising to co-operate in promoting their views. The information obtained, however, was far from being as ample as was desired. The knowledge of the writers was confined to the particular districts in which they resided, and the number of communications was not sufficient to enable the Trustees to form an opinion as to the situation of the church in any

considerable portion of the state. Those communications however were fully sufficient to convince them that the harvest was indeed ready, and that labourers only were wanting. It was therefore determined, as the state of the funds authorized the measure, to endeavour to obtain the services of a clergyman of suitable talents and acquirements to visit those churches in the state, in which there were no settled ministers. A committee was accordingly appointed for that purpose, and immediately procured the ready and cheerful consent of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Pilmore and the Rev. Jackson Kemper to give their services in this first attempt of the Society to advance the interests and to diffuse the blessings of christianity. No selection could have been more judicious. The character of these gentlemen, and their situation as officers of the Society, justified the belief, that they would be enabled to extend a knowledge of its views, to produce and confirm a sympathy of feeling highly requisite to insure success, and to obtain that information which was so essentially necessary to direct its future operations. The mission of the Rev. Dr. Pilmore, from his engagements in the city of Philadelphia, was necessarily confined to the counties adjacent to it, and was very limited in its duration. In consequence of the arrangements made by the Trustees (with the approbation of the Rector and Vestry) to supply the place of the Rev. Mr. Kemper in the united churches of the city, he was enabled to be absent during a period of three months, and to visit the most remote districts of the state. Ardently desirous of promoting the views of the Society, and to effect the object of his mission, every exertion has been made by him for those purposes. The result of his labours will best appear

from the report made by him upon his return, which will be laid before the Society.*

Another object proposed by the Constitution of the Society, that of providing means for the education of young men willing to devote themselves to the christian ministry, has also received from the Board of Trustees that consideration which its importance merited. They were sensible however that while the importance of the subject claimed their early attention, it also required the most mature deliberation. Although deeply impressed with the conviction, that no part of the design of the institution would have a greater influence upon the prosperity of the church, than that "of taking by the hand youths of genius and piety who need the fostering aid of benevolence, and are meet to be trained up for the ministry," they were duly sensible that while they were considering what was desirable, it was necessary to keep in view the resources of the Society; in order that the measures which they might adopt should be practicable. It was deemed expedient, therefore, until the funds were increased, and they were thereby enabled to afford more efficient aid to the candidates for the sacred office, that a committee should be appointed, whose duty it should be to take under their particular charge and care, all books of which the Society may become possessed, either by loan, gift or purchase, (those excepted which shall be procured for the purpose of distribution) and to grant the use of them under suitable regulations to candidates for the ministry of the church. That they should report from time to time to

* It has been deemed proper to publish some extracts from Mr. Kemper's report for the information of those members who were not present at the general meeting of the Society. See Appendix.

the Board the titles of such books as in their opinion may be necessary, with those in the possession of the Society, to form a complete library for the study of theology, that order may be taken for the procuring of the same; and that they should inform themselves of the situation and circumstances of such youths of genius and piety "as are desirous of preparing themselves as candidates for the ministry, but need the fostering aid of the society for that purpose," and communicate the same to the Trustees, that suitable aid might be extended to them. Sensible, however, that the diffidence which accompanies genuine worth, might induce an unwillingness to apply for assistance in any pursuit, however meritorious, the committee were directed not to disclose the name of any candidate in whose behalf application should be made, unless with his approbation. These measures appeared to be all which the Board, during the infancy of the institution, could with prudence adopt. They undoubtedly required the lapse of a considerable period of time, before in consequence of them, any very efficient aid would be afforded to the candidates in their theological studies; but it was hoped that they would at least serve as the basis of a system which, as the funds of the Society increased, would afford to those students who could not otherwise procure them, a ready access to those works, the study of which is deemed necessary by the House of Bishops to qualify a candidate for orders, and to render him a more useful advocate of the gospel of the Redeemer. Subsequent occurrences induce the Trustees to hope that the only objection to the plan proposed, that of the delay which would attend its completion, will be in a great degree removed. Information having been communicated to

them, that a very valuable collection of theological books, many of them exceedingly rare and difficult to be procured, is owned by the vestry of the united churches of the city of Philadelphia, and by them deposited in St. James's church, a committee was appointed to make a respectful application to that body for the use of those books under such regulations as might be deemed necessary to preserve them from loss or injury. There is every reason to believe that at the first meeting of the vestry the permission solicited will be granted by them. That collection, with the addition of some more modern works, which it is hoped will be presented to the Society, or may be purchased from their funds, will form a library not merely sufficient for the education of students in theology, but copious enough to indulge to the fullest extent a laudable zeal and curiosity in their studies.

By the sixth article of the constitution, the Trustees are directed to submit their proceedings to the inspection of the state Convention, in order to afford an opportunity for their opinions and remarks. That duty was accordingly performed at the annual meeting of the convention in May last, and it affords the Trustees the most sincere satisfaction to state that the objects and views of the Society received the unqualified approbation of that highly respectable body; and that as a proof of their desire to co-operate in promoting them, they resigned to the Society their right to a sum formerly collected for the support of missionaries, in consequence of which two hundred and eighty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents have been received by the Treasurer. The following is an extract from their proceedings, transmitted by them to the Board of Trustees.

“ Extracts from the minutes of the twenty-eighth convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania.

“ A letter was received from the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, enclosing copies of their address and constitution.

“ The letter and the constitution of the Society having been read, on motion it was unanimously resolved, That this Convention have received with much pleasure, information of the establishment of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania; that they give their unqualified approbation to so laudable an institution; and promise to co-operate with them in promoting their grand and benevolent designs.

“ It having been stated that the sum of two hundred and seventy dollars, or thereabouts, formerly collected for a plan to be thereafter instituted for the support of missionaries is now in the hands of a gentleman who is ready to pay it as this Board shall direct,

“ Resolved, that this Convention do hereby resign their right to the said sum, and request that it may be paid to the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society, and for the use of said Society.”

The funds of the institution, upon the extent of which its usefulness materially depends, claimed and received the early attention of the Board of Trustees. It is evident that whatever may be the wishes or zeal of the officers of the Society, without the liberal contributions of its members, nothing effective can be done. It is a matter of gratification therefore, that the funds of the institution have been quite as great as at its commence-

ment could have been expected. It appears from the Treasurer's Report, that the amount received since the twenty-seventh day of April last, when the Society was organized, is two thousand seven hundred and eight dollars two cents. Of this sum nine hundred and fifty dollars arise from life subscriptions, one thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars from annual subscriptions, one hundred and forty-eight dollars fifty cents from donations, forty-seven dollars fourteen cents from the contributions of distant churches received by the Rev. Mr. Kemper during his mission, and two hundred and eighty-seven dollars thirty-eight cents have been received in consequence of the resolution of the convention of the state, as mentioned in a previous part of this Report. Of these receipts one thousand five hundred and ninety dollars have been permanently invested in five shares of the stock of the Philadelphia and Lancaster turnpike; one hundred dollars in the purchase of prayer books; six hundred and twenty-nine dollars two cents have been disbursed in the various expenses of the Society; and three hundred and eighty-nine dollars remain unexpended in the hands of the Treasurer. The sum actually expended by the Society in their mission has been very small, as the services of Mr. Kemper were proffered without any other remuneration than his actual disbursements. The expenses of the Society in future years must naturally be much greater than during the past, as their operations will be more extensive, and will include a salary to the missionaries. The information of which they are now possessed respecting the state of the church in the different parts of the commonwealth will enable them to direct their efforts with the greatest effect, and to a great extent. Whether the an-

nual receipts will hereafter be adequate to the demands, cannot now be said: but while the liberality of the whole christian world is exerting itself in carrying the light of the gospel to distant regions, and diffusing it among heathen nations, it is not to be feared that it will be suffered to become extinct in any part of our own land, and among a people upon whom the name of Christ has been already named. Nor while all other classes of christians are strenuously active in extending their respective denominations, is it to be apprehended that Episcopalians alone will intermit their exertions to build up their own church, and establish their own people, in their most holy faith.

Desirous of effecting, as far as the state of the funds would admit, all the objects of the association, the Trustees have purchased at an average price of less than fifty cents a copy, a number of copies of the book of Common Prayer—of which some have been already distributed. Arrangements have been made for the distribution of the remainder, and of such religious tracts, and other works of approved reputation, as may tend to the advancement of christianity. Sensible of the importance of this part of the plan of the Society, the direction of it has been entrusted to a committee, whose attention will be devoted to its accomplishment.

In pursuance of the direction of the last article of the Constitution, application has been made by the Trustees, in the mode prescribed by law, for a charter of incorporation. The committee to whom that duty was assigned have reported, that a charter will be obtained during the present term of the supreme court, and the usual rights and privileges of incorporated bodies be thereby secured to the Society.

While the Trustees derive the most sincere satisfaction from being enabled to submit so favourable a statement of the progress of the important work committed to their charge, and while they cherish the hope that, aided by that Being without whose assistance all human exertions are vain, their successors will establish upon the foundation already laid, a system which will tend to enlarge the bounds of the Redeemer's kingdom upon earth, they cannot close their Report without suggesting, that the fulfilment of that hope must, under God, materially depend upon the continued exertions and persevering zeal of the present members of the Society. Although the institution has considerably advanced in strength, it is still in its infancy. Upon the character which shall be established, and the exertions which shall be made during the ensuing year, its future success may depend. The Trustees however deem it unnecessary to suggest to the members, motives for perseverance in the work they have commenced. They are convinced, that to those whose sole object in associating themselves was to promote the spiritual welfare of their fellow beings, it will be sufficient to state that only perseverance is required to complete their design. They feel assured that to advance the interests of an institution of which the only limit to its usefulness is the limit of its means, the exertions of its members will not be wanting. And if one fellow mortal is, in consequence of those exertions led from the shades of spiritual darkness to the cheering sunshine of gospel light,—if they receive the blessing of but one who was ready to perish, they will be amply rewarded.

January 6th, 1813.

WILLIAM WHITE, *President.*

APPENDIX.

PREVIOUS to Mr. Kemper's leaving the city, the Bishop favoured him with the following letter of introduction.

“ The Society for the advancement of christianity in this state, having agreed with the Rev. Jackson Kemper to visit certain churches within the same, now destitute of pastors, I hereby declare my approbation of his mission to the said churches: it being also understood, as well by the Society as by myself, that he is to extend his ministry to neighbourhoods, in which there may be no churches; and yet resident Episcopalians to whom his ministry may be useful.

“ I certify to the churches and to the vicinities which he may visit, that he is a clergyman in deacon's orders, and of approved faith and morals: confiding that they will receive him with affection and respect, and afford him all the aid which shall be in their power, to carry the religious design of his visits to them into effect.

“ And it is my request to the parochial clergy through whose cures he may travel, and to whom he may communicate the object of his mission, that they will furnish him with whatever information may be serviceable to him in the important mission on which he has entered; and especially in regard to any unsupplied places in their respective neighbourhoods, in which his preaching may be the mean, under God, of raising congregations.

WILLIAM WHITE,

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.”

He likewise received from the Bishop a letter of instructions, which was his guide in all the communications he had with the different congregations he visited, and to which, as required, he has returned a Report.

“ Philadelphia, August 8, 1812.

“ Rev. and Dear Sir,

“ I enclose a list of our vacant congregations. These are to be considered as primarily the objects of the missionary labours on which you are entering: not however to the exclusion of other places, in which your preaching may be the mean of raising congregations. Besides, whatever further information I may receive from you on your return, as the result of your own observations and reflections, I shall be especially desirous of being informed on the following heads:

“ 1st, At what places and at what times you shall have preached, and have performed divine service during your mission.

“ 2d, How many adults and how many infants you shall have baptised, and at what places.

“ 3d, How many persons there are in each church or neighbourhood visited, who are communicants, or are desirous of becoming such in case of opportunity.

“ 4th, In regard to each place, whether, in case of a visit by me for the administering of the rite of confirmation, there be the prospect of such a visit's being preceded by the visits of any nearer clergyman, for the purpose of preparation.

“ 5th, What may be supposed in the power of any church, towards the raising of a support for a settled minister among them.

“ On the above subjects, I shall expect a report from you on your return; and am, in the mean time, with

my wishes and prayers for the success of your ministry in this department, and for your health and safety,

Your's affectionately,

WILLIAM WHITE."

Mr. Kemper found many Episcopalians scattered throughout the state. In some places there are remaining merely the fragments of congregations which were once numerous and flourishing. There is every reason however to believe, that these could soon be revived, and that the apparent apathy which now prevails would give place to a lively zeal for the interests of religion, if a few pious clergymen could be induced to settle among them in the capacity of missionaries from the Society. Surely it becomes, may we not say, the absolute duty of those whom the Almighty has blessed in their temporal concerns, and who have an opportunity of enjoying all the privileges of christianity, to do good, especially unto those who are of the household of faith, by enabling them to possess equal advantages with themselves.

The following extracts are from the conclusion of Mr. Kemper's report.

" I have all along considered my mission merely as a journey of discovery, during which I was to endeavour to obtain as accurate a knowledge as possible of the real situation of our church. To have examined fully into this subject would have occupied six months instead of three; but I trust I have brought home sufficient information to encourage the Society in its laudable endeavours, and to sanction the utmost exertions that can possibly be made in this best of causes."

" I have no doubt but that at this time six, or even eight missionaries might be constantly and most use-

fully employed among those who are professedly Episcopalians. The expenses of these missionaries would not be so great as might at first view be imagined, for many of them would be nearly, if not entirely, supported by the people among whom they officiated.”

“ From Pittsburg I went to Brownsville in Fayette county. At this place and its neighbourhood there are a number of Episcopalians. I officiated here twice on Sunday the 13th, in the Methodist meeting. In the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Ayers assisted me by reading prayers. In the vicinity of this place there are five Episcopal churches; not one of which is situated more than twelve miles from it. It is a long while since these buildings have been opened for the performance of our service, and since those endeavours have been used which are necessary to preserve them from dilapidation.”

“ There are seven churches near Philadelphia, which in all probability, during the whole of this winter, will be destitute of clergymen.”

“ Let not the Society feel disposed to withhold their aid, or to limit the utmost exertions that are in their power, because they are not pressed and solicited by the vacant congregations to afford them relief. Upon such a principle, christianity never would have been propagated. As we are able, so we should be willing, and rejoice at the opportunity, to seek the almost lost sheep of that fold to which we have the happiness to belong. They will receive our missionaries in the first place with politeness, and soon with joy.

“ I cannot but think that the establishment of our church in the whole western part of the United States will depend in a great measure upon this Society. *The advancement must be gradually from the east.* Let the

church be but fairly established at the conflux of the Monongahela and Alleghany, and in that neighbourhood, and there is no fear but that many of its professing members who are scattered through Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, will yet be firmly settled in the faith of their fathers.”

“ The languishing state of the churches which I visited have deeply interested me; perhaps more particularly so, as I feel confident that the Society is able, with the blessing of the Almighty, to revive and nourish them.”



The Honourable William Tilghman and James Milnor and William Meredith, Esquires, are a committee appointed to receive applications from those who are desirous of assistance in the prosecution of their theological studies.

These gentlemen have likewise the care of the library, and will gratefully receive donations in books from all those friends of Episcopacy who are inclined to assist the Society in the formation of a complete theological library.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

THE name of this Society shall be "The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania." Its object is the promotion of christian knowledge, learning and piety, in this state.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of the Society shall be a president, three vice presidents, twenty trustees, a treasurer, a corresponding secretary, and a recording secretary, who, together, shall form a board, to be denominated, "The Board of Trustees;" any five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. The bishop shall, *ex officio*, be president of the society. The other officers shall be appointed by ballot at the anniversary meeting of the society, and a plurality of votes shall constitute a choice.

Clergymen of the church, resident in the city or county of Philadelphia, members of the society, and entitled to a seat in the state convention, shall be trustees of the society, in addition to the trustees to be elected as aforesaid, and with similar powers—provided they do not exceed nine in number—and when they exceed that number, it shall be confined to the nine eldest in settlement.

Vacancies in the offices of the society, shall be filled by the board of trustees, until the annual election next succeeding the happening of such vacancies.

ARTICLE III.

Every member of the society shall, during membership, pay annually in advance to the treasurer, the sum of five dollars, for the use of the society. Such persons as shall at any time pay fifty dollars, or more, shall be members of the society for life without the annual payment; such donations as the pious and benevolent may at any time make, for the promotion of the purposes of the society, shall also be received by the treasurer; and the trustees shall cause a record to be kept of the names of all such benefactors, with an account of their donations.

ARTICLE IV.

The lands or other real estate which the society may at any time acquire, shall be devoted to furthering their general objects; and shall be held, occupied, appropriated and disposed of in such manner as the by-laws and resolutions of the society may direct.

ARTICLE V.

There shall be annually a meeting of the society in Philadelphia, on the feast of the Epiphany; on which day, or on such other day, and in such church as shall be appointed by the board of trustees, a sermon, suitable to the occasion, shall be preached before them, by such clergyman as shall have been appointed for that purpose by the board of trustees; after which a collection shall be made for the increase of the funds of the society. The rectors of other churches shall be invited to have services performed, and collections made, for the benefit of the institution, on such days and in such manner as may be agreeable to the proper parochial authority; and whenever the feast of the Epiphany shall

fall on Sunday, the secular business of the society shall be performed on the day after.

ARTICLE VI.

The board of trustees shall hold stated meetings at the least four times a year, and may hold adjourned meetings when necessary.—Special meetings may be called by the president, or in case of a vacancy in the presidency, by the senior vice-president, or by a majority of the board of trustees; but when special meetings are called, the time and place of meeting, and the subjects proposed to be considered, shall be previously notified to the members; and no other subject shall be discussed or acted upon at such meeting unless there be at least twelve members present. To the board of trustees shall be committed the care of the society's funds, and the transaction of its entire business. They shall have power, according to their discretion, and as the funds will allow, to distribute copies of the Bible, the book of Common Prayer, useful religious tracts, and other works of approved reputation; to send forth, under the sanction and direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, missionaries to those places within this state, where there is ground for the expectation that their labours will be useful in spreading the truths, and promoting the practice of the holy morality of the gospel—to take by the hand youths of genius and piety, who need the fostering aid of benevolence, and are meet to be trained up for the ministry of the church, and see that they be properly educated: and in general to adopt and execute such measures, as in their best judgment they shall deem good and practicable for the accomplishment of the purposes of the society.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the board of trustees, at every anniversary, to lay before the society a report of their proceedings during the preceding year; to exhibit a full and accurate view of the state of the society's funds, and other property; and to inform them of any matters relative to the objects of the society, which may be interesting to its members. A copy of their proceedings shall be annually sent to the secretary of the council of advice, in order to give opportunity for any opinions or remarks of the bishop, or of that council, or of the state convention, to whose inspection they shall be always open.

ARTICLE VIII.

The members of the society, resident within any county or town in this state, other than Philadelphia, may form themselves into corresponding societies, to communicate with the parent society; and as a part of it, and under its direction, to aid in promoting the general object.

ARTICLE IX.

This society being intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with, or intrench upon the established authority of the church, in promoting her interests and advancement in Pennsylvania, it is hereby declared, that in whatever shall be done, that authority shall be recognized and conformed to.

ARTICLE X.

The constitution shall not be altered, unless it be at an annual meeting, with the consent of two thirds of the members then present, and in the mode prescribed by law; and the *object* of the society shall never be changed.

At a meeting of the Society, held at St. James's Church, on Wednesday, the 6th of January, 1813, the following officers were elected for the present year:

x Right Rev. William White, D. D. President.
 x Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.
 Chief Justice William Tilghman, } Vice-Presidents.
 William Meredith, Esq. }
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 Charles N. Bancker, Recording Secretary.

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| William Milnor, jun. | Condy Raguet, |
| Austin Montgomery, | Robert Ralston, |
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| Frederick Montmollin, | William Read, |
| Thomas Moore, jun. | George Reinholdt, |
| Marmaduke Moore, | Ann Ritchie, |
| John W. Morrell, | John Robbins, |
| Robert Morrell, | Samuel I. Robbins, |
| Anna Morris, | Thomas Roberts, |
| Benjamin Morris, | James Robertson, |
| Mary Muhlenberg, | Samuel Robinson. |
| William Murdock, | |
| Alexander Murray, | James Sawer, |
| James Musgrave. | William Schlatter, |
| | Henry S. Sheaff, |
| Joseph Norman, | John D. Sheaff, |
| Richard North, | John B. Simmons, |
| Stephen North. | George Simpson, |
| | H. Simpson. |
| George Oakley. | J. S. Skerrett. |
| | E. and A. Smart, |
| John B. Palmer, | The Miss Smiths, |
| John Parham, | William Smith, |
| Edward Penington, | Richard Smith, |
| Margaret Pepper, | Daniel Smith, |
| John Perot, | Frans. G. Smith, |
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Benjamin Tanner,
Mary Ann Thomas,
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Joseph M. Turner,
Edward Twells,
Sarah Twells,
Godfrey Twells.

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Rev. James Wiltbank,
Christian Wiltberger,
Thomas Wood,
Joseph Worrell.

THE SECOND REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

SOCIETY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOR THE

ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIANITY

IN PENNSYLVANIA.

MADE AT THE

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By James Maxwell.

1814.

SECOND REPORT

OF

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

THE Board of Trustees in laying before the society a report of their proceedings during the year 1813, have the satisfaction of announcing that the beneficial effects of this institution begin already to be realized, while new and extensive prospects of usefulness are daily opening before them.

It was mentioned in the last report that some copies of the book of common prayer had been obtained, and that arrangements had been made for the circulation of religious tracts. Great attention has been paid to these two important subjects. Five hundred and seventy-six prayer books, and one thousand two hundred and ninety-two tracts have already been distributed throughout the various parts of the state; and there is every reason to believe that the demand for them will continue to increase. The prayer books were purchased at various times, at public and private sale, at an average price of about fifty cents each. Some of them were bestowed upon worthy members of the church, but the greater part have been disposed of at first cost among the congregations scattered through this diocese. By adopting this plan it is calculated that farther drafts on the funds of the society, than have already been made for this purpose, will not be required for a considerable time; because the proceeds of the sales, being applied to the same object, will enable the Trustees to keep a considerable number on hand.

Messrs. Bradford and Inskeep have promoted the general interests of Christianity, while they very generously enabled the Trustees to dispose of a number of very valuable tracts. Conceiving that the present state of the funds did not authorise the publishing of whole editions, application was made to those gentlemen who

immediately promised to issue from the press one thousand copies of each of the tracts which the Trustees were desirous of having printed; three hundred of which were to be at the disposal of the society at first cost. By this means we have been enabled to distribute tracts upon the following subjects; viz. On Baptismal and Spiritual Regeneration; On St. Paul's Opinion of Jesus Christ; On The Holy Communion, and On The Observance of Good-Friday—with Directions for Public Worship, Pastoral Advice before Confirmation, and Pastoral Advice after Confirmation. In addition to these some copies of Bishop Hobart's Companion to the Prayer Book, and of Nelson on Confirmation, have likewise been distributed.

Did the labours of the Trustees end here, they would enjoy the consoling reflection that their exertions have been in a considerable degree useful. While Episcopalians cordially unite with other Christians in giving the Holy Scriptures to all those who can appreciate their inestimable value, they ought certainly to endeavour that none of their members should be unsupplied with that prayer book which contains all the doctrines and precepts of the sacred volume beautifully systematized, and which has most emphatically, and most justly been stiled the daughter of the Bible. Where is there a production in which is to be found so little of human infirmity? Where is there such fervent, such holy devotion, as is contained in its inimitable liturgy? While distributing this blessed book we stand on holy ground. We connect ourselves with the noble army of reformers, who, not in a few instances sealed with their blood its invaluable truths. If the Episcopal church exhibits the purest model of Christianity, if it has always been considered as the pillar of the Protestant faith, it is undoubtedly owing to that admirable form of sound words which is inferior only to the Bible itself. To those members of our communion who would deny the Lord that bought them, to those who would substitute mere morality for vital godliness or fanaticism for true religion, the prayer book proclaims from its illuminated pages, this is the way, walk ye in it, turn neither to the right hand nor to the left. The Trustees therefore conceive that the cause of Christianity is essentially promoted by their endeavours to place the prayer book in the hands of every Episcopalian.—The tracts were selected

with great care. They are intended to cherish those true evangelical principles of faith and holiness which are so forcibly inculcated in the Articles and Homilies of the church.

But the labours of the Trustees have not ceased here. Application was made to the rev. Jehu Curtis Clay immediately after his ordination in June last, and he readily consented to visit the destitute congregations and vicinities throughout the state. The Trustees have received from Mr. Clay a very full and satisfactory report of his labours, and are persuaded that his missionary tour has been attended with the happiest results.

The Board having received information that the rev. Mr. Taylor, Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburg, would gladly visit a number of places in the north-western part of this state where there are a few Episcopalians, if his church could in the mean time be supplied; Mr. Clay was requested, in case he found it not incompatible with the other objects of his mission, to spend three Sundays at Pittsburg. This plan was happily effected; and a short, but interesting report has likewise been received from Mr. Taylor. Both these reports will be laid before the society.*

Those members of our Religious Communion who have panted for the service of the sanctuary, and who began to despair of ever being able to bring up their children in the faith and worship of their forefathers, are now revived; they feel convinced of the benevolent views of the society; and relying upon our assistance in enabling them to obtain clergymen; it is sanguinely expected that in a short time they will collect themselves into congregations and begin to build churches. And will the society suffer the flame that has now been kindled to die away? We are confident that they will not. The prayers, the alms of the pious will not surely be withheld, when there exists a probability that this institution, blest by the great head of the church, will be the means of causing many parts of the wilderness to blossom as the rose.

Constant employment could at the present time be given to three or more missionaries. But where can they be obtained? Or, if their services could be procured will our funds authorise us to

* For the information of those members who were not present at the annual meeting of the society, extracts from these reports are subjoined, see appendix.

devote so great a portion of them as would then be required to accomplish one object, when so many important subjects claim our attention? While the dearth of clergymen convinces us of the necessity of a Theological Seminary, the paucity of our means, connected with the interesting designs we have in view, calls loudly upon every member of the society to use all his endeavours to increase our funds.

The Trustees have been rejoiced to hear that the number of candidates for the ministry have considerably increased throughout the United States during the two last years. In one instance we have afforded some trifling assistance. But as yet there exists no rallying point for students. There is no Theological professor for our church in America.—In our last report mention was made of the library in St. James's church. The permission there stated to have been solicited has been granted; and rules and regulations have been agreed upon by the vestry and Trustees concerning the use of the books. We regret however to say that no addition has yet been made to that valuable collection. It therefore will continue in a great measure useless to candidates for the ministry until those works are added which the House of Bishops require students to read previous to their examinations. The future existence of our church will greatly depend upon the attention which the present generation may give to the design our constitution expresses of "taking by the hand youths of genius and piety, who need the fostering aid of benevolence, and are meet to be trained up for the ministry." The Board are deeply anxious to interest the best affections of their fellow-members in this important object; and they earnestly hope that their successors in office will use every endeavour to render the access to the ministry of reconciliation much easier than it has ever yet been to those who with proper motives and suitable qualifications are willing to become labourers in the vineyard of Christ.

The Episcopalians of Germantown having used great exertions to obtain a regularly ordained clergyman to settle among them, your Board felt themselves justified in presenting one hundred dollars to that small but zealous congregation, upon condition that their pastor should at certain intervals visit some of the neighbouring destitute churches. This congregation was happy enough to

obtain the labours of the rev. John Ward for several months. The piety, the amiableness and the talents of Mr. Ward promised to effect all that could possibly have been anticipated by the most sanguine. Called to a more important and arduous station in his master's vineyard, he has carried with him the fervent prayers and best wishes of all who knew him. His remembrance is cherished with the fondest affection by the little flock he has left; and we trust that they will prove by their future exertions that he did not labour among them in vain.

The statement of the Treasurer and a summary of his accounts will accompany this report. Since the last anniversary, it appears that there have been added to the society five life, and twenty-six annual subscribers.

A charter has been obtained; whereby, the usual rights and privileges of incorporated bodies have been secured to the society.

Several interesting subjects have been brought before the view of the Trustees, upon which they have not as yet been enabled conclusively to act. It is therefore supposed unnecessary that any mention should be made of them in this report.

In reviewing the transactions of the past year, the Trustees feel the most lively gratitude to the author of every good and perfect gift. When they recollect the deep interest which Christians of all denominations appear at the present time to take in the concerns of the everlasting Gospel, and the exertions they are daily making in order to hasten the happy time when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea; they are confident that the Episcopalians of this state will not be backward in enabling the destitute members of their communion to participate in the same exalted privileges which they enjoy, of worshipping the Lord in the beauty of holiness, according to the form and manner of our truly apostolical church. When the objects for which we associated are considered, it appears no more than a reasonable hope that the society may establish itself in the hearts and affections, and engage the zealous assistance of all who desire the prosperity of our Zion. If we enjoy the Christian religion in its purest illumination and most perfect form; how powerfully are we required to exert ourselves in opening every dark corner at home to the light—in making known as extensively as our

sphere of duty will admit the glory of Him, in whom all the ends of the earth shall be blessed. Fully relying on the promises and the aid of the glorious Redeemer, the Trustees conclude with earnestly soliciting the members to be "steadfast, immovable—always abounding in this work of the Lord; for as much as we *know* that our labour will not be in vain in the Lord."

WILLIAM WHITE, President.

January 6th, 1814.

APPENDIX.

EXTRACTS FROM

MR. CLAY'S REPORT.

“On the eleventh of July, I preached at Somerset, Somerset county. The church, which was here building when the reverend Mr. Kemper visited the place, is not yet finished, owing to the paucity of their funds. A temporary pulpit, however, was erected during my stay there; and I officiated in the church for the first time. Whether this congregation will ever be able to support the permanent services of a minister, is very doubtful under existing circumstances. Their numerical, as well as local situation, militates against the idea; for their number is but small, and the distance of Somerset from any other place where there are even the rays of Episcopacy excludes the hope of uniting it with another church, under a common rector. Were a clergyman, however, willing to take charge of a school, in order to facilitate a competency, Somerset, in this way, could afford him a salary of between four and five hundred dollars. It seldom happens that the salaries of ministers of other denominations are, in the western parts of this state, larger than the sum just mentioned. Upon an income of five hundred dollars, a *western* clergyman can generally obtain a comfortable subsistence, and find it equivalent, probably, to one of a thousand dollars in a large and populous city.

“ I arrived at Brownsville on the twentieth of July, and took up a residence there which continued for six weeks after its commencement. The Society have in their possession documents relative to the state of the church in this place. I only need observe upon this subject that, by frequent excursions through the country adjacent to the town, the church was found to have more advocates than was by any person supposed.

“ In conformity with a requisition of my instructions, I, at a very early period, suggested to the Episcopalians of Brownsville, the practicability of erecting a church upon the lot of ground already in their possession. In this idea they immediately concurred with great alacrity, and on the twenty-seventh met to debate upon the most practicable way of proceeding in this business. The eight members present subscribed five hundred dollars, and appointed two persons to prosecute the matter further. Suffice it to say, that upon my leaving Brownsville, the sum of twelve hundred dollars had been subscribed, which was supposed, by competent judges, to be nearly adequate to the building of a church that should contain from two hundred and fifty to three hundred people. Persons who subscribed very liberally, promised to advance fifty per cent. more, if the sum in possession should be inadequate to the end of finishing the church. Materials are to be provided this fall, and the church to be commenced as soon as the weather in the ensuing spring will permit.

“ August eighth, I officiated in the court-house at Uniontown. At this place there are but few Episcopal families, and no place of worship for any denomination, excepting the methodists. The few Episcopalians with whom I conversed here, are extremely desirous of having something done in the way of obtaining a place of worship, and an officiating clergyman. Indeed, such was their enthusiasm as to declare to me the practicability of raising a salary for the support of a minister to the amount of a thousand dollars. This, however, by the united exertions of the latter place, Brownsville, and Connelsville.

“ The barrenness of report, with respect to the production of any effects by a visit to Uniontown, had almost deterred me from making the attempt. But, so agreeably disappointed have I been

in the issue, as to class this place next in the scale of importance with Brownsville, among the places in the vicinity of the latter town. I now think that, should a clergyman be procured for Brownsville, Uniontown ought to claim his attention as next in importance.

“ On Thursday evening the second of September, I preached at Connelsville, in the methodist church. In this place and neighbourhood are several respectable and wealthy Episcopal families who, in a very few years, through the exertions of a clergyman characterised by talents and piety, would be enabled, in consideration of the assistance they would receive from persons even now well-disposed towards the church, to erect themselves a building for public worship. A considerable spirit to this effect prevails among them; and a desire exists to have their place included among those where a clergyman, stationed at Brownsville, would officiate. Should this be effected, they promise to raise two hundred dollars towards his support. This, with an equal contribution at Uniontown, and one of four hundred dollars at Brownsville, would constitute a competent salary, in that country, for almost any clergyman. This calculation is sanctioned, not only by what a few persons told me with respect to the raising of a thousand dollars for the support of a minister, but by the declarations of many as to the practicability of entering into, and fulfilling a stipulation of this character, and to this amount.

“ August fifteenth, officiated at what goes by the name of *West's* church, situated in Washington county, and seven miles from Brownsville. The Episcopalians resident in this neighbourhood, appear to *feel* the want of a clergyman, and promised to repair their church in consideration of a more favourable prospect. A minister officiating at Brownsville in the morning, might very well attend here in the afternoon; and, by pursuing a similar conduct with respect to other places, would give the extent to his labours demanded by local exigencies, without too much diminishing from that frequency of worship necessary to the production of a spirit of piety and zeal.

“ Preached at Greensburgh on the nineteenth of September, to a very large but promiscuous congregation. As the Society have

before them information relative to the state of the church at this place, I only need observe that its welfare might be promoted, were a clergyman of talents and piety, living in the country, to give it his occasional attention. It is with pleasure I can add, that the attention and uniform conduct of the people at Greensburgh, during the performance of Divine worship, were exemplarily decent and laudable. The same observation may be extended to almost every place I have visited, and preached at.

“ Revisited Pittsburgh on the twentieth of September, and took charge of the church, in the absence of the Reverend Mr. Taylor. On the seventh of October the vestry were called together, when it was moved and resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to draught an address to the Bishop, and Society, in acknowledgment of the exalted idea they entertain of the utility of the Institution; and, particularly, as its operations relate to the extension of the Redeemer’s Kingdom in the western parts of this state.

“ It is unnecessary to dilate in remark upon the subject of the church at Pittsburgh, as it respects its state and condition, the official letter of the Reverend Mr. Taylor being in the hands of the Society. With respect to my own exertions there, I may be permitted to say, that large congregations were collected, and a disposition created to promote, to an extensive degree, the interests of the church. The debt with which the church had been embarrassed from the time of its erection, and which has, for several years, absorbed the greater part of that revenue which ought to have constituted a salary for the officiating minister, has lately obtained the more than ordinary attention of the vestry, and is in a fair way for liquidation. Nothing is wanting but a uniform spirit of zeal and energy to render Pittsburgh as much the advocate of the doctrines of our most Holy Religion, as she has heretofore been neglectful of them. Without such zeal it is vain to expect a reformation; and with it, *all things are possible*.

“ On the seventeenth of October I officiated in the court-house at Huntingdon, Huntingdon county. The Reverend Mr. Clarkson had left the place just before my arrival. As I understood it to be his intention to report to the Society the circumstances of his visit,

I shall decline a recital of the many interesting events that resulted from an investigation into the character and condition of the church at this place. Suffice it to say, that after an interval of twelve or thirteen years, during which an Episcopal clergyman was never recognised among them, a sudden ebullition of transport was produced by the exertions of Mr. Clarkson, and a disposition resuscitated to use every exertion that may conduce to the permanent establishment of Episcopacy in this vicinity.

“ In the conclusion of this report, it may be proper to remark, that the alacrity every where shown to cooperate with the Society in their endeavours to extend the boundaries of our Zion, must fill the breast of every person with emotions of joy, and sanctions the belief that exertions thus directed will not be fruitless, but be succeeded by a rich and abundant harvest. Let the Society only continue their exertions, and, with a view to the permanent establishment of our Religion upon the western borders of the state, direct their attention more particularly to a few places where there is the greatest auspiciousness of prospect, and, in a few years, such ramifications will take place from those establishments as shall diffuse Episcopacy to an extent not limited; probably, short of the shores of the Mississippi. By these means it has been that other Societies have triumphed over obstacles similar to those with which we have to contend; and, by an imperfect trial, their efficacy is already manifested in the improved situation of our church at Brownsville, to which the Society have given a more than ordinary attention. I have not the least doubt that a clergyman, of approved character, stationed at Brownsville, would, in a very short time, diffuse a zeal over the whole adjacent country, and warm with the rays of Episcopacy regions more remote. To this happy result, a happier, it is to be hoped, would shortly succeed, and without which the former is of no account—a result that should consist in a relinquishment of sin, and in a *practical* adherence to the doctrines of our most Holy Faith.

Extracts of a letter from the Reverend John Taylor to the Corresponding Secretary.

“Pittsburgh, December 27, 1813.

“I arrived at Pittsburgh after a tour of six weeks; during which I found that there is much need and a great call for Preachers of the Gospel, in many places of the western country, beyond the river Alleghany. The people bear the expenses cheerfully, and do their best to render the condition of a clergyman as comfortable as possible, in their little cabins. There are three places, the inhabitants of which most fervently pray for a missionary of our church to be sent among them, twice in the year; April and September would be the most convenient, on account of the roads: viz. Witherop’s mill, in Butler county; Franklin, in Venango county; and Butlertown; all in this state. Each of these have at least from twelve to twenty families.

“In the state of Ohio, Trumbull county, adjoining the Pennsylvania line, are four towns, which have the prospect of being able to support a clergyman comfortably, viz. Boardman, Campfield, Youngstown, and Poland. They are a very intelligent, orderly people, all generally emigrants from old Connecticut. They never neglect meeting on the Sabbath day, and the service is read by one of their own society. They have laid out an eight acre lot in a central situation, as a parsonage or glebe, on which they propose to build a house for the use of their minister. They have it also in contemplation to lay out a farm, about a quarter of a mile from the parsonage, for the same purpose. All this was contemplated in the original purchase, and reserved seven or eight years since. This information I received from several of the inhabitants, particularly a Mr. Joseph Platt, of Boardman township, who, in the name and at the request of the society, came to me and desired that I would have their wishes made known to the Society in Philadelphia, that they may have a minister sent to them. If a young man of learning and piety will voluntarily undertake the toil of a visit to their settlement, he will be received with the warmest cordiality, and probably find a settlement for life, both comfortable and agreeable. I was not able to reach the settlement of Cayahoga, owing to the extreme badness of the roads, and to the lameness

of my horse. I wrote therefore to Mr. Shepherd, stating my apology, with a renewal of my promise at a more convenient season.

“ Yours, most affectionately, in Christ,

“ JOHN TAYLOR.

“ *Reverend Jackson Kemper.*”

Dr. *The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the advancement*

1813.

Jan. 15.	To cash paid Richard Hill Morris, for three shares Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Stock, a 110 per cent., - - - - -	\$990	
	Brokerage, a 1-4 per cent., - - - - -	2 47	
			\$ 992 47
April 12.	To do. paid Bishop White, being so much paid by him for a friend as an annual subscriber, who became a life subscriber, - - - - -		5 00
20.	To do. paid William Montgomery for two shares Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Stock, a 112 per cent., - - - - -		672 00
24.	To do. paid C. P. Wayne and William Murdock for use of the church in Germantown, - - - - -		100 00
July 15.	To do. paid C. P. Wayne, chairman of the committee on Prayer Books, - - - - -		200 00
Nov. 13.	To do. paid the Reverend Joseph Pilmore, towards the aid of a Theological Student, - - - - -		100 00
Dec. 10.	To do. paid M'Euen, Hale & Davidson, for three shares of Frankford and Bristol Turnpike Stock, a 113 per cent., - - - - -		339 00
14.	To do. paid Reverend Jackson Kemper, for William White president's order on me, in favour of J. B. Wallace, chairman of the committee of Missions, - - - - -		300 00
	To do. paid John B. Wallace, being amount of expenses attending the obtaining a charter, - - - - -		21 00
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			\$2,729 47
PERMANENT FUND.			
10 shares Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Stock, - - - - -	} Cost \$3,593 47		
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<i>Philadelphia, 27th December, 1813.</i>			

of Christianity in Pennsylvania, in account with John Perot, Treasurer. CR.

1812.		
Dec. 26.	By balance per account rendered this day,	\$, 389 ⁰⁰
1813.		
Jan. 7.	By a collection made in Christ Church on the evening of the 6th instant, for the use of the Society,	\$522 05
	By this sum received of Paul Beck, jun. as his donation,	10 00
		<hr/> 532 05
	8. By do. handed through the Reverend Jackson Kemper, as a donation,	2 00
	12. By do. received of William Meredith and P. F. Glentworth, a committee appointed to engage a Missionary, being balance in their hands, per account dated 6th instant,	32 61
Feb. 4.	By dividend on five shares Philadelphia and Lancaster Turn- pike Stock, due 22d ult. at \$9 per share,	45 00
Aug. 31.	By do. on ten shares of ditto, due 23d ult. at \$9 per share,	90 00
Nov. 8.	By this sum received of William Meredith, one of a com- mittee, being net proceeds of a sulkey and harness, sold per account of this date,	45 00
Dec. 4.	By the following sums received from the Reverend James Wiltbank, for the use of the Society—viz.	
	A collection made in Trinity Church, Oxford,	\$16 74
	A do. in All Saints Church,	10 56
		<hr/> 27 30
	27. By the following monies received on account of the Society, per list of particulars accompanying this account—viz.	
	6 Life Subscriptions, a \$50	\$ 300
	Yearly do.	1,080
	Donations,	109
		<hr/> 1,489 00
	Total,	\$2,651 96
Balance due John Perot, treasurer,		77 51
		<hr/> \$2,729 47

SAVE ERRORS.

JOHN PEROT, Treasurer.

WE the committee appointed to examine the accounts of John Perot, Treasurer to the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, do certify, that we have examined the same, and find them correct—that they correspond with the accounts kept in the books of the Institution—that the payments are supported by their proper vouchers; and that there is a balance of seventy-seven dollars and fifty-one cents due the said John Perot from the Institution. We have also examined the bank book, and find that all monies received by him have been duly deposited in the Bank of Pennsylvania in his name as Treasurer, and drawn out only for the use of the same.

C. P. WAYNE.
THOMAS HALE.

Philadelphia, 27th December, 1813.

At a meeting of the Society, held at St. James's Church, on Thursday, the 6th of January, 1814, the following officers were elected for the present year:

Right Rev. William White, D. D. President.
 Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.
 Chief Justice William Tilghman, } Vice-Presidents.
 James Milnor,
 Thomas Hale, Treasurer.
 Rev. Jackson Kemper, Corresponding Secretary.
 Charles N. Bancker, Recording Secretary.

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Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D.	P. F. Glentworth,
Joseph Hutchins, D. D.	Levi Hollingsworth,
James Abercrombie, D. D.	William Meredith,
Joseph Turner,	James Montgomery,
Frederick Beasley,	William Murdock,
James Wiltbank,	Richard North,
Jehu C. Clay,	Edward Penington,
Paul Beck, jun.	John Perot,
Samuel F. Bradford,	John Robbins,
Ephraim Clark,	James S. Smith,
John Claxton,	John C. Stocker,
Thomas Cumpston,	John B. Wallace,
Richard Dale,	Caleb P. Wayne.
Thomas W. Francis,	

NEW LIFE SUBSCRIBERS.

Samuel Sitgreaves,	William Miller,
Hannah Lardner,	Richard Peters.
Benjamin Stiles,	

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

John Lardner,	George Tryon,
William Lardner,	Edward Killy,
Juliana Scott,	Edward Lane,

Charlotta Cox,
John Morin Scott,
James Moyes,
Mary Graham,
James Y. Humphreys,
John Brown,
John C. Montgomery,
John Read,
Eliza D. Teackle,
Isaac H. Jones,

Sarah Barry,
Mary Montgomery,
John H. Linn,
Thomas Charlton,
Mary Swift,
Samuel Brooks,
John Kempton,
-Nathan Bunker,
James Gowen,
Bird Wilson.

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THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT.

THE surest test of the usefulness of undertakings is experience. The Board of Trustees, in submitting their third annual report, are happy in being able to refer to this evidence of the usefulness of the one in which the members of this institution near three years ago engaged. Although various causes have prevented some objects originally contemplated from being, in their full extent, obtained; yet none of them have been relinquished, as either improper in their design, or incapable of ultimate accomplishment. They have given place, for a time, to others of equal or superior importance, more immediately within the limited means of the Society; whilst, at the same time, they have been kept steadily in view, under a humble hope, that at no distant day, Divine Providence, through the agency of individual exertion, will enable the Society to effect in a considerable degree all the valuable purposes of their association.

The assistance of young men of talents and piety, candidates for the ministry in our church, is one of the objects now alluded to, and confessedly of great importance. Notwithstanding the present paucity of our resources, (which, however, considering the embarrassed state of our public affairs, and its influence upon the circumstances of individuals, are as abundant as could be expected,) the Trustees would have been able to have given so interesting a direction to a part of their funds, had persons of the description intended to be benefited come under their notice. But although the experience of the past year confirms the lamented fact of a great existing disproportion between the number of labourers in the vineyard of Christ, and the harvest calling for their exertions, the Trustees have to regret that no field for material usefulness in this respect has yet been unfolded. A repetition of some assistance to a candidate noticed in a former report, is the only instance which has yet presented itself for their interference. Several other cases, however, it is believed, will ere long offer: and it is satisfactory whilst resting with pious confidence upon the goodness of the Great Head of the Church in providing for its welfare and continuance, by raising up a succession of faithful pastors, to know, that the

funds destined for such as may hereafter require pecuniary aid during the period of their preparation, are daily accumulating; and to have ground for hoping, that at a future day, when occasion occurs for their employment, they will be adequate to more extensive and efficient usefulness. The number of candidates for the ministry in some other dioceses is considerable. It is believed that a removal of some of them to this state, under the patronage of this Society, might be accomplished, with the special design, and upon the condition, of their being engaged, after receiving orders, in missionary tours of greater or less extent into those parts of the interior of this diocese where ministerial labour has already proved so eminently beneficial. It is an additional mitigation of the regret unavoidably felt at the present want of ministers in our communion, that there are in this state at present several candidates, and an increase of the number is soon expected, who promise to be ornaments to religion, and blessings to the church, whilst their circumstances render unnecessary any intrenchment on the funds just referred to, in their favour.

The exertions made by the Society, during the first and second years of its existence, in the publication of religious tracts, furnished such a supply, as to render it unnecessary in the opinion of the Trustees to add to the number during the year that has just closed. The Tract Committee, however, have been recently instructed to renew their attention to this department of duty, and several publications, under their auspices, of a character adapted to the instruction of the poorer classes of our communion, and intended for gratuitous distribution among them, will probably be issued in the course of the present year.

The success of the Trustees in the circulation of the Book of Common Prayer has exceeded their most sanguine expectations. Since the date of the last report three hundred and forty-two copies have been disposed of; and there are now demands, which will be immediately complied with, for several hundred from different parts of the state. It will no doubt be acceptable to the Society to learn, that since its institution, it has been the distributor of near one thousand prayer books. The wishes of the poor to be supplied with it, when made known, have, in every instance, been promptly gratified; and yet such has been the number paid for at the moderate price for which the arrangement of the Trustees authorise their sale, that the whole abatement of the funds of the Society, by their application to so beneficial a purpose, does not far exceed the sum of one hundred dollars.

There have been added to the Society since the date of the

last report, eleven members, of whom one is a life-subscriber, and the others annual subscribers. A few of the latter description of contributors having declined, the whole number remains about the same as at that time.

It appears from the Treasurer's accounts, an abstract of which accompanies this report, that he received during the last year the sum of \$2071 08

And that he expended in investments for the permanent fund and current charges, the sum of 1775 17

Leaving in his hands a balance of 295 91

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After defraying the various expenses of the institution, including those of the mission of the Rev. Mr. Kemper, and the prayer books and tracts gratuitously disposed of, the Trustees have been enabled to increase the permanent fund from three thousand five hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty seven cents, its amount last year, to four thousand six hundred and thirteen dollars and forty-seven cents: The whole of which is placed in Turnpike stock; a species of investment productive of certain income, and as little subject as any other to be impaired in value by the fluctuating state of public affairs, or the various other contingencies by which almost every species of property is liable to be affected.

The collection made in St. Paul's Church after a Sermon preached at the request of the Trustees by the Rev. Dr. Pilmore, one of the Vice-presidents of the Society, on the evening of the last Epiphany, contributed \$386 64 to the above stated increase of the permanent fund.

The Trustees deem it proper to mention, that as this Society, and others similar to it in design, have been so happy as to receive the approbation of both the General and State Conventions in the efforts which they have employed for the diffusion of the invaluable doctrines and pure worship of our Apostolic Church; an approbation arising, as is believed, out of the congeniality of our aim with that of those respectable and authoritative bodies, the Trustees availed themselves of the session of the State Convention in this city in the month of June last, to invite its members to a friendly conference, in which they were made acquainted with the past proceedings of the Society, and furnished with copies of the last annual report. A repetition in future of these frank and full communications will be calculated to inspire confidence in the Society, to spread the knowledge of its principles and objects, and to interest those of our friends in the country, whom God has blessed with abundance, to become

contributors to an institution, whose exertions are principally directed to the establishment, increase, and prosperity of the church in places more or less distant from the metropolis. The blessing of Almighty God upon the efforts of ministers and people in the city, have advanced the interests of the church here to a state of great and growing prosperity; proofs of which are seen in the liberal supply of pecuniary means for the maintenance of the gospel ministry; in the neatness, if not splendour of its churches; in the more general and regular attendance of its members upon public worship, and the ordinance of the Lord's supper; and in, what is of most importance, the increase of vital godliness and true piety, connected with an undeviating regard to the wholesome order and discipline of the church. But in the dispersed population of our country settlements, where the members of our communion are few in number, and deficient in resources, it cannot be expected that regular public worship to any extent can be maintained by their own unassisted efforts, until an increase of both takes place; and even where the number of Episcopalians, and their pecuniary means, afford better prospects, still a variety of considerations call for some extraordinary aid in the commencement of their endeavours.

The missionary objects of the Society have, therefore, continued principally to engage the minds of the Trustees. Had it been practicable to obtain the services of a clergyman of competent talents and character as a missionary, they would have rejoiced to gratify the wishes of our brethren in the country, by supplying them with a mission much earlier than it was at length effected. But none such offered; although the anxiety of the Trustees on this subject was made known to the members of the late General and State Conventions, and various other endeavours were used to obtain a suitable person, until the month of August last, when the Rev. Mr. Kemper, of whose voluntary offer, under similar circumstances, a former board had two years ago, with so much advantage, availed themselves, again tendered his services. The necessary conditions subjoined to this offer were, that leave of absence should be obtained for Mr. Kemper from the vestry of the churches in which he is a minister, and a person procured to supply his place. The offer was gladly accepted by the board, leave of absence for three months readily obtained, and arrangements made for filling Mr. Kemper's pulpits during his missionary tour. He sat out upon his journey on the fifteenth of August last, and from the extensive circuit which it embraced, did not return until the fourteenth of December following. Without intending the slightest disparage-

ment of former undertakings of a similar kind, the Trustees, in gratitude to Mr. Kemper and in justice to their own feelings, are bound to represent his recent mission as pre-eminently conducive to the interesting purposes which they have contemplated, and are progressively effecting. To his very clear and full report, which the Trustees are happy herewith to submit to the Society, they refer their fellow-members, for a minute detail of Mr. Kemper's very arduous labours. They cannot however omit calling their attention to a few prominent particulars.

It will be seen that all the places visited in former missions were now revisited, for the purpose of ascertaining their progress, preserving alive the flame of zeal which had been kindled by Mr. Kemper's first labours, and by those of his worthy and diligent successor, the Rev. Mr. Clay. Besides these, new scenes of usefulness have been explored.

The Connecticut Reserve, in the state of Ohio, although not strictly within the local limits of the ordinary operations of the Society, had excited interest in the minds of the Trustees, from a letter relating to their settlement and character transmitted to them by the Rev. Mr. Taylor of Pittsburgh. Their love of religion, and undeviating attachment to the church, well merited the very acceptable marks of attention which they received. It is humbly trusted that God will reward their piety and zeal, by an early supply of a Pastor to this shepherdless flock, and that the labours of our missionary, with the divine blessing, will be made conducive to so desirable an end.

The brightening prospects of the church in Fayette county are also a subject of just felicitation. The completion of the church now erecting in Brownsville, it is trusted, will be a prelude to other enterprises of a similar nature in its vicinity and elsewhere. Since Mr. Kemper's return, the Trustees have received a letter from the vestry of that church earnestly desiring their aid in procuring for them a minister, and every endeavour will be used to comply with their wishes.

The prospect of useful employment for future missionaries, and the ultimate establishment of Episcopal congregations in several other counties, such as Adams, Westmoreland, Huntingdon, Venango, Northampton, Luzerne, and Bradford, together with the new spirit infused into many existing, but languishing congregations, resulting in a great measure from the attention already paid them by the Society, constitute an ample reward of past labours, and an earnest of what may be expected from their further continuance.

The last named county had especially attracted the regard of the Trustees, from the circumstance of a formal and affecting

application to our Right Reverend Bishop, expressing an anxious desire to be visited by a missionary. The Trustees rejoice sincerely at the good effects likely to result from their having been able, through the instrumentality of Mr. Kemper, to gratify the wishes of these well disposed people, which the new board, it is hoped, will not fail to forward by renewed attention to a scene of operation so promising to their views.

The Trustees would find great pleasure in dwelling on other circumstances of interest in Mr. Kemper's report; but it would extend their's to an improper length. Let it suffice to observe, that the administration of the holy ordinance of baptism to one hundred and twenty-five persons, the presentation of the emblems of the Redeemer's sacrifice to many pious members of our communion who had despaired of ever enjoying the blessed privilege of their reception, the dispensation of the word in places, where from a minister of our communion it was never before heard, the actual formation of several new congregations, the well grounded expectation of that of several others, the creation of a demand for the prayer book, extending perhaps for the present year to one thousand copies, the individual benefit probably received by many precious souls from the public preaching and private counsels of the faithful ministers of God who have become the agents of the Society in effecting the holy and beneficent designs of their association; and, added to these benefits, the assurance which, in a combined view, they present of the greater success and advantage to be derived from future attempts, are conclusive grounds of encouragement to the Society in the good work in which they are engaged.

The Trustees confidently trust, that a sensation so pleasing will be produced in the mind of every member by reading the report of Mr. Kemper, and that the sentiment which they do not hesitate now to advance as the result of their reflections, will not be deemed a mistaken one; that if no other object were in view than the frequent supply of missions to our destitute brethren, it would well merit all the labour and expenditure which the exertions and the funds of the Society could furnish.

But when connected and in entire harmony with this leading point, its other means of wide extended usefulness are considered, who can doubt that this institution promises, under God, to be a great and lasting instrument in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the diffusion of the principles of evangelical righteousness and truth?

Signed by order of the Society,

WM. WHITE, President.

Dr. The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the advancement of Christianity, &c. in account with Thomas Hale. Cr.

1814.		1814.	
Feb. 2. To cash paid M'Euen, Hale and Davidson, per bill and receipt of this date, for 2 shares of Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Stock, at 114 per cent,	\$ 684 00	Jan. 7. By this sum received for a collection made in St. Paul's Church on the evening of the Epiphany, when a Sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph Pilmore,	\$ 450 00
May 16. To do. paid Wm. Maxwell's bill for printing, &c. per order of W. White, President,	146	Feb. 18. By dividend on 10 shares of Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Stock, at 9 dollars per share, due 22d ult.	90 00
June 7. To do. paid Bradford and Inskip for Tracts, &c. per order of W. White, President,	151 84	June 7. By this sum received from the Female Episcopal Reading Society, as a donation,	7 57
14. To do. paid P. F. Glentworth, per order of W. White, President, (expenses on the evening of the Epiphany)	64 36	30. By this sum received from Rev. Joseph Turner, a collection made by him in St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook,	1331
18. To do. paid Rev. Jackson Kemper, for the use of a Theological student, per order of W. White, President,	160 00	Aug. 6. By dividend on 12 shares of Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Stock, at 9 dollars per share, due 20th ult.	108
22. To do. paid John Perot, late Treasurer, balance due him, per order of W. White, President, agreeably to a resolution of the Board of Trustees, of the 10th of January last,	77 51	By do. 3 Frankford Turnpike shares, at 3 dolls. 50 cents per share, due 20th May last,	10 50
Aug. 6. To do. paid M'Euen, Hale and Davidson, per bill and receipt, for one share of Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Stock, at 112 per cent,	336 00	Dec. 9. By dividend on 3 Frankford Turnpike shares, at 3 dollars per share, due 20th November,	9 00
Dec. 10. To do. paid W. White, President, order dated October 20th, 1814, in favour of the Chairman of the Committee of Missions,	320 00	Dec. 26. By the following monies received on account of the Society, viz.	
	295 91	1 Life subscription, at - - - - - \$50	
		259 Yearly do. at 5 dolls. - - - - - 1295	
		Donations, - - - - - 37 70	
	\$2,071 08		1682 70
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Philadelphia, 26th December, 1814.

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

THOMAS HALE, Treasurer.

PERMANENT FUND.

3 shares Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Stock, }
 3 do. Frankford Turnpike Stock, } Cost \$4613 47
 The certificates in name of the Society in the hands of the Treasurer.

WE the committee appointed to examine the accounts of Thomas Hale, Treasurer to the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, do certify, that we have examined the same, and find them correct—that they correspond with the accounts kept in the books of the Institution—that the payments are supported by their proper vouchers; and that there is a balance of two hundred and ninety-five dollars and ninety-one cents due the Institution from the said Thomas Hale. We have also examined the bank book, and find that all monies received by him have been duly deposited in the Bank of Pennsylvania in his name as Treasurer, and drawn out only for the use of the same.

C. P. WAYNE.
JOHN PEROT.

Philadelphia, December, 1814.

The following gentlemen have been on Missions:

Rev. Mr. Kemper, in 1812.

Mr. Clay, - 1813.

Mr. Kemper, 1814.

Several Missionaries are wanted for the present year.

COMMITTEES

Appointed by the Board of Trustees for the year 1815.

FINANCES.

Thomas Hale, John Perot, and Paul Beck, are the Committee of Finance.

MISSIONS.

Rev. James Milnor, Rev. Dr. Pilmore, Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, Dr. P. F. Glentworth and Horace Binney, are a Committee who have in charge the procuring of suitable MISSIONARIES.

PRAYER BOOKS.

C. P. Wayne, John Claxton and James S. Smith, are a Committee to purchase and attend to the distribution of *Prayer Books*.

By a resolution of the Board of Trustees, any member who has it in his power to dispose of Prayer Books, *gratis*, or at the very *low price* paid by the Society for them, can be supplied by applying to the Committee. By this means many worthy members of the Church, though poor, can be furnished. The same committee are empowered to furnish BIBLES suitable for reading desks, to Episcopal congregations who have not the means of procuring them.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

Chief Justice Tilghman, Edward Pennington and the Rev. Dr. Beazely, are a Committee to provide suitable aid for such youths of "*genius and piety*" who may desire to prepare themselves as candidates for the ministry, but need the fostering aid of benevolence for their education.

LIBRARY.

C. N. Bancker, E. Pennington, J. C. Stocker, Rev. Jackson Kemper and James Montgomery, are a Committee, who have the charge of all books belonging to the Society, and the superintendence of the Library, which contains many valuable works. Any member of the Committee will receive donations of books suitable to be placed in the Library.

TRACTS.

Rev. Jackson Kemper, Charles Wheeler and James Montgomery, are a Committee, to superintend the publication of suitable Tracts, &c.

CHURCH IN THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES.

Richard Dale, Richard North, William Murdock, John Robbins, and Charles Wheeler, are a Committee, to confer with Episcopalians in the *Northern Liberties* and its vicinity, to promote means for establishing and erecting an Episcopal Church in that township.

Committees to collect Subscriptions and to obtain New Subscribers.

Christ Church.—George Bringhurst, E. Pennington, William Murdock.

St. Paul's.—Dr. Glentworth, Richard North, John Claxton, J. Robbins.

St. Peter's.—James Sawyer, Horace Binney, J. C. Stocker.

St. James.—Richard Dale, John Perot.

 *The Subscribers would relieve the Committees by calling on Thomas Hale, Treasurer, No. 83, Chesnut Street, to pay their annual subscription.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

THE name of this Society shall be "The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania." Its object is the promotion of christian knowledge, learning and piety, in this state.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of the Society shall be a president, three vice-presidents, twenty trustees, a treasurer, a corresponding secretary, and a recording secretary, who, together, shall form a board, to be denominated, "The Board of Trustees;" any five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. The bishop shall, *ex officio*, be president of the society. The other officers shall be appointed by ballot at the anniversary meeting of the society, and a plurality of votes shall constitute a choice.

Clergymen of the church, resident in the city or county of Philadelphia, members of the society, and entitled to a seat in the state convention, shall be trustees of the society, in addition to the trustees to be elected as aforesaid, and with similar powers—provided they do not exceed nine in number; and when they exceed that number, it shall be confined to the nine eldest in settlement.

Vacancies in the offices of the society, shall be filled by the board of trustees, until the annual election next succeeding the happening of such vacancies.

ARTICLE III.

Every member of the society shall, during membership, pay annually in advance to the treasurer, the sum of five dollars, for the use of the society. Such persons as shall at any time pay fifty dollars, or more, shall be members of the society for life without the annual payments; such donations as the pious and benevolent may at any time make, for the promotion of the purposes of the society, shall also be received by the treasurer; and the trustees shall cause a record to be kept of the names of all such benefactors, with an account of their donations.

ARTICLE IV.

The lands or other real estate which the society may at any time acquire, shall be devoted to furthering their general objects; and shall be held, occupied, appropriated and disposed of in such manner as the by-laws and resolutions of the society may direct.

ARTICLE V.

There shall be annually a meeting of the society in Philadelphia, on the feast of the Epiphany; on which day, or on such other day, and in such church as shall be appointed by the board of trustees, a sermon, suitable to the occasion, shall be preached before them, by such clergyman as shall have been appointed for that purpose by the board of trustees; after which a collection shall be made for the increase of the funds of the society. The rectors of other churches shall be invited to have services performed, and collections made, for the benefit of the institution, on such days and in such manner as may be agreeable to the proper parochial authority; and whenever the feast

of the Epiphany shall fall on Sunday, the secular business of the society shall be performed on the day after.

ARTICLE VI.

The board of trustees shall hold stated meetings at least four times a year, and may hold adjourned meetings when necessary. Special meetings may be called by the president, or in case of a vacancy in the presidency, by the senior vice-president, or by a majority of the board of trustees; but when special meetings are called, the time and place of meeting, and the subjects proposed to be considered, shall be previously notified to the members; and no other subject shall be discussed or acted upon at such meeting unless there be at least twelve members present. To the board of trustees shall be committed the care of the society's funds, and the transaction of its entire business. They shall have power, according to their discretion, and as the funds will allow, to distribute copies of the Bible, the book of Common Prayer, useful religious tracts, and other works of approved reputation; to send forth, under the sanction and direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, missionaries to those places within this state, where there is ground for the expectation that their labours will be useful in spreading the truths, and promoting the practice of the holy morality of the gospel—to take by the hand youths of genius and piety, who need the fostering aid of benevolence, and are meet to be trained up for the ministry of the church, and see that they be properly educated: and in general to adopt and execute such measures, as in their best judgment they shall deem good, and practicable for the accomplishment of the purposes of the society.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the board of trustees, at every anniversary, to lay before the society a report of their proceedings during the preceding year; to exhibit a full and accurate view of the state of the society's funds, and other property; and to inform them of any matters relative to the objects of the society, which may be interesting to its members. A copy of their proceedings shall be annually sent to the secretary of the council of advice, in order to give opportunity for any opinions or remarks of the bishop, or of that council, or of the state convention, to whose inspection they shall be always open.

ARTICLE VIII.

The members of the society, resident within any county or town in this state, other than Philadelphia, may form themselves into corresponding societies, to communicate with the parent society; and as a part of it, and under its direction, to aid in promoting the general object.

ARTICLE IX.

This society being intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with, or intrench upon the established authority of the church, in promoting her interests and advancement in Pennsylvania, it is hereby declared, that in whatever shall be done, that authority shall be recognized and conformed to.

ARTICLE X.

The constitution shall not be altered, unless it be at an annual meeting, with the consent of two thirds of the members then present, and in the mode prescribed by law; and the *object* of the society shall never be changed.

At a meeting of the Society, held at St. James's Church, on Wednesday, the 6th of January, 1815, the following officers were elected for the present year.

Right Rev. William White, D. D. President.
 Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.
 Chief Justice William Tilghman, } Vice-Presidents.
 John Perot,
 Rev. Jackson Kemper, Corresponding Secretary.
 Charles N. Bancker, Recording Secretary.
 Thomas Hale, Treasurer.

TRUSTEES.

Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D.	Horace Binney,
Joseph Hutchins, D. D.	Paul Beck, junr.
James Abercrombie, D. D.	Jacob Hall,
Joseph Turner,	Thomas W. Francis,
Frederick Beazley, D. D.	Edward Penington,
James Wiltbank,	James S. Smith,
James Milnor,	James Montgomery,
Walter Kerr,	Charles Wheeler,
Caleb P. Wayne,	John Claxton,
John C. Stocker, junr.	Richard Dale,
P. F. Glentworth, M. D.	G. Bringhamst,
William Murdock,	John Robbins,
Richard North,	S. F. Bradford.
James Sawyer,	

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

LIFE SUBSCRIBERS.

Thomas Armat, Germantown; Richard Bailey, Germantown; Paul Beck, junr. Thomas Burke, William Challoner, Joseph Clark, William Davidson, Jane Duche, Thomas W. Francis, Edward Gray, Hannah Lardner, William Mille, Thomas M'Euen, James Milnor, John Myers, Lewis Neill, R. Peters, Benjamin Rush, M. D. James Stokes, Germantown; Samuel Sitgreaves, Easton; Benjamin Stiles, Bankson Taylor, C. Justice William Tilghman, Peter Van Pelt, John B. Wallace.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

A

Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. William Adams, Rev. John Armstrong, York, Penn.; Michael W. Ash, John Ashburner.

B

Sarah Baird, William J. Baker, Charles N. Bancker, Charles Barrington, Richard Barrington, B. S. Barton, Esther Barton, William Bethell, William I. Bell, William S. Biddle, Charles Biddle, Charles Biddle, junr. Thomas Biggs, Horace Binney, Sarah Barry, John Bioren, Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. Edward Bowlby, Samuel F. Bradford, George Bringhamst, Sarah Browne, Rev. Levi Bull, John Brown, Sarah Bunner, Edward Burd, Samuel Brooks, Nathan Bunker.

C

Charles Caldwell, Joseph Carson, Catharine Chew, Benjamin Chew, Elizabeth Chew, Mary Clapier, Charlotte Cox, Thomas Charlton, Jacob Clark, Ellis Clark, Benjamin Clark, Catharine Clark, Ephraim Clark, John Claxton, Jacob Clement, Jacob Clement, junr. Joseph Cooper, Collin Cooper, Thomas Cooper, John Coulter, Israel Coulter, Esther Cox, John R. Coxe, M. D. Jane Craig, Thomas Cumpston, William Currie.

D

Richard Dale, Hugh De Haven, Peter De Haven, junr. Hugh De Haven, junr. John Delaveau, Phebe Dickinson, Mary Donaldson, Germantown; J. M. Douglass, James H. Dundas, John Du Puy.

E

James Eccles, John Elliott, Lewis Ellmaker, Elisha N. English, Robert T. Evans, Manuel Eyre.

F

Thomas Fenton, Robert Fielding, Mary Fisher, Samuel I. Fisher, Elizabeth P. Fisher, Willing Francis, John Francis, Thomas Francis, George Harrison Francis, Charles Francis, junr.

G

James Gamble, Richard George, James Gibson, John Gibson, P. F. Glentworth, M. D. Robert E. Griffith, Francis Gurney, Mary Graham, James Gowan.

H

Thomas Hale, Jacob Hall, David Hall, Margaret Hamilton—Woodlands; Andrew Hamilton—Woodlands; James Hamilton—Woodlands; Charles W. Hare, John Harland, Jane Harland, George Harrison, Henry Harrison, Henry Hawkins, Samuel Hazlehurst, Stephen Henderson, Bernard Henry, Henry Hollingsworth, Levi Hollingsworth, I. C. Hommann, Hannah Hood, Joseph Hopkinson, Joseph Huddell, Joseph Huddell, junr. Samuel Humphreys, James Y. Humphreys, John Hunt.

I

Catharine Ingles, John Inskeep, Isaac Jones, Isaac H. Jones, Thomas Jones, Joseph Jones, Alphonso C. Ireland.

K

John Keenc, Samuel Keith, Rev. Jackson Kemper, Edward Killy, John Kempton, Walter Kerr, James King, James P. Kingston, William Kirkham, Daniel Knight, — Knight, Henry Kuhl.

L

John Lardner, William Lardner, Lower Dublin; Edward Lane, John H. Linn, Rebecca Leaming, Thomas F. Leaming, John Lohra, Peter Lohra, Sampson Levy.

M

Margaret M'Call, Judith M'Call, Margaret M'Call, George W. M'Coy, William M'Kenzie, John Markland, James Moyes, Roxborough, P. county; John Markoe, William Meredith, Ann Meredith, Alexander Miller, Juliana Miller, John Miller, junr. Richard Milne, William Milnor, junr. Austin Montgomery, James Montgomery, John C. Montgomery, Frederick Montmollin, Thomas Moore, junr. Marmaduke Moore, John W. Morrell, Robert Morrell, Benjamin Morris, Mary Montgomery, Mary Muhlenberg, William Murdock, Alexander Murray, James Musgrave.

N

Joseph Norman, Richard North, Stephen North

O

George Oakley.

P

John B. Palmer, John Parham, Edward Penington, Margaret Pepper, John Perot, James Perot, Edward Perot, William Phillips, Rebecca Phillips, Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D. Richard C. Potter, John Poulson, Charles A. Poulson, Elizabeth Powel, John H. Powel, Henry Pratt, John M. Price.

R

Condry Raguette, Robert Ralston, Sarah Ralston, William Read, George Reinholdt, John Robbins, Samuel I. Robbins, Thomas Roberts, James Robertson, John Read.

S

James Sawyer, William Schlatter, Maria C. Sheaff, John D. Sheaff, Mary Swift, George Simpson, H. Simpson, J. S. Skerrett, E. and A. Smart, Germantown; The Miss Smiths, William Smith, Richard Smith, Daniel Smith, Frans. G. Smith, Dockeray

Smith, James S. Smith, George Summers, Crooke Stevenson, John C. Stocker, Margaret Stocker, John M. Scott, Juliana Scott, Anthony Stocker, John C. Stocker, junr. John Stoddart.

T

Eliza D. Teackle, Joseph Tagert, Benjamin Tanner, Mary Ann Thomas, George Thompson, Edward Thompson, Rebecca Trenchard, Rev. Joseph Turner, George Tryon, Edward Twells, Sarah Twells, Godfrey Twells.

V

John Vallance, Thomas Vizer.

W

J. G. Wachsmuth, Francis Wade, Joshua M. Wallace, junr. David Ware, Caleb P. Wayne, John Wharton, Charles Wheeler, John Wheeler, Samuel Wheeler, Rt. Rev. William White, D. D. Thos. H. White, Jacob C. Wikoff, James Williams, Thomas M. Willing, Thomas Willing, Eliza Willing, George Willing, Robert B. Willing, Rev. James Wiltbank, Christian Wiltberger, Joseph Worrell, Bird Wilson, Norristown.

NEW LIFE SUBSCRIBER.

Mary Binney.

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

Wm. G. Elder, Somerset, Pa.; John Webster, Somerset, Pa.; George Hogg, junr. Brownsville, Pa.; Jas. Carson, Wm. Kyle, Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Norristown, Pa.; Charles Perry, Joseph P. Grant, Miss Lyman.

NOTICE.

In all devises and bequests to the Society, the proper style and name of the corporation must be used, which is, "*The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.*"

FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIANITY

IN

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ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Board of Trustees in laying before the Society their Fourth Annual Report, hope they will not be considered as having lost sight of any of the objects entrusted to their care: but while they congratulate themselves on having in some degree effected the general designs of the institution, they have to regret that from causes not within their control, they have been disappointed in some of their hopes and expectations.

One of the leading objects of the board has been to procure suitable persons to act as Missionaries; who under the direction of the society might be sent to supply the vacant churches in this diocese; and also to visit those little societies of Episcopalians in various parts of the state, who are anxious to have the Word and Ordinances administered under that authority which they are accustomed to acknowledge. Accordingly, at an early period in the last year the attention of the trustees was directed to this interesting subject. A committee was appointed to devise a plan by which the society might be constantly supplied with one or more Missionaries. The report of this committee having embraced extensive views not within the present means of the society, its general subject was left for future consideration. In the mean time it was proposed that the corresponding secretary should be instructed to write to several clergymen of our church, residing in other places, and make known to them the wants of the society, requesting their attention to this subject. This was accordingly done; and at first, hopes were entertained that one or more persons would have been procured during the last season. When it was ascertained, however, that no Missionary could be obtained, the committee having the superintendence of this department, were instructed to write to the different missionary stations, accounting for the disappointment, and urging them to persevere in their attachment to our Holy Apostolic Church.

In order, however, that to a certain extent those vacant congregations scattered throughout the state, might be occasionally visited; and to aid and assist in carrying into effect a resolution of the last state convention, providing for the occasional supply of the churches in the neighbourhood of Philadelphia; and moreover to extend as much as possible the means of usefulness of

this society, it was thought expedient for the board, to offer to defray the expenses of such missionaries as should with the sanction of the bishop visit any of the vacant churches, provided a report of such visit be laid before them.

As yet, there have been no reports of services rendered under the foregoing resolution. But it is believed, that the following places were visited during the last summer:—Chester, Lardner, Easton, Reading, and New London Cross-Roads.

In the last year five hundred and fifty-four prayer books have been distributed, principally among the country churches.

The trustees would have been able to dispose of many more, but it was thought expedient to postpone the purchase of any new books, until the stereotype edition now printing in this city by Messrs. *Maxwell* and *Fry*, should be completed. It will no doubt afford great pleasure to the members of the society, and to Episcopalians generally, to learn that this edition will soon be finished; when they will be enabled to procure this invaluable compend of divine truth and refined devotion at an unusually reduced price.

By a report of the committee of tracts dated in June last, it appeared that those purchased and published by the society heretofore, had nearly all been distributed. A few copies, however, remain of the following titles:

- 1 On Baptismal and Spiritual Regeneration.
- 154 Pastoral Advice before Confirmation.
- 165 Pastoral Advice after Confirmation.
- 1 On Good Friday.
- 15 Companions to the Common Prayer Book.
- 76 St. Paul's Opinion of Jesus Christ.
- 6 Nelson on Confirmation.
- 149 Bishop Wilson's *Sacra Privata*.

In addition to these, there have been purchased of the assignees of Messrs. Bradford and Inskip,

- 595 copies of Bishop Dehon's Sermon before the General Convention.
- 315 do. Bishop Hobart's do. do. do.
- 421 do. Dr. Croes' do. do. do.
- 1368 do. Exposition of Church Catechism, by Dr. Mann.
- 1643 do. Church Catechism, in Small Questions and Answers.
- 515 do. St. Paul's Opinion of Jesus Christ.
- 53 do. Instructions on Confirmation.

513 copies of	Directions for Public Worship.
287 do.	Discourses on Baptism.
488 do.	Pastoral Advice before Confirmation.
563 do.	Pastoral Advice after Confirmation.

7348 copies in the whole. About the same time in consideration of the small number left of many of the above tracts, and because they afforded no general assortment, to enable the trustees to answer the various demands made upon them from distant places; and above all, in consideration that the benefits of this institution may be greatly extended by devising measures and pursuing plans for the more general distribution of these "little books," they directed such a number to be printed as would render it unnecessary in all probability, to publish again in some time. There are at present in the press, and nearly completed, two thousand copies of each of the following:

- Bishop Gibson's Tract on the Lord's Supper.
- Extract from Bishop Beveridge's Sermon on the Excellence of the Liturgy.
- A Treatise on the Nature and Constitution of the Christian Church, by William Stevens.
- Arch-Bishop Syngé's Essay towards making the Knowledge of Religion Easy to the meanest capacity.
- Bishop Gibson on the Observation of the Lord's Day.
- Bishop Gibson on the Duty of Family Worship.
- Christians' Daily Devotions.
- The Careless Sinner Awakened, and the Awakened Sinner urged to an Immediate Consideration, and Cautioned against Delay.
- Extract from The Dairyman's Daughter.
- The Shepherd of Salisbury Plain.

The greatest difficulty which has occurred to the minds of the board, has been to fix upon a suitable plan by which these tracts might be generally distributed; and here they would wish to impress upon the minds of the members of the society generally, a sense of the importance of this branch of their charities. Let it not be said that the circulation of Religious Tracts can effect no valuable end. Such has not been the opinion of the wisest and best men in the Christian Church, who have seen as the result of pious exertion in various parts of the world, the blessing of God accompanying these little labours. In order to form a correct opinion on this subject, we must not consider these tracts as merely aiding in the Work of Salvation where the means of grace are all enjoyed. Although even there they may be extensively use-

ful. Their greatest benefit is felt, where the voice of a living messenger is seldom heard, and where the interference of pious remonstrance would not be endured. The excellency of this plan of instruction consists in this, that with the greatest facility they may be circulated wherever they may suit the necessities of those intended to be benefited. Not only may they be an acceptable present in the mansions of ease and comfort, and doubly welcome in the cottages of the poor, but the soldier in his camp, the sailor on the deep, the invalid in hospitals, the debtor, the captive and the criminal while confined in prisons, may all become the subjects of divine grace, through the instrumentality of these trifling agents. And moreover in those waste places of our Zion, where the flock of Christ are straying without a shepherd, we can in this way in some degree supply their wants; while we instruct them in pure evangelical doctrine, we are also enabled to recommend an adherence to our excellent church.

While the trustees would recommend this subject to the attention of the society, they would also inform them, that by a late resolution of the board, each member will be entitled to receive gratuitously a number of tracts, which at the price of publication, shall be equal to one half of the subscription money; and it is earnestly recommended to those who can devote a portion of their time to visiting, and religious instruction, that they would avail themselves of the advantages hereby intended to be afforded them.

The clergy of the church who are members of this society are also respectively informed, that they will hereafter be entitled to receive any number of tracts free of expense, which they may want for their own distribution.

Another subject in which the board of trustees have taken no little interest, was the establishment of a new church in the Northern Liberties. At an early period in the last year, a committee was appointed to confer with the Episcopalians residing in that township, and use their influence to promote the desired object. From the zeal manifested by those gentlemen more immediately concerned, who gladly seized this opportunity to provide for themselves and their children a house of worship; in consideration that a lot of ground had been many years before, devised by William Coates, for the scite of an Episcopal Church; and in dependence upon the known liberality of the Episcopalians in this city, it was thought proper to encourage the undertaking; and accordingly the sum of two hundred dollars has been appropriated to that object. The trustees are happy to inform the society, that on the eighteenth of September last, the corner stone of the said church was laid; and before the winter weather could

injure it, the building was enclosed, and perfectly secured. Exertions have been made ever since last winter to collect the congregation who are to worship in the church when finished. In the month of March last, divine service was commenced on Sunday evenings, in the Commissioners' Hall in Third Street, and continued by the Rev. Messrs. Milnor and Kemper, alternately, until the eighteenth of June, when a clergyman was engaged to officiate stately: since which time, there has been service twice every week.

It was made known to the board, by a committee from the Episcopalians residing in Orwell Township, Bradford County, that a MEMBER of the *Society* had presented them with an hundred acres of land, to be made use of as a glebe; whereupon the thanks of the society were ordered to be presented him for his liberal donation.

After defraying all the expenses of the last year, it will be observed by the treasurer's account hereto annexed, that the fund of this society has been increased, from 4613 dollars and 47 cents to 6007 dollars 47 cents; that there have been received 2260 dollars and 26 cents, and expended 2082 dollars and 51 cents, leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of 177 dollars and 95 cents. Within the same time have been added to the society, twenty-three new members, eighteen annual, and five life subscribers. It is confidently hoped that Episcopalians generally will by this time have been convinced of the benefits which may flow from an institution combining such various views of usefulness; and when they consider that the objects of this association cannot be effected to any great extent without an increase of their means, they will come forward, and by their individual contributions, manifest a determination to give effectual aid to the only society in this state, exclusively Episcopalian. The prospects which open before us on every hand, are calculated to interest all our faculties. *As* Christians, we feel a common interest in extending the "knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ;" *as* Episcopalians we cannot be indifferent to the great interests of that church to which it is our happiness to belong, and while we witness with great pleasure, the labours of all those who are engaged in the cause of our Common Master, and wish them "God speed," we would fain trust, that by the exertions, and liberal benefactions of the members of our church generally, we will be enabled to carry into complete effect, all the objects of the institution.

Signed by order of the board,

WM. WHITE, *President.*

Dr. *The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the*

1815.

Feb. 2.	To cash paid William Fry's account for printing, per order of Bishop White, President, - - -	\$ 95 44
	To do. paid C. P. Wayne, Chairman of committee of Prayer Books, per order of Bishop White, dated 4th January, 1815, - - -	150 00
	To do. paid Dr. P. F. Glentworth, expenses on the evening of the Epiphany, per order of Bishop White, 11th January, 1815, - - -	21 45
April 17.	To do. paid M'Euen, Hale & Davidson, as per bill and receipt of this date, for 1000 dollars of United States six per cent. stock, at 90 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. -	907 50
	21. To do. paid William Fry, for printing Third Annual Report, &c. per order of Bishop White, 10th April, 1815, - - -	53 42
July 11.	To do. paid M'Euen, Hale & Davidson as per bill and receipt of this date, for 300 dollars of United States six per cent. stock, at 97 per cent. - - -	291 00
Aug. 12.	To do. paid M'Euen, Hale & Davidson, as per bill and receipt of this date, for 200 dollars of United States six per cent. stock, at 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. -	195 50
Sep. 26.	To do. paid Rev. J. Kemper, per order of Bishop White, President, 22d September, - - -	20 00
Oct. 12.	To do. paid assignees of Bradford & Inskeep, per order of Bishop White, - - -	150 00
Nov. 7.	To do. paid James Montgomery, one of the committee on Tracts, agreeably to a resolution of the board of trustees, - - -	108 00
Dec. 9.	To do. do. do. do.	90 00
Dec. 23.	To balance in the hands of the treasurer this day,	177 95

PERMANENT FUND.

13 shares of the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Stock, - - -	} Cost \$ 6007 47	\$2,260 26
3 do. Frankford Turnpike Stock, - - -		
1500 dollars of United States six per cent. Stock, - - -		
The certificates in name of the Society in the hands of the Treasurer.		

advancement of Christianity, &c. in account with Thomas Hale. CR.

1814.		
Dec. 26.	By balance as per account rendered this day,	\$ 295 91
1815.		
Feb. 2.	By this sum received on the evening of the Epiphany, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Doctor James Abercrombie,	210 75
	By this sum received by the hands of Rev. Jackson Kemper, donations from a number of churches and congregations during his last mission,	179 10
	By dividend on 13 Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Shares, at nine dollars per share, due 21st January, 1815, 117 dollars; advance on specie payment, 1 30,	118 30
June 20.	By this sum received by the hands of the Rev Jackson Kemper, from Reading, 10 dolls. St. John's Church, New London Cross-Roads, 18 dolls. and from Thomas Charleton of do. do. 2 dollars,	30 00
	By dividend on 3 Frankford Turnpike Shares, due 20th May, 3 dollars 50 cents per share,	10 50
July 11.	By one quarter's interest on 1000 dollars United States' six per cent. Stock, due 1st instant,	15 00
Aug. 8.	By this sum returned by a theological student,	200 00
Sept. 13.	By do. received from Rev. Jackson Kemper, proceeds of a horse sold,	61 50
Oct. 9.	By one quarter's interest on 1500 dollars United States' six per cent. Stock, due 1st instant,	22 50
	14. By this sum received from Rev. J. Kemper, proceeds of a horse sold,	42 00
Dec. 23.	By sundry small notes received on the evening of the Epiphany,	14 70
	By dividend on 3 Frankford Turnpike Shares, at 2 dollars per share, due 20th November, 1815,	6 00
	By the following monies received on account of the society, viz.	
	5 Life Subscriptions,	\$ 250 00
	159 Yearly do.	795 00
	Donations,	9 00
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	By balance,	\$ 177 95

ERRORS EXCEPTED,

THOMAS HALE, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia December 23, 1815.

WE the committee appointed to examine the accounts of Thomas Hale, treasurer to the Society of the Episcopal Church for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, do certify, that we have examined the same and find them correct—that they correspond with the accounts kept in the books of the Institution—that the payments were supported by their proper vouchers, and that there remains a balance of one hundred and seventy-seven dollars and ninety-five cents in his hands, in favour of the Society. We have also examined the bank book, and find, that all monies received by him, have been duly deposited in the bank of Pennsylvania, in his name, as treasurer to the Institution, and drawn out only for the use of the same.

JOHN PEROT,
C. P. WAYNE.

Philadelphia, December 26, 1815.

The following gentlemen have been on Missions:

Rev. Mr. Kemper, in 1812.

Mr. Clay, 1813.

Mr. Kemper, 1814.

Several Missionaries are wanted for the year 1816.

COMMITTEES

Appointed by the Board of Trustees for the year 1816.

FINANCES.

Thomas Hale, John Perot, and Paul Beck, are the Committee of Finance.

MISSIONS.

Rev. James Milnor, Rev. Dr. Pilmore, Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, Dr. P. F. Glentworth and Horace Binney, are a Committee who have in charge the procuring of suitable MISSIONARIES.

PRAYER BOOKS.

C. P. Wayne, John Claxton and James S. Smith, are a Committee to purchase and attend to the distribution of *Prayer Books*.

By a resolution of the Board of Trustees, any member who has it in his power to dispose of Prayer Books, *gratis*, or at the very *low price* paid by the Society for them, can be supplied by applying to the Committee. By this means many worthy members of the Church, though poor, can be furnished. The same committee are empowered to furnish BIBLES suitable for reading desks, to Episcopal congregations who have not the means of procuring them.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

Chief Justice Tilghman, Edward Pennington and the Rev. Dr. Beazely, are a Committee to provide suitable aid for such youths of "*genius and piety*" who may desire to prepare themselves as candidates for the ministry, but need the fostering hand of benevolence for their education.

LIBRARY.

C. N. Banker, E. Pennington, J. C. Stocker, Jacob Hall and James Montgomery, are a Committee, who have the charge of all books belonging to the Society, and the superintendence of the Library, which contains many valuable works. Any member of the Committee will receive donations of books suitable to be placed in the Library.

TRACTS.

Rev. George Boyd, Charles Wheeler and James Montgomery, are a Committee, to superintend the publication of suitable Tracts, &c.

CHURCH IN THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES.

Richard Dale, Richard North, William Murdock, John Robbins, and Charles Wheeler, are a Committee, to confer with Episcopalians in the *Northern Liberties* and its vicinity, relative to the Episcopal Church erecting in that township.

Committees to collect Subscriptions and to obtain New Subscribers.

Christ Church.—George Bringhurst, E. Pennington, William Murdock.

St. Paul's.—Dr. Glentworth, Richard North, John Claxton, J. Robbins.

St. Peter's.—James Sawyer, Horace Binney, J. C. Stocker.

St. James.—Richard Dale, John Perot.

☞ *The Subscribers would relieve the Committees by calling on Thomas Hale, Treasurer, No. 83, Chesnut Street, to pay their annual subscription.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

THE name of this Society shall be "The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania." Its object is the promotion of Christian knowledge, learning and piety, in this state.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of the Society shall be a president, three vice-presidents, twenty trustees, a treasurer, a corresponding secretary, and a recording secretary, who, together, shall form a board, to be denominated, "The board of Trustees;" any five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. The bishop shall, *ex officio*, be president of the society. The other officers shall be appointed by ballot at the anniversary meeting of the society, and a plurality of votes shall constitute a choice.

Clergymen of the church, resident in the city or county of Philadelphia, members of the society, and entitled to a seat in the state convention, shall be trustees of the society, in addition to the trustees to be elected as aforesaid, and with similar powers—provided they do not exceed nine in number; and when they exceed that number, it shall be confined to the nine eldest in settlement.

Vacancies in the offices of the society, shall be filled by the board of trustees, until the annual election next succeeding the happening of such vacancies.

ARTICLE III.

Every member of the society shall, during membership, pay annually in advance to the treasurer, the sum of five dollars, for the use of the society. Such persons as shall at any time pay fifty dollars, or more, shall be members of the society for life without the annual payments; such donations as the pious and benevolent may at any time make, for the promotion of the purposes of the society, shall also be received by the treasurer; and the trustees shall cause a record to be kept of the names of all such benefactors, with an account of their donations.

ARTICLE IV.

The lands or other real estate which the society may at any time acquire, shall be devoted to furthering their general objects; and shall be held, occupied, appropriated and disposed of in such manner as the by-laws and resolutions of the society may direct.

ARTICLE V.

There shall be annually a meeting of the society in Philadelphia, on the feast of the Epiphany; on which day, or on such other day, and in such church as shall be appointed by the board of trustees, a sermon, suitable to the occasion, shall be preached before them, by such clergymen as shall have been appointed for that purpose by the board of trustees; after which a collection shall be made for the increase of the funds of the society. The rectors of other churches shall be invited to have services performed, and collections made, for the benefit of the institution, on such days and in such manner as may be agreeable to the proper parochial authority; and whenever the feast of the

Epiphany shall fall on Sunday, the secular business of the society shall be performed on the day after.

ARTICLE VI.

The board of trustees shall hold stated meetings at least four times a year, and may hold adjourned meetings when necessary. Special meetings may be called by the president, or in case of a vacancy in the presidency, by the senior vice-president, or by a majority of the board of trustees; but when special meetings are called, the time and place of meeting, and the subjects proposed to be considered, shall be previously notified to the members; and no other subject shall be discussed or acted upon at such meeting unless there be at least twelve members present. To the board of trustees shall be committed the care of the society's funds, and the transaction of its entire business. They shall have power, according to their discretion, and as the funds will allow, to distribute copies of the Bible, the book of Common Prayer, useful religious tracts, and other works of approved reputation; to send forth, under the sanction and direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, missionaries to those places within this state, where there is ground for the expectation that their labours will be useful in spreading the truths, and promoting the practice of the holy morality of the gospel—to take by the hand youths of genius and piety, who need the fostering aid of benevolence, and are meet to be trained up for the ministry of the church, and see that they be properly educated: and in general to adopt and execute such measures, as in their best judgment they shall deem good and practicable for the accomplishment of the purposes of the society.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the board of trustees, at every anniversary, to lay before the society a report of the proceedings during the preceding year; to exhibit a full and accurate view of the state of the society's funds, and other property; and to inform them of any matters relative to the objects of the society, which may be interesting to its members. A copy of their proceedings shall be annually sent to the secretary of the council of advice, in order to give opportunity for any opinions or remarks of the bishop, or of that council, or of the state convention, to whose inspection they shall be always open.

ARTICLE VIII.

The members of the society, resident within any county or town in this state, other than Philadelphia, may form themselves into corresponding societies, to communicate with the parent society; and as a part of it, and under its direction, to aid in promoting the general object.

ARTICLE IX.

This society being intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with, or intrench upon the established authority of the church, in promoting her interest and advancement in Pennsylvania, it is hereby declared, that in whatever shall be done, that authority shall be recognized and conformed to.

ARTICLE X.

The constitution shall not be altered, unless it be at an annual meeting, with the consent of two-thirds of the members then present, and in the mode prescribed by law; and the *object* of the society shall never be changed.

At a meeting of the Society, held at St. James's Church, on Wednesday, the 6th of January, 1816, the following officers were elected for the present year.

Right Rev. William White, D. D. President.
 Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.
 Chief Justice William Tilghman, } Vice-Presidents.
 John Perot, }
 Rev. George Boyd, Corresponding Secretary.
 Charles N. Bancker, Recording Secretary.
 Thomas Hale, Treasurer.

TRUSTEES.

Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D.	Horace Binney,
James Abercrombie, D. D.	Paul Beck, junr.
Joseph Turner,	Jacob Hall,
Frederick Beazley, D. D.	John B. Wallace,
James Wiltbank,	Edward Pennington,
Jackson Kemper,	James S. Smith,
James Milnor,	James Montgomery,
Walter Kerr,	Charles Wheeler,
Caleb P. Wayne,	John Claxton,
John C. Stocker, junr.	Richard Dale,
P. F. Glentworth, M. D.	G. Bringhurst,
William Murdock,	John Robbins,
Richard North,	W. Meredith.
James Sawyer,	

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

LIFE SUBSCRIBERS.

Thomas Armat, Germantown; Richard Bailey, Germantown; Paul Beck, junr. Thomas Burke, William Challoner, Joseph Clark, William Davidson, Jane Duche, Thomas W. Francis, Edward Gray, Hannah Lardner, William Mille, Thomas M'Euen, James Milnor, John Myers, Lewis Neill, R. Peters, Benjamin Rush, M. D. James Stokes, Germantown; Samuel Sitgreaves, Easton; Benjamin Stiles, Bankson Taylor, C. Justice William Tilghman, Peter Van Pelt, John B. Wallace, Mary Binney.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

A

Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. William Adams, Rev. John Armstrong, York, Penn.; Michael W. Ash, John Ashburner.

B

Sarah Baird, William J. Baker, Charles N. Bancker, Charles Barrington, Richard Barrington, B. S. Barton, Esther Barton, William Bethell, William I. Bell, William S. Biddle, Charles Biddle, Charles Biddle, junr. Thomas Biggs, Horace Binney, Sarah Barry, John Bioren, Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. Edward Bowlby, Samuel F. Bradford, George Bringhurst, Sarah Browne, Edward Burd, Nathan Bunker.

C

Charles Caldwell, Joseph Carson, Catharine Chew, Benjamin Chew, Elizabeth Chew, Mary Clapier, Charlotte Cox, Thomas Charlton, Jacob Clark, Ellis Clark, Benjamin Clark, Catharine Clark, Ephraim Clark, John Claxton, Jacob Clement, Jacob Clement, junr. Joseph Cooper, Collin Cooper, Thomas Cooper, John Coulter, Israel Coulter, Esther Cox, John R. Cox, M. D. Thomas Cumpston, William Currie, Jas. Carson, Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Norristown, Pa.

D

Richard Dale, Hugh De Haven, Hugh De Haven, junr, Phebe Dickinson, Mary Donaldson, Germantown; J. M. Douglass, James H. Dundas, John Du Puy.

E

James Eccles, John Elliott, Lewis Ellmaker, Elisha N. English, Robert T. Evans, Manuel Eyre, William G. Elder, Somerset, Pa.

F

Thomas Fenton, Robert Fielding, Mary Fisher, Elizabeth P. Fisher, Willing Francis, John Francis, Thomas Francis, George Harrison Francis, Charles Francis, junr.

G

James Gamble, Richard George, James Gibson, P. F. Glentworth, M. D., Robert E. Griffith, Mary Graham, James Gowan, Joseph P. Grant.

H

Thomas Hale, Jacob Hall, David Hall, Margaret Hamilton—Woodlands; Andrew Hamilton—Woodlands; James Hamilton—Woodlands; Charles W. Hare, John Harland, Jane Harland, George Harrison, Henry Harrison, Henry Hawkins, Samuel Hazlehurst, Stephen Henderson, Bernard Henry, Henry Hollingsworth, Levi Hollingsworth, I. C. Hommann, Hannah Hood, Joseph Hopkinson, Joseph Huddell, Joseph Huddell, junr. Samuel Humphreys, James Y. Humphreys, John Hunt, George Hogg, junr. Brownsville, Pa.

I

Catharine Ingles, John Inskeep, Isaac Jones, Isaac H. Jones, Thomas Jones, Joseph Jones, Alphonso C. Ireland.

K

John Keene, Samuel Keith, Rev. Jackson Kemper, Edward Killy, John Kempton, Walter Kerr, James King, James P. Kingston, William Kirkham, Daniel Knight, Henry Kuhl, William Kyle.

L

John Lardner, William Lardner, Lower Dublin; Edward Lane, John H. Linn, Rebecca Leaming, Thomas F. Leaming, John Lohra, Peter Lohra, Sampson Levy, Miss Lyman.

M

Margaret M'Call, Judith M'Call, Margaret M'Call, George W. M'Coy, William M'Kenzie, John Markland, James Moyes, Roxborough, P. county; John Markoe, William Meredith, Ann Meredith, Alexander Miller, Juliana Miller, John Miller, junr. Richard Milne, William Milnor, junr. Austin Montgomery, James Montgomery, Frederick Montmollin, Thomas Moore, junr. Marmaduke Moore, John W. Morrell, Robert Morrell, Benjamin Morris, Mary Montgomery, Mary Muhlenberg, William Murdock, Alexander Murray, James Musgrave.

N

Joseph Norman, Richard North, Stephen North.

P

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R

Condy Raguets, Robert Ralston, Sarah Ralston, William Read, George Reinholdt, John Robbins, Samuel J. Robbins, Thomas Roberts, James Robertson, John Read.

S

James Sawer, William Schlatter, Maria C. Sheaff, John D. Sheaff, Mary Swift, George Simpson, H. Simpson, J. S. Skerrett, The Miss Smarts, Germantown; The Miss Smiths, William Smith, Richard Smith, Daniel Smith, Frans. G. Smith, Dockeray Smith, James S. Smith, George Summers, Crooke Stevenson, John C. Stocker, Marga-

ret Stocker, John M. Scott, Juliana Scott, Anthony Stocker, John' C. Stocker, junr. John Stoddart.

T

Eliza D. Teackle, Joseph Tagert, Benjamin Tanner, Mary Ann Thomas, George Thompson, Edward Thompson, Rebecca Trenchard, Rev. Joseph Turner, George Tryon, Edward Twells, Sarah Twells, Godfrey Twells.

V

John Vallance, Thomas Vizer.

W

J. G. Wachsmuth, Francis Wade, Joshua M. Wallace, junr. David Ware, Caleb P. Wayne, John Wharton, Charles Wheeler, Samuel Wheeler, Rt. Rev. William White, D. D. Thos. H. White, Jacob C. Wikoff, James Williams, Thomas M. Willing, Thomas Willing, Eliza Willing, George Willing, Robert B Willing, Rev. James Wiltbank, Christian Wiltberger, Joseph Worrell, Bird Wilson, Norristown; John Webster, Somerset, Pa.

NEW LIFE SUBSCRIBERS.

Sarah Brinton, Sarah Carmac, Mary R. Hutchins, James Peirson, John C. Montgomery.

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

Richard Ashhurst, John H. Brinton, Turner Carmac, Edward S. Burd, F. Stillwagon, Charles Richards, Sarah Keen, Esther Waters, William Shepherd, Ann Poyntell, Eliza Astor, Ann Lyman, Robert Caldcleugh, John Sims, George Wood, Mrs. Frederick Kohne, Sarah Mickle Cox, Samuel Patten.

NOTICE.

In all devises and bequests to the Society, the proper style and name of the corporation must be used, which is, "*The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.*"

☞ Subscribers to the Society, or members of the church desirous of having this report, or any of the preceding ones, can be furnished on application to the Publishing Committee, who are, C. P. Wayne and Charles Wheeler, or by applying to any of the trustees.



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