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LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri.

The Rt. Rev. C. S. HAWKS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, residing in St. Louis.

" Rev. JOSEPH ADDERLY, Rector of Grace Church, Jefferson City.

" " FRANCIS J. CLERC, Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis.

" " WILLIAM B. CORBYN, President of St. Paul's College, Palmyra.

" " GEORGE P. COMINGS, Professor of Mathematics in St. Paul's College, Palmyra.

" " JOHN W. DUNN, Missionary, and Rector of St. Mary's Church, Fayette.

" " D. GORDON ESTES, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.

" " ST. MICHAEL FACKLER, Missionary in Oregon City, in the Territory of Oregon.

" " JOHN F. FISH, Chaplain U. S. A. Jefferson Barracks, and Missionary to parts adjacent.

" " JOHN A. HARRISON, Rector of Christ Church, Lexington.

" " F. W. HATCH.

" " E. CARTER HUTCHINSON, D. D.

" " W. NORMAN IRISH, Missionary to Christ Church, St. Joseph, and St. John's Church, Weston.

" " WILLIAM A. LEACH.

" " ROBERT E. TERRY, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Boonville.

" " WILLIAM H. WOODWARD, Rector of Grace Church, North St. Louis.

LIST OF LAY-DELEGATES

APPOINTED TO ATTEND THE

Diocesan Convention of Missouri, May, 1854.

From Christ Church, St. Louis—
Hon. L. M. Kennett, Messrs. E. M. Ryland, G. Erskine, D. Hough.

From St. Paul's Church, St. Louis—
Hon. Hugh A. Garland, Messrs. Judson Allen, Henry Pilcher, jr., D. A. January.

From Christ Church, Boonville—
Messrs. Henry A. Massie, James Thomson, A. H. Thompson, Charles F. Aehle.

From St. Paul's Church, Palmyra—
Mr. Alfred Warner.

From Trinity Church, St. Charles—
Mr. John Orrick.

From St. John's Church, St. Louis—
Messrs. H. I. Bodley, Geo. H. Gill, C. G. Mauro, Esq., James Hutton.

From Grace Church, St. Louis—
Messrs. John King, Joseph W. Branch, James Archer, John Shearer.

From St. George's Church, St. Louis—
Messrs. I. P. Thompson, R. J. Lockwood, E. A. Corbet, J. A. Kasson, Esq.

From Trinity Church, Hannibal—
Mr. Francis A. Colhoun, John McDowell, M. D.

From Christ Church, Lexington—
Messrs. R. N. Smith, L. A. McLean, Henry W. Hough, J. Perrie, M. D.

From St. Mary's Church, Fayette—
Mr. Benjamin Smith, John A. Talbot, M. D., J. D. Smith, M. D., A. Leonard, Esq.

From St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow—
Messrs. T. J. Bartholow, C. H. Green, L. D. Dameron.

From St. John's Church, Weston—
Mr. J. M. Fackler.

From Christ Church, St. Joseph—
Messrs. Jas. Cargill, Fred. D. Lewin, W. I. Taylor.

LIST OF PARISHES

In the Diocese of Missouri.

Christ Church,	St. Louis.
St. Paul's Church,	"
Christ Church,	Boonville.
St. Paul's Church,	Palmyra.
Trinity Church,	St. Charles.
Grace Church,	Jefferson City.
St. John's Church,	St. Louis.
Grace Church,	"
St. George's Church,	"
Trinity Church,	Hannibal.
Christ Church,	Lexington.
St. Mary's Church,	Fayette.
St. Stephen's Church,	Glasgow.
St. John's Church,	Weston.
Christ Church,	St. Joseph.
St. Ann's Church,	Brunswick.
Prairieville Parish,	Pike County.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE

Of the Election of Lay-Delegates to a Diocesan Convention.

To be signed by the Rector of the Parish of which they are representatives, or by one of the Wardens, or by the Secretary of the Vestry. (Canon II., Sec. 3.)

Every Parish in union with this Convention is entitled to one or more Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or Congregation. (Constitution, Art. 4.)

I do hereby Certify, *That at a meeting of the Vestry (or Parish) of ——— Church, in ———, held on the —— day of ———, A. D.* 18—, *Messrs. ——————— were duly elected Lay-Delegates to represent said Church in the Convention of the Diocese of Missouri, to be held at ——— on the ——— day of ——— next; and that they are entitled to vote for Wardens and Vestrymen in said Church.*

Signed this —— day of ———, A. D. 18—.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Baptisms—Infants .....
Adults .....
Confirmations .....
Communicants—Number last reported .....
Added by removal .....
" anew .....
Lost by removal .....
" death .....
Present number .....
Marriages .....
Burials .....
Sunday School Teachers .....
Scholars .....
Contributions for Parochial purposes .....
Extra " .....

(Signed)

CIRCULAR.

St. Louis, May 9th, 1854.

Whereas the last Diocesan Convention of Missouri fixed upon Brunswick as the place of meeting for the Convention of 1854, and whereas reliable information has reached the Bishop that sickness prevails in Brunswick at this time to such an extent that it is inexpedient to meet there; Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in him by Art. 2 of the Constitution of the Diocese, the Bishop hereby calls the Convention of 1854 to meet in St. John's Church, St. Louis.

Notice is therefore hereby given that said Convention will meet on Friday, May 26th, in St. John's Church, St. Louis, at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

FRANCIS J. CLERC,
Secretary of Convention.

Journal of the Convention.

St. Louis, May 26th, 1854.

This being the day fixed by the Constitution for the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, the Bishop and several of the clergy and lay-delegates assembled in St. John's Church, St. Louis, at 10½ o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. William D. Harlow, of the Diocese of Florida; assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. William B. Corbyn, M. A., President of St. Paul's College, Palmyra. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rt. Rev. Henry John Whitehouse, D.D., Bishop of Illinois. The Rev. D. Gordon Estes, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, preached the annual Sermon, from the text, "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." (St. Luke xxii. 32.) The Rt. Rev. C. S. Hawks, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese, then proceeded to administer the Holy Communion to the clergy and lay-communicants, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Corbyn.

Services being ended, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, who then introduced to the sittings of the house the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

The Rev. Francis J. Clerc, Secretary of the Convention, at the request of the Bishop, called the roll of the clergy of the Diocese. There were found present with the Bishop,

The Rev. Francis J. Clerc, Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis;
The Rev. William B. Corbyn, President of St. Paul's College, Palmyra;
The Rev. D. Gordon Estes, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis;

The Rev. John F. Fish, Chaplain U. S. A. Jefferson Barracks, and Missionary to parts adjacent;
The Rev. John A. Harrison;
The Rev. W. Norman Irish, Missionary to Christ Church, St. Joseph, and St. John's Church, Weston;
The Rev. Robert E. Terry, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Boonville;
The Rev. William H. Woodward, Rector of Grace Church, St. Louis.

A quorum of the clerical order entitled to seats being present, the Bishop appointed the Rev. Mr. Clerc and the Rev. Mr. Estes a Committee to receive and report on the testimonials of lay-delegates. The list of the parishes in union with the Convention was then called, and the testimonials of lay-delegates were laid upon the Secretary's table.

The Convention took a recess until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met.

The Committee on the credentials of Lay-Delegates to this Convention reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to receive and examine the testimonials of the lay-delegates respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find that the several parishes are represented as follows:

Christ Church, St. Louis—Hon. L. M. Kennett, Messrs. E. M. Ryland, G. Erskine, D. Hough.

St. Paul's Church, St. Louis—Hon. Hugh A. Garland, Messrs. Judson Allen, Henry Pilcher, jr., D. A. January.

Christ Church, Boonville—Messrs. Henry A. Massie, James Thomson, A. H. Thompson, Charles F. Aehle.

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St. John's Church, Weston—Mr. J. M. Fackler.

Christ Church, St. Joseph—Messrs. Jos. Cargill, Fred'k D. Lewin, W. I. Taylor.

In behalf of the Committee,

D. G. ESTES.

On calling the roll, the following delegations were found present:

Hon. L. M. Kennett, Mr. D. Hough—from Christ Church, St. Louis.

Hon. Hugh A. Garland, Messrs. Judson Allen, Henry Pilcher, jr.—from St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.

Mr. Henry A. Massie—from Christ Church, Boonville.

Mr. Alfred Warner—from St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.

Messrs. H. I. Bodley, Geo. H. Gill, C. G. Mauro, Esq., Jas. Hutton—from St. John's Church, St. Louis.

Messrs. John King, John Shearer—from Grace Church, St. Louis.

Messrs. I. P. Thompson, E. A. Corbet, J. A. Kasson, Esq. —from St. George's Church, St. Louis.

Mr. Francis A. Colhoun, John McDowell, M. D.—from Trinity Church, Hannibal.

Mr. Henry W. Hough—from Christ Church, Lexington.

Whereupon, there being a quorum of both orders, the Bishop declared the Convention duly organized and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, the vote by ballot in the election of a Secretary was dispensed with, and the Rev. Mr. Clerc was nominated and elected Secretary of the Convention.

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

The Bishop, in compliance with the 15th Rule of Order, announced the standing committees as follows:

Committee on the Admission of New Parishes—
Rev. W. B. Corbyn, John McDowell, M. D., Mr. H. I. Bodley.
Committee on Constitution and Canons—
Rev. F. J. Clerc, Hon. H. A. Garland, John A. Kasson, Esq.
Committee on Unfinished Business—
Rev. D. G. Estes, Col. I. P. Thompson, Mr. G. H. Gill.
Committee on Finance—
Hon. L. M. Kennett, Messrs. H. A. Massie, F. A. Colhoun.
Committee on Assessments—
Messrs. D. Hough, D. A. January, A. Warner.

The Rev. W. D. Harlow, of the Diocese of Florida, and the Rev. J. L. Darrow, of the Diocese of Illinois, present in the Convention, were invited by the Bishop, under Rule of Order 13, to take seats in this Convention.

The Bishop then proceeded to read his

Address.

My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

Convened once more, we have pledged anew, in the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper, our love to that dear Lord, to each other, and to all the faithful members of Christ's body, wherever they may be. Convened to deliberate again upon the interests of that portion of the Redeemer's kingdom committed to our trust, before proceeding to lay before you the state and condition of the Diocese, or to legislate for its benefit, you will allow me to give utterance to the feelings uppermost in my heart.

Brethren of the Clergy,—we are not all here as when last we met. Some are among us who have come as new co-workers in this field, and we gladly welcome them; some are gone, forced by the hard pressure of circumstances to other vineyards, and we sigh over their departure; and some have fallen asleep in Jesus. For these we may not sigh, but for ourselves we mourn deeply.

When the charge of this Diocese was laid upon me in 1844, I found residing quietly in the interior of Cooper county, not far from Boonville, an humble, earnest, but disabled clergyman of the Church. His health having failed some time before, under

medical advice he had purchased a small tract of land, sheltered himself in his rude log cabin, and was busy daily in the hard labors of a practical farmer. In this course his health was made better, and he was able at times to minister clerically in his neighborhood. This was done always with a glad and willing heart, and he was beloved by all who knew him as a sincere and godly man. He was scarcely known to his brethren of the clergy, having never, I think, attended but one of our Conventions. In the month of January last, disease laid its hand heavily upon him again, and he was taken to his rest. It was a comfort to me to know that one of our clergy was near him in his sickness and death, to minister to his spiritual and temporal necessities. The Rev. David Griffith was a quiet, modest and good man—one of those not much known among men, yet known above—one of those of whom we read "as unknown, yet well known."

On the morning of the 16th of February, the city of St. Louis was overwhelmed with sorrow, by one of those sudden calamities which sometimes happen upon our Western waters. On the morning of that day, as the steam packet for Alton was leaving the levée in our city, one of the boilers exploded, and numbers were swept into eternity. We wept for all—but had our special sorrow when we learned that in that storm of death a brother had fallen. Amid the ruins of the wreck, the Rev. Stephen Griffith Gassaway, late Rector of St. George's Church, St. Louis, was discovered, and carried to his home. Still breathing, but by God's mercy insensible to all pain, whether of mind or body, at half past 3 on the afternoon of that day his spirit was emancipated. In the full bloom of life and strength, and usefulness, he was thus mysteriously and awfully snatched away; and, with his bereaved flock and sorrowing friends, we bow humbly and trustfully to the dispensation of our Heavenly Father. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

The loss of two from our small struggling band should call us all to a deep and solemn sense of our responsibility. In this last bereavement especially, how distinctly are we all reminded

"that in the midst of life we are in death;" and to us, my beloved of the clergy, how distinctly does a voice seem to speak, "Work while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work"— "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord."

Soon after the close of our late Convention I commenced my visitation of the Diocese, visiting all the parishes except Prairieville Church, in Pike county. From this interesting point I have been detained this spring, greatly to my regret, by the sickness of my household. My hope is that I may reach it soon after the adjournment of Convention. In compliance with canon, I now proceed to lay before you the record of my official acts; and then, as in duty bound, will speak of other subjects of interest to the Diocese.

The rite of Confirmation has been administered in various parishes as follows:—In St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, to 2 persons; in Trinity Church, St. Charles, to 1; in Christ Church, Lexington, to 3; in Christ Church, St. Joseph, to 4; in Grace Church, Jefferson City, to 2; in Christ Church, St. Louis, to 21; in St. John's Church, St. Louis, to 22; in St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, to 9; in the chapel at Jefferson Barracks, to 1; and in Grace Church, St. Louis, to 3. I have also visited during the year the towns of Hannibal, Boonville, Fayette, Glasgow, Brunswick, Independence, and Weston, where I held frequent services, but where the rite was not administered. Owing to various unavoidable circumstances, it occurred that on my last visit up the Missouri, I fonnd but one clergyman of the Church—the Rev. Mr. Dunn, of Fayette—in his parish; and thus the confirmations were not as numerous as usual in the towns on that river. The Rev. Messrs. McNamara, Estes and Harrison were all under calls of duty temporarily absent from their homes.

There are now in the Diocese three Candidates for Holy Orders, two of them admitted since our last meeting, viz:

Mr. George K. Dunlop and Mr. Charles Purviance. Mr. Dunlop is engaged at present as teacher in a school at St. Joseph, and Mr. Purviance has been until recently employed in serving St. Ann's Church, Brunswick, as a lay-reader. He is now absent in Kentucky.

During the year I have ordained one of our late candidates to the Diaconate. On Sunday morning, July 10th (7th Sunday after Trinity), in Christ Church, St. Louis—the Rev. Messrs. Clerc and Leach, of St. Louis, being present and assisting—the Rev. Robert Emmet Terry was by me ordained to the office of a Deacon in the Church of God. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Clerc. Mr. Terry has since become the Minister of Christ Church, Boonville; and I pray that God's blessing may be with him plentifully in the exercise of his new and holy calling.

The Rev. Reginald H. Weller has been transferred to the Diocese of Mississippi, and the Rev. John McNamara to the Diocese of Illinois. In return, I have received from the Diocese of Ohio the Rev. William Norman Irish, and from the Diocese of New-York the Rev. John F. Fish. The Rev. Mr. Irish has entered upon his duties very actively as Missionary to Christ Church, St. Joseph, and St. John's Church, Weston. The Rev. Mr. Fish is the Chaplain U. S. A. at Jefferson Barracks, and Missionary of the Church in parts adjacent. These brethren were cordially welcomed by me. The former was known to me in his early boyhood, and became one of the young disciples in Trinity Parish, Buffalo, where I was then Rector, and where his mother and sisters were then devout worshippers. From his earnest and active zeal and energy, I anticipate good results. The latter was known to me well as a tried co-worker in the Diocese of Western New-York, when it was my privilege and comfort to be simply a Presbyter of the Church.

The changes among the clergy have been as follows:—The Rev. John McNamara has left St. Joseph and Weston, and the Rev. W. N. Irish has entered upon his field of duty.

The Rev. Joseph Adderly has resigned the charge of Trinity Church, Hannibal, and become the Rector of Grace Church, Jefferson City. The Rev. William A. Leach has resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, and the Rev. John A. Harrison that of Christ Church, Lexington. The Rev. D. G. Estes has resigned the Rectorship of Christ Church, Boonville, and St. Ann's Church, Brunswick, and become the Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis. The Rev. R. E. Terry has become the Minister of Christ Church, Boonville.

On the 28th day of August last, the new edifice of St. John's Church, St. Louis, was by me duly consecrated and set apart for the service of Almighty God, to be used according to the doctrine, discipline and ritual of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, forever. It was a sorrow to me, as I know it was to him and his flock, that the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Clerc, was on that day held from this joyous and solemn service by sickness. The Rev. William B. Corbyn, President of St. Paul's College,—the Rev. William A. Leach, Rector of St. Paul's, St. Louis, and the Rev. R. E. Terry (Deacon), were with me and assisted upon that occasion. The edifice could not hold all the multitude that assembled to witness that sacred ceremony, and my heart was cheered by the exhibition of the deep interest manifested by all the people in the completion and consecration of that new temple of God.—I have long felt the need of church extension in St. Louis, and my hope was and is that the multitude were learning to feel the need also. The new church is rapidly filling under the zeal and activity of its excellent Rector; and I am comforted in knowing that in this large and growing city, with this new church and its able Rector, we are vastly stronger than we were when last we met.

It gives me comfort to inform you that our Orphan House in St. Louis has been completed during the past year, and that the Matron is now residing there with the young and tender inmates of the institution. The house is well situated, large and com-

modious, and this touching charity is well fastened in the heart of our community. The Orphan's Home, under the judicious management of the Board of Ladies having it in charge, is in a flourishing condition. The last report of the institution, made on Easter Monday last, is laid by me upon the Secretary's table, giving you full and detailed statements as to the condition of this noble charity.

I know I am anticipating the time when it can be done (but it is well to put into your hearts good desires), when I say that ere long, to manage this institution with thorough success, we should have another Home like it. We should have our *Male* and *Female* Orphan House, and thus be enabled to do more work, and do it more properly and efficiently. I speak thus of our institution, because it in fact claims the attention and love of the whole Diocese. It is no local house, helping only the poor in St. Louis, for it has now in its sheltering arms some of its little inmates from towns in the interior. It belongs then to us all, and we should all give to it our active love and our prayers.

When we last met, I informed the Convention that our Church School in Marion county was in a good condition, and that I had obtained for it from the Legislature a very liberal charter, under the name of St. Paul's College. The Board has since organized and accepted the charter. The Board consists of the following members: Rt. Rev. C. S. Hawks, Rev. W. B. Corbyn, Rev. F. J. Clerc, Messrs. D. Hough, J. P. Doan, Alfred Warner and Moses McClintic. Under the organization, a President and Professors have been appointed, and a large number of students are in attendance.

I hope that what I now say may draw the attention of the Diocese specially to this institution, for I do not think that thus far its claims have been duly considered. We must all admit that we need a Church institution for the purpose of imparting useful knowledge, and training our sons in the great catholic truths of the Church. This school, which was born more than

five years since under this known necessity, and which now by charter claims collegiate privileges, has progressed under whatever disadvantages, until I think we may fairly claim that it has secured for itself the highest confidence. It has more than surpassed the expectations of myself, its projector, and those who, co-operating with me, have been instructors in it from its beginning. I think you will find, in the whole history of Church schools, no other school that has accomplished so much for itself, while receiving so little pecuniary aid from sources outside of itself. It has literally, with very little assistance, except from those who have been in charge of it, built itself up to its present position. From the beginning, too, those who have had charge of the instruction have labored without any fixed salary, receiving only for themselves that which supplied their daily wants. Let it be remembered, too, that it is from institutions at home that we are to expect the supplies of young men to fill the ranks of our ministry; and that the cry for the work of the ministry is loud and continuous throughout the whole West, and that we cannot find men from abroad to answer this cry; and I think we have the strongest of all cases before us, if we love the Church, to call us to active exertion. Has not St. Paul's College, Palmyra, its fair claims? What more can we ask to call us to this work? 1st, It is needed among us. 2d, It has won public confidence, notwithstanding its struggles. 3d, Its officers are working without any fixed remuneration of any kind except food and clothing. 4th, It is from that source that we must look for our young clergy. 5th, It has been erecting its own buildings and sustaining itself, while we have almost done nothing. In fact, while we as a people were scarcely conscious of a struggle, here was a Church school which, under its faithful and self-denying friends, has actually battled itself into a manly existence. It has won the claim, and I hope we will remember it. I do not know what more its friends can do than has been done, to win from you, your part of duty in this Church enterprise. The College should have an endowment, and the College should

have its buildings completed. Our sons have now to be turned from its doors, for the want of room for the work. Beloved, must these things be so still? It is idle for me, or any Bishop, to project work broadly and boldly, and to find willing and noble men among the clergy to join with full heart in that work, if the laity are idle. Give us endowments for our Institution, or at least give us the buildings to work in. For the first we will wait, hoping that, in God's good time, men, living and dying, will remember St. Paul's College: for the last we may not wait, for the call is pressing and immediate. I only wish that every churchman in Missouri could stand on our grounds in Marion and see what has been done—that he could see for himself the working of that institution. This would be a call to duty which he could hardly resist fairly.

The situation of St. Paul's College is fine, and I would not willingly remove it from its present locality. In making our effort for buildings, Marion county will, I presume, act gladly and liberally; otherwise I do not see but we may be forced to remove to some point where buildings will be erected for us. This was what the State of Missouri did with her University when she obtained her buildings in Columbia. She gave the University to that county, furnishing the largest subscription. This is a privilege of which we may avail ourselves in an emergency, for we took our present site as a gift, with the understanding, that if the school was removed, we should refund the property or the amount of the purchase. That purchase money is a small sum to restore, for the sake of suitable and proper buildings; but I do not like even to think of such a necessity, for the College is beautifully located.

It is my painful duty to lay before you, the following records of discipline during the past year, due notice of which has been given to me:—The Rev. W. F. Walker has been deposed by the Provisional Bishop of New-York; the Rev. Thomas A. Quinan and the Rev. Francis A. Baker have been deposed by the Bishop of Maryland.

In October last I attended the General Convention of the Church in the city of New-York, and was glad to find there both a clerical and lay delegation from Missouri. This was as it always should be; for the action of the General Council of the Church is so important, that no Diocese should willingly be unrepresented. After a session of nearly three weeks of great harmony of action, that Convention adjourned. We were made sad by the necessity of one act of discipline, of which you have been already duly apprised. The Rt. Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, late Bishop of North Carolina, was then and there, in the presence of both Houses of the Convention, deposed from the office of a Bishop in the Church of God.

But we were made glad when, in the place of this shame, we saw the Rev. Thomas Atkinson, D. D., consecrated to the vacant Episcopate of North Carolina, and the Rev. Thomas F. Davis, D. D., consecrated to the Episcopate of South Carolina. In that Convention, too, our hearts were enlarged, and with dutiful zeal and godly resolution our brethren in the far West were remembered, as we elected Missionary Bishops for California and Oregon. Since the adjournment of the Convention, the Rev. William Ingraham Kip, D. D., has been consecrated Missionary Bishop to California, and the Rev. Thomas F. Scott Missionary Bishop to Oregon.

Another official act, which I had almost forgotten to mention, was the recent notice of the Secretary, under my direction, which calls us at this time to this city. The last Convention had, as you know, fixed upon Brunswick as the place of meeting for this year. Learning both by the public prints and from private sources, that epidemic disease was prevailing in that town, and fearing that some might be deterred from visiting that point, and that possibly no quorum might be there for the transaction of business; by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article II. of our Constitution, I changed the place of meeting to this church where we are now assembled. I am happy to learn that all disease has since abated in Brunswick.

A pastoral addressed by me to the Diocese, under date of March 3d, has informed you that I have resigned the Rectorship of Christ Church, St. Louis, and that I am now free from all parochial duty. In 1844 I took charge of the Diocese, and became also the Rector of Christ Church, St. Louis; and until the 1st day of February last, when my resignation of the parish took effect, have had double duty laid upon me. For a period of nearly ten years, in a new Diocese where the Bishop as the chief missionary of the Church was needed at all points, I have been kept in St. Louis fastened in a Rectorship. This was necessary, as the Diocese had made no provision for the support of the Episcopate. A provision, however, is now made for five years, giving the Diocese that length of time, in which they may make permanent provision for myself or any future Bishop. From the beginning of my Episcopate, I have felt that the Bishop should be free from all parochial charge, and I rejoice that at length he is so. Indeed I would hardly consent again to undertake the service of any Episcopate, if I was at the same time fastened to a parish cure. The pastoral in your possession, with the appended documents, will show you the precise position of your Bishop and your positive duty.* The subject of the permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate, will claim your prompt consideration. For the sake of the Diocese I have left the parish that sustained me, and thrown myself into the position of chief missionary among you. Frankly and freely it has been done. I hope to discharge, by God's help, my duty towards you, and I will not believe that Missouri will fail to discharge her duty towards the Episcopate.

We have reached then, by this act of mine, a new era in the history of the Church in Missouri. For the first time she has a Bishop, set apart for his special work, free to meet all his duties. From the position of the Diocesan much is expected, and I pray that much may be accomplished. His undivided and faithful attention to his whole flock, must under God, extend largely the

* See Pastoral in the Appendix.

growth of the Church among us, and I pray that the good LORD may be with me, guiding and controling me in every good work. But to insure success and extension under this new order of things, it is necessary that all of us should remember our obligations. What then are some of these obligations?

To my brethren of the clergy I need hardly say more, than that their duty is to be met, by continuing faithful in the work of the ministry. I say *continuing faithful;* for they are already, so far as I know, earnest men, working faithfully for the souls of men. To call them to a greater work of self-sacrifice would be idle, when sacrifices are all on their part, and are already so many. There is not a working man among them, who is not now struggling under the heat and burden of the day. There is not at this moment one clergyman in Missouri, who is properly sustained.

To my brethren of the laity I may speak, for a large and good work is before them. Our Diocese is chiefly missionary ground, and we must enter upon its culture. We must send the Gospel into all parts of the Diocese; like their Divine Master, Christian men must carry the glad tidings of salvation to perishing souls. It was not the way of our Lord, or His disciples, to wait till the good word was called for: they carried and sent it to men. So with us, the supply must precede the demand. In worldly matters it is otherwise; there the demand precedes the supply. But if we wait until the demand reaches us, we shall never reach certain points in Missouri; or if we wait, when the demand is made, until certain points are able to sustain their own clergy, we shall never press onward with the work. We must, then, remember that Missouri is a great missionary field—62,000 square miles, with its towns and villages and rural population scattered over it. We must send the Gospel into places where it has not yet gone. Consider the immense area of the field before us all—your Bishop, the clergy, and yourselves. "Missouri is larger than all New England—more than half as large as all Italy, with her twenty-two millions—and larger,

by the entire size of Massachusetts, than the joint territory of the four distinguished nations, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland." This is the region committed to our trust, and I pray that God may help us all to see and do our duty.

Then, too, in the towns and villages where we are at work, the laity must bear their part more earnestly and thoroughly. Is the Gospel sustained among you, according to your ability? In the interior parishes, for years there have been changes and removals of the clergy, in almost all cases arising from the want of an adequate support. For this there might have been formerly some apology; but surely there is none such now, in the general prosperity and thrift of the times. Boonville, Lexington, St. Joseph, Weston, and Hannibal, should each sustain its pastor comfortably; and until the laity learn to act more truly and dutifully, to give with some fairer measure of what they owe to their Lord, it is idle to suppose that a Bishop can accomplish much for you. Your parishes will continue from time to time to be vacant, and yourselves wandering sheep without a shepherd. What can a Bishop do towards supplying you with clergy, when not even food and raiment, that which you supply to your daily servants, is not always afforded to the clergyman. These are sober and sad truths, but it is right that you should think of them. When we know our duty, we have reached one step towards its performance; and I must speak in behalf of brethren who may not speak for themselves.

There is another point to be brought before the laity, in reference to the support of the ministry. In parishes where we may imagine we have met our duty, perhaps it is not so. Have you marked the increased expenditures of the times? Have you not as individuals discovered that the income sustaining you five years since, will not sustain you now? In fact, are not, in all branches of trade and commerce, wages and salaries increased, simply because men must live? All this is well known and seen in every day life, but not in the life and service of the clergy of Missouri. Seldom is there any increase of salary to the minis-

ter, while increased expenditure is annually laid upon him. Is it surprising that he is disheartened, discouraged, and at last abandons the field? There are clerks, ordinary young men, in the city of St. Louis, for whom I have obtained position, with better means of living than some of our clergy in this city.—How can we expect the Church to make progress until our hearts are enlarged! "Now for the recompense of the reward be ye enlarged." If we are Christians in deed, then let us give gladly our prayers and our means to the Church of Christ, and then we may hope "that the comfortable gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places."

To meet our duty, it is necessary that, as Christian men, we should feel the responsibility, and meet it not impulsively, but regularly and systematically. To enable us all to do this in every parish, I long since recommended the use of the weekly offertory. This is the Scripture ground: "On the first day of the week, let each one lay by in store as God hath prospered him." In some of our parishes this counsel has been heeded, and our missionary work has been largely aided thereby. I trust it will be adopted in all. But, in addition to this plan of bringing your weekly offerings to God's house, I would suggest something further.

There are certain contributions called for by canon or resolution, in this Diocese, from every parish, viz., two contributions for our own Diocesan Missionary Society, and one for the Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate. Without the Diocese, there are some objects specially demanding our attention: they come with claims upon us as part of the American Church, and then they are co-workers with us in our own field of missions,—viz., the Bible and Prayer Book Society, and the Domestic and Foreign Board of Missions. The former gives us Bibles and Prayer Books gratuitously, the latter furnishes us funds according to its ability. We have felt the bounty of both these Societies every year since we have been a Diocese, and the latter is now giving to us $750 annually. To sum up these

objects, then, there are—"The Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri," "The Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate in Missouri," "The Domestic Board of Missions," "The Foreign Board of Missions," "The Bible and Prayer Book Society." Now my suggestion is, that in every parish in Missouri we make these contributions on the fixed days as follows, or on some Sunday as near those days as may suit the parishes:

Domestic Board of Missions, - - -	Advent.
Foreign Board of Missions, - - - -	Epiphany.
Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri,	1st Sunday in Lent.
Permanent Fund for Support of the Episcopate,	Easter.
Bible and Prayer Book Society, - - -	Whitsunday.
Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri,	20th Sunday after Trinity.

Your attention has for years been called by me, to the necessity of erecting parsonages in every parish, and I had the comfort of informing you last year that we had three such buildings, viz: In the parish of Christ Church, St. Louis; in the parish of Christ Church, Boonville; and in the parish of Grace Church, St. Louis. To these I may now add one purchased recently, by Christ Church Lexington.

I have also entreated that in every parish, the life of its clergyman may be insured for the benefit of his family. This counsel has in some instances been heeded, and will I trust, be universally regarded. It is right that it should not be neglected. It will be gratifying to the Convention to know that the life of the late Mr. Gassaway was insured for $5,000; and you will be comforted, as I was, in learning that, with loyal and dutiful affection, his bereaved parish, with other members of the Church in our city, have raised, for the benefit of his stricken household, $5,000 additional.

I was anxious at this time to say something to you, in reference to the religious instruction of our slave population, but I prefer waiting, that I may speak more fully and maturely hereafter on this grave and important subject.

I have only to add, that after I was released from the Rectorship of Christ Church St. Louis, on the 1st of February last, I had hoped soon to have visited some portion of the Diocese; but the lamentable death of the Rev. Mr. Gassaway laid suddenly upon me, a duty at my own door. His bereaved flock was without a pastor, and, at the earnest request of the Vestry of St. George's Church, I have gladly and gratuitously served that parish since his decease. They will soon I trust have a settled pastor among them. That stricken flock, and my sick household, have kept me thus far in St. Louis. My hope is, that, soon after the adjournment of this body, I may visit the interior.

May the good God now guide you in all your deliberations, and so control every thought, word and action of this body, that your labors may result, in the healthy enlargement of the Church of the Redeemer in this Diocese, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the resignation of his Parish and the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, was referred to a Special Committee of three.

That portion relating to systematic collections in Churches, in aid of Missions and kindred subjects, was referred to a Special Committee of three.

That portion relating to St. Paul's College, Palmyra, was referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Bishop announced the Special Committees as follows:

On that part of the Address relating to the Permanent Fund—

Messrs. D. Hough, D. A. January and Alfred Warner.

On that part relating to Systematic Contributions—

Rev. Mr. Clerc, and Messrs. I. P. Thompson and Judson Allen.

On that part relating to St. Paul's College—

Rev. W. B. Corbyn, Mr. H. I. Bodley and the Hon. Hugh A. Garland.

On motion, the Rev. D. G. Estes, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, was requested to furnish a copy of the Convention Sermon, preached by him this morning, for publication.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year. The Chair appointed as Tellers, the Rev. Mr. Terry, to receive the clerical vote, and the Rev. Mr. Irish, to receive the lay-vote. The following gentlemen were elected, viz:

The Rev. F. J. Clerc,	Mr. D. Hough,
" " D. G. Estes,	Hon. Hugh A. Garland.
" " J. F. Fish,	

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention. The vote by ballot being dispensed with, the following gentlemen were nominated and elected, viz:

The Rev. F. J. Clerc,	Mr. J. A. Talbot, M. D.,
" " D. G. Estes,	" H. I. Bodley,
" " R. E. Terry,	" R. N. Smith,
" " W. B. Corbyn,	J. A. Kasson, Esq.

The Standing Committee then presented the following report:

The Standing Committee respectfully report that they have held eight meetings during the past conventional year.

The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. Wm. A. Leach has been supplied by the election of the Rev. D. Gordon Estes.

The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of J. Parker Doan, Esq., has been supplied by the election of the Hon. Hugh A. Garland.

Mr. Robert Emmet Terry has been recommended to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop for ordination to the Diaconate.

Messrs. George K. Dunlop and Charles Purviance have been recommended to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop as candidates for the holy order of Deacons.

Daniel Hough, Esq., has been elected Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, in the place of J. Parker Doan, Esq., resigned.

The following appropriations, as recommended by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, have been ordered, viz:—To the Missionary at Grace Church, Jefferson City, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; to St. Ann's Church, Brunswick, one hundred and forty dollars; to St. Paul's College, fifty-seven and one-fourth

dollars; and to the Missionary at St. Mary's Church, Fayette, one hundred dollars.

The efforts of the Standing Committee to secure the services of a suitable person to act as Agent to solicit contributions for the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, have been thus far unsuccessful.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order and on behalf of the Standing Committee. D. G. ESTES, Secretary.

On motion, Resolved, that the next Diocesan Convention be held in Christ Church, Boonville.

It was moved that from Art. II. of the Constitution the words "the fourth Friday in May" be stricken out, and in their place be inserted the words "the first Friday in July." On motion, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The reports of the Treasurer of the Convention in account with the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri,—in account with the Fund for Contingent Expenses of the Convention, and with the Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, were presented; and, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, dispensing with the ballot, Mr. John Halsall was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of this Convention.

The Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate presented the following report:

The Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate would respectfully report, that he has in his hands the sum of two hundred and four 70-100 dollars, received as follows:

From J. P. Doan, late Treasurer, being balance on hand at last Convention	$67.00
" Christ Church, St. Louis	46.00
" St. John's Church, St. Louis	18.55
" St. George's Church, St. Louis	41.50
" St. Paul's Church, St Louis	26.65
Collection at Convention, May, 1854	5.00
	$204.70

D. HOUGH, Treasurer.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10½ o'clock.

St. John's Church, St. Louis,
May 27, 1854.

The Convention met, according to adjournment, at 10½ o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. John A. Harrison, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. W. Norman Irish.

The Bishop called the Convention to order. On calling the roll, a quorum of both orders was found present.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Corbyn, at his own request, was excused from serving on the Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to St. Paul's College, Palmyra; and the Rev. Mr. Estes was appointed in his place.

An invitation extended by the Messrs. H. & W. Pilcher, organ builders, to the Convention to visit their manufactory and examine the new organ built for Christ Church, Boonville, was read, and on motion accepted.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes reported—

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes beg leave to report that no business has been presented to them, and ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted.
WM. B. CORBYN, Chairman.

On motion, the Committee was discharged.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported:

The Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report, that the following amendments of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America were adopted by both Houses in the last General Convention, and ordered to be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, viz:

(N. B. The changes from the present terms of the Constitution are here printed in Italics.)

In Article II. that it should be thus:

The Church in each Diocese shall be entitled to a representation of both the clergy and the laity. *Such* representation shall consist of *not more than four clergymen and four laymen,—communicants in this Church, residents in the Diocese, and* chosen *in the manner prescibed* by the Convention *thereof*; and in all questions when required by the clerical and lay representation from any Diocese, each order shall have one vote; and the majority of suffrages by Dio-

ceses shall be conclusive in each order, provided such majority comprehend a majority of the Dioceses represented in that order. The concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention. If the Convention of any Diocese should neglect or decline to appoint clerical deputies, or if they should neglect or decline to appoint lay deputies, or if any of those of either order appointed should neglect to attend or be prevented by sickness or any other accident, such Diocese shall nevertheless be considered as duly represented by such deputy or deputies as may attend, whether lay or clerical. And if, through the neglect of the Convention of any of the Churches which shall have adopted, or may hereafter adopt this Constitution, no deputies, either lay or clerical, should attend at any General Convention, the Church in such Dioceses shall nevertheless be bound by the acts of such Convention.

In Article V. that it should be thus:

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted on acceding to this Constitution; and a new Diocese to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions:

No new Diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the Dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention.

No such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than *fifteen self-supporting parishes, or less than fifteen presbyters* who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than *thirty self-supporting parishes*, or less than *twenty* presbyters who have been residing therein and settled and qualified as above mentioned, *provided that no city shall form more than one Diocese.*

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof. And the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of the Diocese into two Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses, to which the greater number of clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

In Article VI. that it should be thus:

The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for that purpose, shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese, the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese *until the General Convention shall provide a uniform mode of trial.* None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry, on any clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

Your Committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed Article II. be postponed until the next annual Diocesan Convention.

Resolved, That this Convention approve of the proposed Article V.

Resolved, That this Convention approve of the proposed Article VI.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Committee.

D. G. ESTES, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received, and laid for the present upon the table.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons reported—

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred the resolution, "that from Art. II. of the Constitution be stricken out the words 'the fourth Friday in May,' and that in their place be inserted the words 'the first Friday in July,'" respectfully report that they have had the subject under consideration, and that they see no sufficient reason to recommend the proposed alteration.

FRANCIS J. CLERC,
H. A. GARLAND, } Committee.
J. A. KASSON,

On motion, the Committee was released from farther consideration of the proposed change of Art. II. of the Constitution.

It was Resolved, that, with the assent of the Vestry, it shall be the duty of every stated Minister in this Diocese, to devote one Sunday in every three months to missionary labor, under the direction of the Bishop as to time and place.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to systematic collections in Churches, reported—

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to systematic collections in the Churches, in aid of Missions and kindred objects, respectfully report, that they are well aware that the recommendations or resolutions of the Convention have not the force of law, and in times past such resolutions as they now propose have not been productive of concurrent action throughout the Diocese; they trust, however, to the loyalty and love which pervade all parts of the Diocese, while recommending that both the clergy and the laity strive together to further the great cause of Church extension in our large and important State. They recommend for adoption by this Convention the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly recommends to every clergyman in this Diocese, that he call the people committed to his charge to contribute yearly as follows:

At Advent Season, to Domestic Missions;
Epiphany, to Foreign Missions;

1st Sunday in Lent, to Diocesan Missions;
Easter, to the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate;
Whitsuntide, to the Bible and Common Prayer-Book Society;
20th Sunday after Trinity, to Diocesan Missions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. J. CLERC,
I. P. THOMPSON, } Committee.
J. ALLEN,

On motion, the resolutions appended to the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was then called from the Secretary's table and read. On motion, the three resolutions appended to the report were severally adopted, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed Article II. be postponed until the next annual Diocesan Convention.

Resolved, That this Convention approve of the proposed Article V.

Resolved, That this Convention approve of the proposed Article VI.

The Bishop then called for the several Parochial reports.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 5 o'clock, P. M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS,
5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met.

The Committee on St. Paul's College reported—

The Committee to whom has been referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to St. Paul's College, would respectfully report, that they have had the matter under consideration, and find that this Institution, now known as St. Paul's College, was opened on the fourteenth day of February, in 1848. It was not then anticipated that it would soon, if ever, become a College. It was commenced in a small room in a log cabin on grounds adjoining the town of Palmyra, which had been presented for that purpose by citizens of Marion county. Its corps of instructors consisted of a single Presbyter of the Church, and its students of eight little boys. It had no endowment beyond the grounds above mentioned, containing some fifty or sixty acres. From that time its force and its numbers have steadily increased. It has now five instruc-

tors and about ninety students, chiefly in the preparatory department. During the six years of its existence it has sustained itself, and is now free from debt. It has afforded aid to many indigent boys, by way of instruction, books, boarding, and clothing, to an amount averaging a thousand dollars per annum. From the revenues of the School there have also been expended during the same period more than three thousand dollars upon buildings and other permanent improvements. From the beginning until now its instructors have had no stipend beyond their daily bread. Its present accommodations are barely sufficient for fifty students in the household. Very little aid has been given hitherto by the Church for the erection of suitable buildings, not above two thousand and five hundred dollars having as yet been received for that purpose. Its property, consisting of grounds, buildings and library, is estimated, at a low valuation, at twelve thousand dollars. It has been incorporated with full University powers and privileges. Its present condition and wants may be briefly summed up thus. It has reached a point beyond which it cannot proceed without very considerable addition to the buildings. To say nothing of the comfort of those who do the work of the College, that work is impeded and fettered, and thus inefficient, by the want of proper buildings. It cannot stand still; if it does not go on, it must recede. In the midst of countless obstacles, it has wrought its way to the respect and confidence of the community in which it is situated, and which has had the opportunity to observe its operations. It now simply asks the Church, whose servant it cheerfully professes itself, to give it the means for accomplishing a work, which the Church shall not be ashamed to call her own.

The Committee understand that the Institution, to meet its immediate wants and to be in a situation to work effectively, needs at least five thousand dollars for buildings. The family in which the domestic and social comforts of the students are to be found, and where their manners and habits are to be formed, have no proper dwelling-place. Rooms are wanted for the officers and instructors, and a large addition to the study-rooms and dormitories for the students, whose numbers are constantly increasing. It has no chapel, though one has been commenced, and no room where Divine Service can be even decently celebrated.

The Committee, considering these wants of the College, and what it has already done for itself so quietly and without aid,—and when they reflect farther upon the fact that it is to this Institution that the Diocese must look for its future clergy, are deeply impressed with the necessity of something being done immediately to aid it in its struggles. They respectfully submit to this Convention and the Diocese generally, that St. Paul's College presents, at this moment, claims which should not be lightly passed by.

The Committee deem it entirely surperfluous to dwell longer upon the importance to the Church in Missouri, of an Institution of learning such as St. Paul's is, and we hope may become.

Every day's experience and observation teaches the necessity, if possible, of having *home* schools, and of the total impracticability of adequately supplying

the want of laborers in the Lord's vineyard, except by educating them on their field of action.

One good school in the Diocese, at an annual cost of a few thousand dollars, will furnish in time a greater number of missionaries and teachers of the Gospel than ten or perhaps twenty times the amount appropriated for their education abroad. But a more important benefit than even this arises from a *home* education.

They are educated among a population, with the wants and habits, manners, customs and modes of life similar in all respects to those of the people among whom they will be called to labor in after life, thereby acquiring a more thorough knowledge of their wants, and the proper and most effectual means of reaching them, and dispensing the blessings of the Gospel.

At least five thousand dollars are now wanted to give new life and vigor and strength to an Institution designed to work out this good. Is this too much for Missouri Churchmen to do? How easy is it to raise money by hundreds of thousands to carry out almost any object of *temporal* benefit.

How insignificant, then, appears the sum now asked to firmly establish an Institution, whose present benefits will be great, and whose future usefulness can now hardly be calculated. Ages yet unborn, may bless the memory of those who now assist in this laudable enterprise. The Committee are but too well aware that money is now scarce, and that many calls have of late been made; yet we may boldly ask how many, if any, have done what they could or should have done, in a pecuniary way, for the benefit of the Church, and the spread of the blessings of salvation.

Has any one come up to the Bible standard, and given one-tenth of his income? Has any one given, on an average, even the half or the quarter of this sum?

We address this to the *consciences* of churchmen, assured that, should they give the subject that reflection which it deserves, an answer to our questions in the negative, will be evidenced by numerous and liberal subscriptions to St. Paul's College.

The Committee propose that instead of a direct gift to the Institution, the sum of five thousand dollars—and more if practicable—be raised by loan for an indefinite period, the College to pay six per cent. interest annually on the amount loaned, and the persons loaning to have the privilege of taking the amount of their subscriptions, in board and tuition at the College.

In connection with this subject, the Committee cannot refrain from expressing a desire, that the attention of all those interested in Christian Education, should be drawn to this Institution.

There is a cry all over the land for more ministers. How could any parish do a more acceptable work than by forming a society—either male or female, or both combined—for the express purpose of selecting some indigent, yet promising lad, and educating him at this College, hoping that, trained, as he will be, in God's and the Church's ways, his heart may be set to obey God, and to become one of His faithful ministers and stewards.

There are but few parishes, in the more densely populated portions of our Diocese, that cannot do, at least, this much.

Many instances of persons thus educated, becoming useful and effective ministers, are known to the Committee. Another good effect from this course would be the drawing of attention of the Parishes to the College, and creating in them a feeling of ownership and community of interest.

The Committee, therefore, recommends the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

I. Resolved, That a Committee of three, one clergyman and two laymen, in St. Louis, be appointed at once to raise by donations or loans, as above indicated, at least five thousand dollars, for the present purposes of St. Paul's College, to be invested in buildings and other necessaries by the Board of Trustees of said Institution. Where money is borrowed, the lender is to have the right to take the amount thereof in board and tuition; provided, that not more than one-third of the annual charge of tuition and board is to be thus credited in any one year.

II. Resolved, That said Committee cause five hundred copies of this report, accompanied by such remarks as they may deem proper, to be printed and distributed through the Diocese; and that they appoint one or more suitable persons, in such places as they may deem advisable, to assist them in procuring the necessary subscriptions. The Committee may take the notes of subscribers, payable at such time as they may deem proper, instead of cash subscriptions or loans.

III. Resolved, That each clergyman in this Diocese be requested to bring this subject before his parish, and to urge upon it the formation of a scholarship club, for the education for the ministry of one or more students at this Institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. GORDON ESTES,
HARRY I. BODLEY, } Committee.
HUGH A. GARLAND,

The several resolutions appended to this report were then adopted.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. D. G. Estes, Messrs. H. I. Bodley, and D. A. January, the Committee called for by the first resolution.

The Committee on Finance reported—

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the Treasurer's reports and find them generally correct, as follows:

1. *Account with Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri.*

Amount collected during the year.....$398 65

All of which has been paid out according to Treasurer's report.

2. *Account with Fund for Contingent Expenses of the Convention.*

Balance on hand last year	$27 02	
Amount collected on back and current assessments to several Parishes	78 00	
		105 02
Amount paid out		105 80
Leaving a balance due the Treasurer of		78
And a balance due the printer of last Journal, of		36 00

3. *Account with Fund for Contingent Expenses of the Episcopate.*

Amount collected from the several Parishes.....$189 00

All of which has been paid over to the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Committee report that they have examined the returns of assessments unpaid, and regret to find there remain several Parishes still in arrears.

FRANCIS H. COLHOUN, } Committee.
H. A. MASSIE, }

The Committee on Assessments reported—

The Committee on Assessments would respectfully report, that they have been informed that the expenses of the Convention the past year exceeded the assessment, and they would recommend that the present assessment on the several parishes, for the contingent expenses of the Convention, and for the Episcopate, be as follows:

	Convention.	Episcopate.
Christ Church, St. Louis,	$40 00	$75 00
St. Paul's Church, St. Louis,	15 00	15 00
Christ Church, Boonville,	5 00	15 00
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra,	3 00	10 00
Trinity Church, St. Charles,	3 00	10 00
Grace Church, Jefferson City,	3 00	10 00
St. John's Church, St. Louis,	15 00	15 00
Grace Church, St. Louis,	5 00	10 00
St. George's Church, St. Louis,	35 00	60 00
Trinity Church, Hannibal,	3 00	10 00
Christ Church, Lexington,	5 00	15 00
St. Mary's Church, Fayette,	3 00	10 00
St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow,	3 00	10 00
St. John's Church, Weston,	3 00	10 00
Christ Church, St. Joseph,	3 00	10 00
St. Ann's Church, Brunswick,	3 00	10 00
Prairieville Parish, Pike County,	3 00	5 00
	$150 00	$300 00

D. HOUGH, } Committee.
A. WARNER, }

On motion, the scale of assessments was adopted as recommended by the Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to his resignation as Rector of Christ Church, and the Permanent Fund

for the Support of the Episcopate, beg leave to report, That the Bishop's income at the present time rests on the voluntary subscription of sundry individuals, amounting to a little over $2,000 per annum, pledged for five years from the 1st January last, and which is mostly secured by notes payable semi-annually.

It appears from the Journals, that the last two or three Conventions have had under consideration the subject of creating a Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, but thus far little has been effected.

Your present Committee are unable to recommend any plan more specific than that already adopted by the Diocese; and as the Bishop, for the sake of the Diocese, has been willing to surrender a permanent for a temporary provision, they feel that an imperious duty rests upon the Diocese to make a permanent provision for the support of the Episcopate. The Convention must, therefore, see the necessity of prompt and speedy action to secure the object in view, that the Bishop may stand in an independent position to meet the duties of his office.

D. HOUGH, }
A. WARNER, } Committee.

Moved and ordered that 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed and distributed under the direction of the Secretary; and that there be printed as an Appendix thereto, the Rules of Order adopted by this Convention; the Reports of the several Parishes and Clergy, and of the Orphan's Home; the Treasurer's Reports; and such other matter and forms as are usually attached to the same, or shall be considered by the Bishop conducive to the dissemination of information and a system of uniformity in the reports and business of the Diocese.

On motion, the vote by ballot being dispensed with, Mr. D. Hough was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.

On motion, Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Diocese shall be, ex officio, Treasurer of any Diocesan funds not otherwise provided for.

Resolved, That, after the reading of the minutes and the usual devotions, this Convention will adjourn sine die.

The minutes were read and approved.

After an address and prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned sine die.

FRANCIS J. CLERC, *Secretary.*

Appendix.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

	Rector.
Baptisms—Infants, 43; adults, 3 =	46
Confirmations,	19
Communicants, about	200
Marriages,	18
Burials,	27

The offerings for the past year have been as follows, viz:

To the poor,	$285 07
Orphan's Home, (Thanksgiving,)	53 00
Orphan's Home, (Anniversary,)	110 00
Domestic Missions,	58 25
Foreign Missions,	25 00
Organ at Boonville, (special,)	250 00
Parsonage at Lexington, (special,)	320 00
Sunday School Magazine,	7 50
Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate,	46 00
Convention assessments,	100 00
Christ Church, St. Louis,	179 92
	$1434 74

The above statistics are compiled from the Parish Register.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he had the temporary charge of this Parish from the first of February last, at which time the Rectorship became vacant, until Easter. He had previously, from the first of the preceding November, assisted as Assistant to the Rector. Since Easter, the Rev. Mr. Harrison has been supplying the pulpit.

D. G. Estes.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. D. G. Estes, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, 20; adult, 1=		21
Confirmations,		9
Communicants—Number last reported,		102
	Added by removal,	19
	" anew,	6
	Lost by death and removal,	20
	Present number,	107
Marriages,		5
Burials,		8
Sunday School—Teachers,		15
	Scholars,	100

The offerings for the past year have been as follows viz:

To the poor,	$66 50
St. Paul's, St. Louis,	252 00
Balance on Organ,	950 00
Convention Assessments,	20 00
Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate,	26 65
Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri,	25 20
Domestic Missions,	13 10
Foreign Missions,	17 45
St. Paul's College, special,	40 00
St. Paul's College, (from Sunday School,)	10 00
Mission to Ojibwas, (from Sunday School,)	10 00
Sunday School Books, (from Sunday School.)	29 28
Sunday School Magazine, (from Sunday School,)	7 50
Bishop White Prayer-Book Society (from Sunday School $12 60)	31 60
Orphan's Home, subscriptions,	85 00
	$1584 28

Divine Service has been regularly maintained during the past Conventional year. The present Incumbent entered upon his new duties as Rector on Easter Monday. This Parish is considered by its friends, as being in a healthy condition.

CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE.

Rev. R. E. Terry, Minister.

Baptisms—Infants 11; Adults 9—Total,		20
Communicants—Number last reported,		42
	Added by removal,	2
	Lost by removal,	12
	Present number,	29
Marriages,		4
Burials,		4
Sunday School—Teachers,		6
	Scholars,-	40

There is a class of 15 candidates ready for Confirmation.

The present Incumbent took charge of this Parish in November last, and this report embraces only his official acts in the Parish since that time. Previous to November the Parish had been vacant for some time.

In addition to the sum of five hundred dollars expended in improvements on the Church edifice, a new Organ has been purchased at the cost of nine hundred dollars, in which the Parish was aided to the amount of three hundred dollars by friends in St. Louis.

The people of the city seem much interested in the Services of the Church; though the Parish has lost many by removal during the past year, it is hoped that its prospects are improving and that numbers may be added to our Communion.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, PALMYRA.

Rev. Wm. B. Corbyn, President.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PALMYRA.

Rev. Wm. B. Corbyn, Rector.

Since my last report, I have been wholly occupied with my duties at St. Paul's College. This Institution may be reported to be in a healthy and vigorous condition, but greatly needing the necessary buildings and other facilities to make its work efficient. There is every reason to believe that it will become all that is desirable as a Church College, if it receives the proper nursing care in its infancy. Its success up to this time, has been far beyond what conld have been expected. Its present number of pupils is about ninety, more than half of whom are inmates of the College family, and thus brought daily under the influence of the worship and teaching of the Church.

Baptisms—Infants,	4
Confirmations,	2
Marriage, (Blacks)	1
Burials,	4

REPORT OF THE REV. G. P. COMINGS,

Professor of Mathematics in St. Paul's College, Palmyra.

Since the last Convention I have been occupied, as far as my health would permit, with my duties at St. Paul's College, Palmyra.

TRINITY CHURCH, ST. CHARLES.

Rev. Francis J. Clerc, Missionary.

Confirmed,	1
Communicants—Number last reported,	6
Added anew,	1
Lost by removal,	2
Present number,	5
Marriages,	1

The Missionary regrets to say that he has spent but one Sunday—viz., June 5, 1853—in St. Charles, since the last Convention. On that occasion, public services were held in the house recently purchased for a church. The Bishop's visit was made subsequently; and on Monday evening, February 7th, 1854, a second service was held by the Missionary. On the following day, Holy Matrimony was solemnized in the presence of a large company. An effort was to be made towards the opening of a Sunday School; and, through the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Estes, a ten dollar library, the gift of some benevolent person in New-York, was secured for the use of the children. That there is a field for the Church in St. Charles is evident; but that it needs to be occupied and worked, in order to become fruitful is also evident. The favorable regard of the Church and the blessing of God is invoked for this little flock, that they may not be utterly discouraged.

GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY.

(No Report.) Rev. J. Adderly, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. F. J. Clerc, Rector.

The Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis, respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev. Diocesan the following official acts performed in the Parish since the last annual Convention, in May, 1853:

Baptisms—Infants, 39; adults, 3 (1 colored); total,	42
Confirmed,	22
Communicants—Number last reported,	93
Added by removal,	21
" anew,	20
Restored,	1
Lost by death,	2
" removal,	5
Stricken off,	2
Present number,	126
Marriages,	7
Burials,	16
Sunday School—Teachers,	19
Scholars,	140

There have been contributed in church, $450.26—expended as follows:

Alms,	$37 15
Diocesan Missions,	33 45
Sunday School Books,	67 88
Orphan's Home,	33 03
Foreign Missions,	15 15
Episcopal Fund,	18 55
Assessments,	20 00
Communion Plate,	67 00
Books and furniture for new Church,	53 11
Freight on books, window, &c.,	23 45
Rector's salary,	63 44
Prayer Book for the Blind,	3 25
Sundries,	8 80
Sewing Circle,	6 00
	$450 26

In aid of the Diocesan Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri, the sum of ninety dollars ($90.00) is subscribed, payable quarterly during the year 1854; of this sum, forty-two 75-100 dollars ($42.75) have already been collected and paid to the Treasurer of the Society. Of the subscriptions in aid of the Orphan's Home, only fifteen dollars ($15.00) have passed through the hands of the Rector. The annual premium on the insurance policy for the benefit of the Rector's family has again been paid; the Rector's salary has been increased from $800 to $1200 per annum; all arrearages and current expenses have been met, and the first quarter of the Rector's salary for the current year has been paid in advance. One hundred and twenty-five dollars ($125) were also contributed for a temporary supply of ministerial services during the absence of the Rector in October and November.

On the 28th day of August last, the 14th Sunday after Trinity, the Bishop consecrated the new Church edifice erected for the use of this Parish. It is neatly finished and furnished, lighted with gas, and is to be heated with furnaces, at a total cost of $15,000. Of this there is due on the building about $1000, over available assets, and on the land $2800. A Bishop's chair, two sedilia, and a stained glass window, have been placed in the chancel by several young ladies, at an expense of $227.98, the proceeds of a fair given at Christmas. An appropriate mural tablet in memory of the Rev. Whiting Griswold, the first Rector of St. John's Church, was inserted in the chancel by the order of the Vestry. The Sewing Circle of the ladies in the Parish has been productive of much good feeling, has essentially aided in the carpeting of the church, and in the success

of an Easter Festival, with the proceeds of which the gas-lights and furnaces are to be paid for. The present funds of the Sewing Circle are to be devoted to a parochial school.

For a few Sundays after its consecration, the church was necessarily closed, during the sickness and absence of the Rector to attend the General Convention. Since his return, services have been held every Lord's day, daily through Lent, on the appointed festivals, Ember-days, Rogation-days, and on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Rector is encouraged by the attendance of many who have not usually "remembered the Lord's day to keep it holy;" and also by the return to the Holy Communion of some, who for years had been negligent of this duty. During the winter, the condition of the Sunday School was particularly encouraging, the number of teachers being 19—three recently confirmed, all of them now communicants—and the scholars in attendance 140, of whom 14 were negroes. Since the change of the Sunday School hour from afternoon to morning, the numbers have decreased.

Thankful for the comparative outward prosperity of the Parish, the Rector hopes that it may never outstrip the growth of its members in faith, in love, in zeal, and in all such works as shall glorify God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, while they also dispense good among men. He regrets that there are still many who do not accept the invitation to go and work in the Lord's vineyard.

The Orphan's Home continues nominally under the charge of the Rector of St. John's; but the distance of its location from the parish church, prevents any regular attendance there of the children. The annual reports of the Institution are submitted herewith.

GRACE CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. W. H. Woodward, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	9
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—Number last reported,	37
Removed,	3
Added,	13
Present number,	47
Marriages,	5
Burials,	4
Sunday School Teachers,	5
Scholars,	60
Contributions for Parochial purposes,	$631 00

This Parish is in a prosperous state, and, having provided for

the complete liquidation of its debt, proposes to ask our Rt. Rev. Diocesan to perform the service of Consecration as early as convenient.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

——— ——— Rector.

In compliance with the Canon, the Wardens submit to the Bishop the following report for the year ending May 26, 1854:

Baptisms—Infants,	19
Confirmed,	2
Communicants,	150
Marriages,	8
Burials,	16
Sunday School—Teachers,	18
Scholars,	145

The contributions have been as follows:

To the Poor,	$190 54
" Evangelical Knowledge Society,	250 00
" Missionary for Jews,	42 00
" Boatmen's Church,	935 00
" Foreign Missions,	65 80
" Sunday School, St. George's Church,	48 13
" Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate,	41 45
For the benefit of late Rector's family,	250 00
" permanent fund for same,	3,230 00
From young men, for a special private charity,	260 00
	$5,312 92

It is with the deepest sorrow we are compelled to add, that on the 16th February last, in the midst of a most useful and devoted life, it pleased God to remove the Rev. S. G. Gassaway, our late Rector, from us by sudden death. When the fruits of his Christian ministry were becoming peculiarly manifest, and vital religion was by God's blessing reviving in our midst, the Church was thus bereaved by a most distressing calamity. The vacant place is not yet supplied. May the Great Head of the Church restore His favor to us, and again make the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and bless us.

The Wardens gratefully acknowledge the uniform care, and the very important and useful services, on the part of the Right Reverend Bishop, bestowed upon St. George's since the loss of their late Pastor. His ministrations in the pulpit nearly every Sunday, in accordance with the request of the Vestry, have been thankfully received by the Congregation, as they were cheerfully rendered, amidst other important duties.

I. P. Thompson, } Wardens.
J. A. Kasson, }

TRINITY CHURCH, HANNIBAL.

(No report.) ——— ——— Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON.

——— ——— Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	4
Confirmed,	3
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	2
Sunday School—Teachers,	6
Scholars,	27
Communicants—Number last reported,	46
Added anew,	16
Lost by removal,	1
Present number,	61
Contributions for Parochial purposes,	$69 48
Domestic Missions,	10 00
Assessments,	20 00

The Vestry have recently purchased a parsonage at the price of $1300; to pay which, we have raised by subscriptions, both in this place and at St. Louis, about $1030. The debt thus contracted, it is hoped, will be cancelled in the course of a year or two. But now that we are supplied with a parsonage, in sorrow we must add, our Parish is vacant.

R. N. Smith, } Wardens.
D. C. Relf, }

ST MARY'S CHURCH, FAYETTE.

Rev. J. W. Dunn, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	3
Communicants—Number last reported,	14
Added by removal,	5
Present number,	19
Burial,	1
Sunday School—Teachers,	2
Scholars,	35
Contributions for Parochial purposes,	$21 83

Since the last Convention, the Rector of this Parish has made one missionary visit to Columbia, baptized one infant, and administered the Holy Communion to seven persons.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, GLASGOW.

Rev. J. W. Dunn, Missionary.

Communicants—Present number,	4

For the last three months, my visits to this Parish have been discontinued, it being impossible to procure a suitable room in which to hold services.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WESTON.

Rev. W. Norman Irish, Rector.

Communicants—Present number, - - - - 7

The congregation at this place are worshipping in a very neat room, rented by the Vestry. Through the laudable exertions of the ladies of the Parish, a melodeon has been procured, and at our last service, the inspiring and beautiful chants of our Church were sung, the whole congregation joining in this spiritual part of the worship of God.

Here, as well as at St. Joseph, the Rector meets with encouragement, and has now good reason to hope that the Church at this place will prosper. He would report that he has also preached twice at Fort Leavenworth.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH.

Rev. W. Norman Irish, Rector.

Communicants—Present number, - - - - - - 7
Marriages, - - - - - - - - - - 1

The Rector, having recently entered upon his duties at St. Joseph, is not able to report many official acts. The services thus far have been very largely attended and much interest manifested. A number of young persons will be confirmed at the next visitation of our Bishop. The Rector is happy to state that, at this point, he is assisted in his work by two young men who are preparing for the ministry.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, BRUNSWICK.

——— ——— Rector.

Communicants—Present number, - - - - - - 7
Sunday School—Teachers, - - - - - - 3
Scholars, - - - - - - - 20

I have performed services as Lay-Reader in this church regularly on Sundays since the 20th November last to the 30th April, 1854, with but one exception, when I was absent from the city. Services were also held twice a week (Wednesdays and Fridays) during the season of Lent.

The brick chapel, which was purchased before my coming into the Parish, has since, I believe, been paid for, and the same is now free from debt. It was very comfortably fitted up last fall, and has been during the above period, very well attended.

A Sunday School was organised shortly after my arrival, but, as there were two others in full operation, belonging to the denominations, I was not able to collect more than some twenty scholars and three teachers. Charles Purviance, Lay-Reader.

PRAIRIEVILLE PARISH, PIKE CO.

(No report.) ——— ——— Rector.

REPORT OF THE REV. JOHN F. FISH.

Chaplain U. S. A. Jefferson Barracks.

The Chaplain of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks would respectfully report, that he has officiated at this Post since the first of September last. From that time he would present the following statistics, viz:

Baptisms—Infants,	4
Confirmation,	1
Communicants—Present number,	8
Marriage,	1
Burials,	19
Sunday School—Teachers,	2
Scholars,	15

Summary of Parochial Reports.

PARISHES.	RECTORS.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	BAPTISMS. Infants.	CONFIRMATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.	MARRIAGES.	BURIALS.	S. S. TEACHERS.	S. S. SCHOLARS.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
Christ Church, St. Louis	Vacant.....	3	43	19	200	18	27			$1434 74
St. Paul's Church, St. Louis	Rev. D. G. Estes, Rector.....	1	20	9	107	5	8	15	100	1584 28
Christ Church, Boonville.....	" R. E. Terry, Minister	9	11		29	4	4	6	40	850 00
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.....	" W. B. Corbyn, Rector.....		4	2		1	4			
Trinity Church, St. Charles	" F. J. Clerc, Missionary.....			1	5	1		1	18	
Grace Church, Jefferson City...	" J. Adderly, Rector									
St. John's Church, St. Louis	" F. J. Clerc, Rector.....	3	39	22	126	7	16	19	140	1396 59
Grace Church, St. Louis.....	" W. H. Woodward, Rector...		9	3	47	5	4	5	60	631 00
St. George's Church, St. Louis..	Vacant.....		19	2	150	8	16	18	145	5312 92
Trinity Church, Hannibal	"									
Christ Church, Lexington	"		4	3	61	1	2	6	27	809 48
St. Mary's Church, Fayette	Rev. J. W. Dunn, Rector.....		3		19		1	2	35	21 83
St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow..	" " Missionary				4					
St. John's Church, Weston	" W. N. Irish, Rector.....				7					
Christ Church, St. Joseph	" " "				7	1				
St. Ann's Church, Brunswick...	Vacant.....				7			3	20	
Prairieville Parish, Pike Co.....	"									
Independence	.....									
Fort Leavenworth	Rev. W. N. Irish, Missionary....									
Jefferson Barracks.....	" J. F. Fish, Chaplain U. S. A.		4	1	8	1	19	2	15	
Columbia	" J. W. Dunn, Missionary		1		7					
		16	157	62	784	52	101	77	600	$12,040 84

ORPHAN'S HOME REPORT,

Made at the Annual Meeting, held on Easter Tuesday, April 18th, 1854, in St. John's Church, St. Louis.

The Board, to whose care has been confided the management of the Orphan's Home during the past year, present to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Clergy, and the many patrons and friends of the Institution, the following Report.

Another year has been completed in the history of the Institution, and, as we look back upon its career, we find much cause for congratulation and deep gratitude.. About eleven years ago, in weakness, but in faith, the work was commenced. Circumstances the most trying and disheartening surrounded the youthful project. Adversity long continued with it, and long it struggled even for an existence ; but that which was born in weakness is being, by the blessing of Providence, raised up to strength. Under the fostering care of its founder, a man of so much capacity to do good, and so unmixed a disposition to do it for its own sake—together with the friends who gathered around it—it slowly but steadily advanced in prosperity from year to year, until now, at last, it has found a permanent abiding place among us, giving promise that ere long it will attain that position and accomplish that work of charity, desired by its founder and early friends.

In the midst of our present prosperity, and with such bright tokens of future success before us, our hearts turn with feelings of sincere gratitude to the Author of all Good, thankful that He has permitted His Divine blessing to accompany our efforts through the changes and vicissitudes of another year.

The past year has been signalized by the removal of the Home into the new building especially designed for, and adapted to its accommodation. This change, while it extends the capacity of the Institution for usefulness, also affords facilities for accomplishing its object, which could not otherwise be obtained. In addition to a situation of unsurpassed healthfulness, we now have an edifice at once handsome and commodious, with large and well ventilated rooms, capable of accommodating all who may for a long time, come to seek admission into it.

We have additional cause for gratitude in the fact, that, during the past year, and particularly since the removal of the Home to the new site, none of its inmates have been afflicted

with any serious illness; and it is a fact, gratifying as remarkable, that, for more than three years and a half, not one of the weak and tender little ones confided to its care, has been removed by death from without the scope of its protection.

The family of the Home, now composed of twenty-eight children, all of whom are orphans—three having been added during the course of the year, and one having returned—is still under the charge of Mrs. Martin, as Matron, to whose energy and strict attention the Board acknowledges itself greatly indebted. The order and regularity ever maintained in the household affairs of the Home; the neat and cleanly condition of its inmates, their happiness and contentment, and, above all, their correct deportment both at home and abroad,—all attest the fidelity, with which she has discharged the trust reposed in her.

We are happy to report that recently the Board has succeeded in securing, for a reasonable compensation, the services of a competent teacher, who devotes the most of her time to the education of the children at the Home. We are confident that this arrangement will be attended with results highly beneficial.

We are again placed under obligations to the many kind friends of the Institution for valuable donations received during the year. On Thanksgiving-day there was deposited in the charity box, at the Home, the sum of $58.50; and there were also received at the same time, as well as on other occasions, from various sources, large contributions of groceries, fuel, vegetables, raiment for the children, and household furniture, for all of which we return our heartfelt thanks to the donors. We are particularly indebted for a donation of $170, received thro' Mr. Henry Boernstein; of which sum, as will appear from the Treasurer's report, $140 was appropriated towards discharging the debt on the building, and the balance, at the request of that gentleman, was expended in making the children happy, partly by a repast on Christmas-day and partly by the purchase of books suitable to their age and understanding—to form, as we trust, the nucleus of a library, to be increased from time to time, by other donations, and such purchases as the affairs of the Institution will admit of. It is needless to attempt to express our appreciation of this kindness.

Since the last annual report there has been received into the treasury, for defraying the household expenses of the Institution, the sum of $1022.55, as will appear more at large by the Treasurer's report. There has been expended during the same

period, and for the same object, the sum of $1007.64. In this, as in all other departments, as much economy has been exercised as a regard for the health, comfort and cleanliness of the children would justify; and yet it will be observed, that there is an unexpended balance on hand of only $14.91 to meet the immediate wants of the Institution. This statement reminds us, that prompt and immediate steps should be taken to replenish its treasury. We invite our friends and the well-wishers of the Institution to visit it; to inspect for themselves the system upon which it is conducted; to observe the deportment, the bright eyes and cheerful countenances of those little ones, who hear not a parent's voice and are not greeted with a parent's smile, and then they will become convinced that our Institution, independent of its noble object, is worthy of their earnest support.

The means for the support of the Home have been obtained during the past year, as heretofore, by annual subscriptions from among the members of the several parishes in the city, and by contributions from kind and generous friends. Have all contributed towards this object who have the ability to do it? Nay, are there not numbers who only wait to be reminded of their duty to do it; and will they not now come voluntarily forward and bestow that, which is so essential in conducting an Institution that has no revenue of its own to depend upon? Now that our capacity for usefulness is enlarged, by abundance of accommodation for an increased family of orphans, a more considerable sum will be required for its support, admonishing all of the necessity of renewed diligence and redoubled efforts. Surely, no duty is more obligatory upon us, and none ought to be discharged with more cheerfulness, than that of providing for the temporal and spiritual wants of those little ones, that the dispensations of Providence have left dependent upon charity, for that care and attention necessary to protect them from the vicissitudes of life. Let all unite in devoting some little time and means to the support of the Institution, and its revenue will be so certain as to insure it from the danger of further want.

The Board congratulates itself on the appointment of an Anniversary, when the claims of the Home shall be regularly presented to the churchmen and the public generally. The festivities of Christmas will henceforth be closely linked with remembrances of our Institution. The first of these public services in behalf of the Home was held, on the evening of Christmas last, in Christ Church, and an appropriate sermon was preached by

the Rt. Reverend Bishop of the Diocese. The collection taken up amounted to $110.

There is still another subject, and, perhaps, the most important one, to which we invite your serious consideration. The Treasurer's report of money received and expended for the completion of the Home, shows that there is still the sum of $2,431.46 unprovided for. The Institution cannot be said to be entirely safe while its property is thus encumbered. Amidst the casualties incident to human life, there is no knowing into whose hands it may ultimately fall. Should a commercial crisis arise, when credit will become impaired and money scarce, the amount may be demanded at a time when it will be impossible to pay it. Every thing conspires to convince us, that now is the time to wipe off this indebtedness, and we call most earnestly upon all friends of the Institution, and the charitable throughout the city, to make a united and determined effort to accomplish this object. Then one of the chief difficulties that heretofore has embarrassed our efforts will be removed, and we will go on, year after year, extending our usefulness more and more; and this beautiful and valuable property will be secured, and remain, beyond the happening of any human contingency, forever consecrated to the noble purpose for which it was intended.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Board of Managers. ELIZA P. HOLLAND, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Orphan's Home submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures during the past year.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance in the Treasury, Easter Monday, 1853, - - -	$137 70
" Cash received from subscriptions, - - - - - -	625 25
" " " " Christ Church, Thanksgiving offerings,	53 00
" " " " St. John's " " " -	10 00
" " " " Thanksgiving offerings at the Home, -	58 50
" " " " St. John's Church, - - - -	33 00
" " " " Anniversary meeting held in Christ Church,	110 00
" " " " other donations, - - - - -	73 10
" " " for rent of old Home, - - - -	40 00
" " " to make Mrs. Wetherill a life member, - -	25 00
	$1165 55

EXPENDITURES.

By Cash paid for rent of Home, 6 months, - -	$200 00	
" " " " house expenses, - - - -	604 64	
" " " " Matron's salary, - - - -	156 00	
" " " " servant's wages, - - -	47 00	
" " appropriated to building fund, - - -	143 00	
" Balance in the Treasury, - - - -	14 91	— 1165 55

The Treasurer further acknowledges the receipt of twenty dollars from Mrs. Ellen M. Griswold.

She would further report the receipts and expenditures for the building completed during the past year, and now occupied by the "Home," as follows:

To Balance on deposit, Easter Monday, 1853, - - - -	$912 40
" Cash received from subscriptions and donations, - -	1936 30
" " " for interest on deposits, - - - -	23 96
" Amount due Haskell & Co., overchecked, - - -	298 06
	$3170 72

CONTRA.

By Cash paid to Contractors on acc't of work done on the building, and to other mechanics, in part, for completion thereof, - - - - -	$2907 22	
" Cash paid interest on note to C. K. Garrison, -	250 00	
" " " 10 per ct. on insurance note for an additional $3000 policy (making $7000 insurance),	13 50	
		$3170 72
The Institution owes Messrs. Haskell & Co. for amount overchecked as above, and bearing interest, -	$298 66	
Note to C. K. Garrison, due Nov. next, - $2500		
Interest on same at 6 per cent., - - - 150	2650 00	
Balance due C. T. Wilgus & Co., - - - -	233 40	
Due O. A. Hart, sup't, $350; for gas-fit., $100, - -	450 00	
		$3632 06
To meet which, the amount on subscription list due and unpaid is about - - - - - - - -		1200 00
Amount yet to be raised, - -		$2432 06

SARAH P. CURTIS, Treasurer.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. W. R. CARTER,	*First Directress.*
" EDWARD BROOKS,	*Second Directress.*
" Z. B. CURTIS,	*Treasurer.*
" E. P. HOLLAND,	*Secretary.*

MANAGERS.

From Christ Church—Mrs. S. B. Churchill, Miss E. Paschall, Mrs. Frances Havens, Mrs. T. B. Targee.

From St. Paul's Church—Mrs. Francis Webster, Mrs. T. H. Griffith, Mrs. Thos. Jackson, Mrs. H. S. Wetherill.

From St. John's Church—Mrs. J. J. Anderson, Mrs. Chas. Keemle, Mrs. C. Tracy, Miss E. Bodley.

From St. George's Church—Mrs. John Luke, Mrs. John C. Tevis, Mrs. R. J. Lockwood, Mrs. Peters.

From Grace Church—Mrs. Alfred Heacock, Miss J. Beatty.

TREASURER'S REPORTS.

Diocese of Missouri in Acc't with John Halsall, Treas'r.

1853.		
May 27,	To Amount on hand, - - - - - - - -	$27 02
Sept. 26,	" " received from St. John's Church, St. Louis,	5 00
Nov. 5,	" " " " Christ Church, St. Louis, -	25 00
1854.		
Mar. 14,	" " " " St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, -	5 00
May 15,	" " " " St. George's Church, St. Louis,	20 00
26,	" " " " Christ Church, Boonville, -	5 00
26,	" " " " Christ Church, Lexington, -	5 00
26,	" " " " St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, -	3 00
26,	" " " " Grace Church, St. Louis, -	3 00
26,	" " " " St. Mary's Church, Fayette, -	4 00
26,	" " " " Christ Church, St. Joseph, -	3 00

1854. CONTRA CREDIT.

Mar. 13,	By Amount paid Rev. F. J. Clerc, being quota of the Diocese of Missouri to General Convention, - - -	$15 00	
13,	" " " postage on Convention Journals,	3 20	
May 15,	" " " A. S. Mitchell & Co. for printing Circulars, - - - - -	2 00	
15,	" " " postage on Circulars, - - - -	25	
17,	" " " " Journals of Convention,	2 00	
17,	" " " " Circulars, - - -	35	
26,	" " " Chambers & Knapp on account of printing Journals, - -	83 00	
	Balance due the Treasurer,		78
		$105.80	105.80

Due Chambers & Knapp for printing last Journal, 36.00

J. HALSALL, Treasurer.

Contingent Expense of the Episcopate in Acc't with JOHN HALSALL, *Treasurer.*

1853.		
May 27,	To Amount of Balance on hand, - - - - - -	$15 00
Aug. 30,	" " received from Christ Church, St. Louis, -	75 00
Nov. 30,	" " " " St. John's Church, St. Louis, -	15 00
1854.		
Mar. 14,	" " " " St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, -	15 00
May 26,	" " " " Christ Church, Boonville, -	15 00
26,	" " " " Christ Church, Lexington, -	15 00
	Carried over,	$150 00

1853.		Bro't forward,	$150 00
May 26,	To Amount received from St. Paul's Church, Palmyra,	-	9 00
26,	" " " " Grace Church, St. Louis,	-	9 00
26,	" " " " St. Mary's Church, Fayette,	-	12 00
26,	" " " " Christ Church, St. Joseph,	-	9 00

1853.	CONTRA CREDIT.		
Aug. 30,	By Amount paid the Rt. Rev. the Bishop,	- - $75 00	
1854.			
Jan. 10,	" " " " "	- - 30 00	
May 17,	" " " " "	- - 15 00	
26,	" " " " "	- - 15 00	
26,	" " " " "	- - 45 00	
26,	" " " " "	- - 9 00	
		$189.00	$189.00

J. HALSALL, Treasurer.

Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri in Acc't with

1853. JOHN HALSALL, *Treasurer.*

Oct. 5,	To Amount rec'd from St. James' Church, Amesbury, Mass., by Rev. D. G. Estes, - - -	$5 00
Dec. 26,	" " " " St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, - -	11 55
1854.		
Mar. 13,	" " " " St. John's Church, St. Louis, - -	16 95
April 2,	" " " " St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, - -	13 65
3,	" " " " a friend to Missouri, per Bp. Hawks,	125 00
3,	" " " " Trinity Ch., Buffalo, N. Y., " "	64 00
3,	" " " " Church of the Holy Communion, N.Y.	100 25
6,	" " " " Rev. F. J. Clerc, - - - - -	3 00
6,	" " " " Mrs. Clerc, - - - - - -	3 00
6,	" " " " Miss C. Church, - - - - -	3 00
6,	" " " " H. W. Hough, - - - - -	3 00
6,	" " " " Mrs. H. W. Hough, - - - -	3 00
6,	" " " " Mrs. J. J. Anderson, - - - -	3 00
6,	" " " " H. I. Bodley, - - - - -	3 00
6,	" " " " Mrs. Bodley, - - - - -	3 00
6,	" " " " Miss E. P. Bodley, - - - -	3 00
6,	" " " " Miss H. M. Sheafe, - - - -	3 00
6,	" " " " Mrs. E. Smith, (¼) - - -	75
6,	" " " " Cash, - - - - - - -	3 00
Dec. 19,	" " " " Ember-days' collection in St. John's	
1854.]	Ch., St. Louis,	9 50
Mar. 10,	" " " " " " " "	7 00
May 17,	" " " " S. B. Heron, - - - - -	3 00
	Carried up,	$389 65

1854.	Bro't up,	$389 65
May 25,	To Amount rec'd from Mrs. E. P. Holland, - - -	3 00
25,	" " " " J Halsall, - - - - -	3 00
25,	" " " " Geo. H. Gill, - - - -	3 00
		$398 65

1854. CONTRA CREDIT.

Mar. 13,	By Amount paid Rev. F. J. Clerc, two Missionary visits to St. Charles, - - - -	$ 4 75
27,	" " " St. Ann's Church, Brunswick, - -	140 00
Ap'l 24,	" " " Grace Church, Jefferson City, - -	125 00
26,	" " " Rev. J. A. Harrison, Missionary visits to Independence, - - - -	11 50
May 8,	" " " St. Paul's College, Palmyra, - - -	57 25
26,	" " " St. Mary's Church, Fayette, - -	60 15
		$398 65

J. HALSALL, Treasurer.

Abstract of Assessments remaining unpaid May 27, 1854.

Published in obedience to Canon XIV.

FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE EPISCOPATE.

*St. George's Church, St. Louis	$260 00
*Trinity Church, St. Charles	9 00
Trinity Church, Hannibal	24 50
St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow	9 00
St. John's Church, Weston	18 00
St. Ann's Church, Brunswick	9 00
*Prairieville Parish, Pike Co.	9 00
Grace Church, Jefferson City	26 50
" " "	9 00
Grace Church, St. Louis (part paid)	16 00
Christ Church, St. Joseph	9 00
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra	9 00
	$408 00

FOR DIOCESAN EXPENSES.

St. Paul's Church, Palmyra	$3 00
Grace Church, Jefferson City	6 00
St. John's Church, Weston	6 00
Christ Church, St. Joseph	3 00
*Trinity Church, St. Charles	3 00
Trinity Church, Hannibal	3 00
St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow	3 00
St. Ann's Church, Brunswick	3 00
*Prairieville Parish, Pike Co.	3 00
Grace Church, St. Louis (part paid)	2 00
	$35 00

* These Parishes have since paid.

☞Special attention is called to the annexed Canons of the General and Diocesan Conventions, the Resolutions adopted by the last two Diocesan Conventions, and the Circular to the Clergy by the Bishop of the Diocese.

Canon VIII. of the General Convention.

Of the mode of securing an Accurate View of the State of the Church from time to time.

Section 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other clergyman, not regularly settled in any parish or church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in Convention, and shall be entered on the Journals thereof.

Canon XII. of the Diocese of Missouri.

Of Attending the Meetings of the Convention.

Section 1. Whereas the regular attendance of the clergy and laity at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined upon them.

Sec. 2. And whereas it is often necessary to travel a considerable distance to the place of meeting of the Convention, it is hereby made the duty of the different parishes to make provision for the expenses of their clergy in attending the Convention.

Sec. 3. No member of this Convention shall leave the same during its session without having applied for and obtained leave of absence.

Canon XVI. of the Diocese of Missouri.

Of Support of the Episcopate.

At each stated meeting of the Convention, a committee shall be appointed for the purpose of assessing upon the several parishes in the Diocese, the amount to be paid for the support of the Bishop, which amount shall be collected by the Vestries of the parishes and paid semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Convention.

Canon XVIII. of the Diocese of Missouri.

Of Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.

It shall be the duty of every minister, in every parish in this Diocese, to make at least one collection in every year in aid of the formation of a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate.

Resolution of the Diocesan Convention, adopted 1852.

Whereas the Bishop of this Diocese is now, and has been since his election and consecration to the office, the Rector of Christ Church, in St. Louis, the largest parish in the Diocese, requiring the unremitted attention of more than one clergyman—duties that greatly encumber the office and functions of a Bishop, retard his usefulness in the same, and are more than should be laid on the shoulders of any one man; And whereas it is of the utmost importance to the young and growing Church in this State, that its rightful shepherd and overseer should be released from all parochial duties, and left free not only to visit and to exhort the parishes now under his charge, but to go forth as a missionary, in the spirit of his Apostolic predecessors, to preach to the people, remove prejudices, build up new churches, and promote the growth and influence of the Episcopal Church, and the spread of the Gospel thereby, in the great and influential State which in the providence of God has been assigned to him as a Diocese; Therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Convention, That an agent shall be appointed by the Standing Committee, with the concurrence of the Bishop, whose duty it shall be to visit the State and other places, and solicit subscriptions in money, real estate, or other securities, to be invested in a permanent fund, the interest of which shall be appropriated to the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese.

2. Resolved, That the moneys and other means so collected or donated, after deducting the reasonable expenses of the agent, shall be assigned or paid into the hands of a treasurer to be appointed, whose duty it shall be to invest the same in stocks or mortgages as to him may seem best, and to report to the Convention, from year to year, the fund thus collected and appropriated to the support of the Episcopate.

3. Resolved, That the interest annually accruing from this fund shall in like manner be vested in permanent securities until the further order of the Convention.

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Resolved, That, with the assent of the Vestry, it shall be the duty of every settled minister in this Diocese, to devote one Sunday in every three months to missionary labor, under the direction of the Bishop as to time and place.

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Resolved, That this Convention earnestly recommends to every clergyman in this Diocese, that he call the people committed to his charge to contribute yearly as follows:

At Advent Season, to Domestic Missions;
At the Epiphany Season, to Foreign Missions;
On the 1st Sunday in Lent, to Diocesan Missions;
At Easter, to the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate;
At Whitsuntide, to the Bible and Common Prayer-Book Society;
On the 20th Sunday after Trinity, to Diocesan Missions.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of the day shall be introduced with prayers.

2. The minutes of the Journal for the day preceding shall be read every morning at the opening of the Convention.

3. The President shall appoint the several committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order.

4. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

5. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

7. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave from the House.

8. When a question has been once determined, it shall stand as the judgment of the House, and shall not again be drawn into debate, except on motion for reconsideration, which must be made by a member who had previously voted in the majority.

9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, to postpone, or to lay it upon the table; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided before the original motion.

10. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the decision.

11. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

12. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the chair, without debate; an appeal, however, may be made from his decision, to the Convention by any member of the same.

13. The President shall, in his discretion, select within the limits of those pews allotted for the use of the members, pews for the accommodation of visiting clergymen and students of Theology, who may be invited to the same by the President, without any special application to the Convention.

14. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended, without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

15. Immediately after the organization of the Convention, the following standing committees shall be appointed, each to be composed of three members, viz:

A Committee on Admission of New Parishes;
A Committee on Constitution and Canons;
A Committee on Unfinished Business;
A Committee on Finance.

CIRCULAR TO THE CLERGY.

St. Louis, May 30, 1854.

Rev. and Dear Brethren:

At our last annual Convention the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"Resolved, That, with the assent of the Vestry, it shall be the duty of every settled Minister in this Diocese, to devote one Sunday in every three months to missionary labor, under the direction of the Bishop as to time and place."

With the hope that, under the pressing wants of this young Diocese, every Vestry will gladly meet the resolution, I proceed to mark your duty as follows.*

I say nothing as to the *time* of the four visits, because I think that the parochial clergy will know best as to the time when they make the visits. After every visit, I will thank you to send me a report, under the following heads:

1. Place visited and date of visit.
2. Names of persons baptized.
3. Names of Communicants.
4. Names of persons friendly to the Church.
5. What amount will be paid towards the support of a settled Pastor.
6. Names of candidates for Confirmation.
7. General remarks as to place, prospects, &c.
8. Amount of expense incurred in making your visit.

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* The visits of the Clergy will be as follows:

The Rev. J. Adderly will visit Fulton.
The Rev. F. J. Clerc will visit St. Charles and Hermann.
The Rev. W. B. Corbyn and the Rev. G. P. Comings will visit Hannibal.
The Rev. J. W. Dunn will visit Rocheport and Glasgow.
The Rev. D. G. Estes will visit Prairieville Parish, Pike Co.
The Rev. J. F. Fish will visit Carondelet.
The Rev. W. N. Irish will visit Savannah, Platte City and Fort Leavenworth.
The Rev. R. E. Terry will visit Brunswick and Springfield.
The Rev. —— ——, of Christ Church, St. Louis, will visit Columbia.
The Rev. —— ——, of St. George's Church, St. Louis, will visit Manchester.
The Rev. —— ——, of Christ Church, Lexington, will visit Independence.

The expense incurred will be met by our Diocesan Missionary Society. To carry out the resolution, it will be necessary that contributions be received by our Missionary Society in accordance with another resolution:

"Resolved, that this Convention earnestly recommends to every Parish in this Diocese, to make at least two collections every year for the support of Diocesan Missions."

With prayers that God's blessing may rest upon our efforts to supply the destitution of our brethren.

I am yours, affectionately,

C. S. HAWKS.

PASTORAL.

St. Louis, March 3d, 1854.

To the Members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri.

Dearly Beloved:—From October, A. D. 1844, to February, A. D. 1854—a period of nearly ten years—I have, as you know, had the double duty laid upon me, of serving the Diocese of Missouri as its Bishop, and Christ Church, St. Louis, as its Rector. This letter is sent that you may know that your Bishop is at last free from all parochial cure; that he is now free to devote himself entirely to his Diocesan duties.

The accompanying documents are placed in your possession that you may know, as a people, his precise position, and your positive duty. For your sakes he has been willing to make a sacrifice, and, having faith in God, he throws himself frankly and freely upon his Diocese. The documents will fully explain themselves.

Praying that the good Lord may guide us all aright in our duties, and have us always in His most holy keeping,

I am, beloved,

Your servant for Christ's sake,

C. S. HAWKS, Bishop of Missouri.

Documents.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH,
ST. LOUIS, January 13, 1854.

The following communication was received from the Rector, the Rt. Rev. C. S. Hawks, D. D., and ordered to be read.

"ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30, 1853.

"*To the Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church, St. Louis.*

"GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I transmit to you my resignation of the Rectorship of Christ Church, St. Louis; said resignation, with your consent, to take effect on the first day of February next. It is offered with a sad heart, for the act calls up many tender as well as painful remembrances of my past ministry among you, and is taken under such circumstances that you will pardon me for placing before you those circumstances in detail.

"The call that reached me in my home in New-York, and brought me to you in 1844, was peculiar. The Diocese of Missouri was without a Bishop, or the means of sustaining one; whilst Christ Church, St. Louis, was without a Rector, and found difficulty in procuring one. In this position, the Diocese and Parish made a mutual agreement and took joint action. This agreement, which is spread upon the printed Journals of the Diocese for 1844, was simply this,—That I should be called down both as Bishop of Missouri and Rector of Christ Church, the Parish proposing to the Diocese and myself, if I would come, that they would 'furnish me ample opportunities for visiting, exploring and superintending the Diocese as is desired.'

"The call was promptly declined to the Committee—the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemper and the Rev. Mr. Minard—who were deputed to bring it to me; but upon their earnest solicitation I was induced to reconsider my action, and the result was, that, under the advice of many friends, and the pressure of what I felt to be a duty, I became Bishop of Missouri, and Rector of Christ Church, in 1844.

"It was not long before I found that the double duty arising from being the head of a feeble Diocese, with a large area of territory, and a Parish broken in spirit and embarrassed with a heavy debt, was too much to be imposed upon any one man. Yet I was constrained to stand under this double burden as well as I could. I called to my assistance in the pulpit of Christ Church aid to enable me to make my visitations of the Diocese and discharge the duties of the Rectorship, thereby reducing my income at times to half that I was receiving from you. Of this pecuniary expenditure, which should not have fallen upon me, I did not complain; but of the double burden of duty I did speak more than once to my Diocesan Convention, at its annual meetings. I called the attention of the Convention to the duty of providing a *permanent fund* for the support of the Episcopate—a duty incumbent upon it. My hope was, not that relief could be afforded to me,—the Diocese was too feeble for this,—but I was desirous that a beginning should be made in this good work, that no Bishop succeeding me should be subjected to the like burden of duty. My wish was, too, that in all time to come, I might not be supposed to be delinquent in calling Missouri to its duty on a matter so grave and important,—that the first Bishop of Missouri might not hereafter be reproached with the charge of neglecting a great spiritual interest of his flock. The Diocese felt its responsibility, and resolved to make a beginning in raising a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate.

"In this position I have stood for nine years, meeting my duties as well as I could with the Diocese and Parish alike leaning upon me at the same moment, with a consciousness that it was impossible to meet the full demands of both, and with the hope that each party would see uncomplainingly the burden of my position. I could not relieve myself by laying down either the Rectorship or the Episcopate: the first involved the resignation of my whole income; the second was impossible.

"In addition to the calls of the Diocese frequently drawing me away from Christ Church, the providence of God has, as you know, laid upon me latterly another call—that of protecting my sick and infirm household. The situation of that household is liable to take me away any winter from St. Louis.

"In this state of things, certain friends desirous of affording me relief, and knowing that for some time at least, if ever in my day, no permanent fund could be established in Missouri, resolved that they would raise and secure a fund of $10,000 for five years, thereby affording me a release at least for five years from double duty. The hope of some was and is, that during the five years a permanent fund may be secured for the support of the Episcopate; but I entertain no such expectation.

"I offer my resignation, then, with a full and painful knowledge of what I may be surrendering—a permanent support for one of five years only—a larger sum of $2,500 per annum for $2,000 per annum, together with all the contingencies of loss from the five years' fund of $10,000, at a time when increased expenditures are laid upon me;—yet, in my present pressure for relief, I do not know how I may act otherwise. I should prefer that, while throwing myself upon the five year fund, I might still remain your Rector, with leave of absence from parochial duty; surrendering to you, during the time of such absence, all pecuniary emolument arising from the Rectorship, that therewith you may employ an Associate Rector to discharge the active duties of the Parish. Such an arrangement would, in case in five years there may be no permanent fund for the Episcopate provided, enable me to stand as your Diocesan precisely where I now stand, with my original rights uninvaded, while, at the same time, I believe it would greatly strengthen Christ Church. But I must commend the whole matter to you frankly, hoping that you will act well and wisely. Having faith in God, I send this present letter for the benefit of the Diocese, and in the hope that I may minister more to the comfort of my own immediate and suffering household.*

"Many, perhaps all of you, have acted in raising the fund of $10,000 for my relief, and I feel that my warmest thanks are due to you and all others, who, mindful of my burdens, have offered me the prospect of relief even for five years.

"As I look back upon my ministry among you I feel deeply. My responsibilities and yours come fully before me, and I feel that we must all make answer before the bar of God hereafter. We must all give account of our stewardship,—I as Pastor,—you as people. The scenes, too, through which I have passed, come thronging before me: the disease, the pain, and death, with accompanying sorrows—the wounded hearts, and troubled consciences, and joyous hopes, that have been and are still among you,—all of these are around me, disabling me from speaking all that I must feel. My prayers are with you all, that God may abundantly bless you more and more.

"C. S. HAWKS.

"To Messrs. B. B. Dayton, Charles Martin, L. M. Kennett, K. Mackenzie, W. R. Carter, J. B. Carson, D. A. January, W. N. Switzer, James Harrison, Dwight Durkee, John C. Wilson, Alfred Waterman, and A. J. McCreery—Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church, St. Louis.

"* This idea was abandoned, as some gentlemen of the Vestry supposed it would be impossible to secure a suitable Clergyman for the Parish on the limited call of five years"

Whereupon it was unanimously Resolved, That we cannot accept the resignation of our Rector, unless provision is made to raise for him an amount of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, and unless the arrangement is made to extend throughout a period of ten years.

On motion, the Vestry adjourned to Tuesday next, the 17th instant, at three o'clock, P. M.

(Signed)

B. B. DAYTON, *Secretary pro tem.*

ADJOURNED VESTRY MEETING,
January 17, 1854.

Resolved, That Messrs. January, Kennett and Dayton be appointed a Committee, to act with such other members of the Board as they may call to their aid, in raising the sum mentioned in the resolution of the last meeting; and said Committee report to the next regular meeting of the Board, or earlier, if they deem it practicable. (Signed)

B. B. DAYTON, *Secretary pro tem.*

REGULAR VESTRY MEETING, CHRIST CHURCH,
January 22, 1854.

Mr. January, from Committee appointed for that purpose, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"The Committee, appointed at the last meeting of the Vestry, to increase the subscription for the support of the Bishop of the Diocese to the sum of at least twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, and to extend the subscription for ten years, report—That they have made such efforts to accomplish the desired object as, in their judgment, fairly test the question of its practicability, and are entirely satisfied that no reliable guarantee can now be obtained that the sum of $2500 per annum can be raised in the Diocese for the support of its Bishop for ten years.

"Your Committee, however, confidently express the opinion that the payment of this sum annually, for this object, can now be secured for a period of five years; and they cannot doubt that, at the expiration of that time, the Churches within the Diocese will have so increased in numbers and in wealth, that they will consult their highest happiness, as well as discharge their most solemn duty, by making permanent provision for the future liberal support of their Bishop.

"In expressing the belief that twenty-five hundred dollars per annum can be secured for five years, your Committee would not be understood as entertaining the opinion that that sum would afford an adequate support for your Bishop, living, as he does, in one of the most expensive cities in the Union, and from his official position exposed to constant appeals to his benevolence; but they have simply named the largest sum they think it possible at present to get subscribed for the above purpose. (Signed)

D. A. JANUARY,
L. M. KENNETT,
B. B. DAYTON."

"ST. LOUIS, January 23d, 1854.

After the above report was read, the Bishop yielded the chair to the Senior Warden, and again tendered to the Vestry his resignation as Rector of Christ Church.

Whereupon the Hon. Luther M. Kennett offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

"*Whereas* the Committee appointed for that purpose have reported that it is impracticable at this time to obtain the necessary subscriptions to raise an annual salary, for the Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri, of twenty-five hundred dollars, and to extend to a period of ten years,—but express confidently their opinion that the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, for that purpose, can be obtained for the term of five years, more than two thousand a year of the sum being already subscribed: *And whereas* Bishop Hawks, upon the reading of said report, again tenders his resignation to the Vestry as Rector of Christ Church,—the Vestry, believing that there will be no difficulty at the

end of said period of five years in providing a permanent support for the Bishop, and being further of opinion that the services of the Bishop are necessary and should of right be devoted to the interests of the Church throughout the whole Diocese, do therefore

"*Resolve,* That the said resignation be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

"*Resolved,* That this Vestry most deeply regrets the necessity which dissolves the connexion so long existing between them and their Rector, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hawks—a connexion endeared to us, and each individual member of the congregation, by the recollection of his arduous and faithful services at the sacred desk, his kindly intercourse with us in the social relations of life, and more especially by his devotion to us and to our welfare, temporal and spiritual, during the dark hours of the cholera visitations in 1849 and 1850.

"Without thought for himself, he was the first at the bedside and the last at the grave of those who were stricken down by the dreadful pestilence,—smoothing the pillow of the suffering, strengthening the hopes of the dying, and administering Christian comfort to the afflicted survivors. Verily he shall have his reward.

"We yield, however, to this separation from our Rector to the dictates of duty, believing that our private preferences should not interfere with the general good of the Diocese, and consoled by the reflection that we do not wholly part with him, but shall remain under his charge as the honored head of the Church of which our Parish composes so important a part.

"*Resolved,* That the Senior Warden take the necessary steps to supply, at the earliest day practicable, the Rectorship of Christ Church, made vacant by the resignation of Bishop Hawks; and that, in the meantime, the Rev. Mr. Estes, under the arrangement made with the late Rector, be requested to continue in charge of the congregation.

On motion of Mr. January, it was

"*Resolved,* That the Committee appointed at the meeting of the 13th inst. be instructed to continue their exertions to obtain subscriptions for the support of the Bishop, until the sum of $2500 per annum shall be subscribed for said purpose for five years; and that they be also instructed to correspond with any who may be thought favorable to this object in other parts of the State."

On motion, it was

"*Resolved,* That the Secretary be directed to furnish the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hawks an official copy of the action of this Vestry in relation to his letter of resignation."

On motion, the Vestry adjourned. (Signed)

J. C. WILSON, *Secretary of the Vestry.*

SAINT LOUIS, January 26, 1854.

Rt. Rev. C. S. Hawks, D. D.,

Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri.

FATHER IN GOD:—In compliance with a resolution of the Vestry of Christ Church, Saint Louis, adopted at their meeting Jan. 23, 1854, I herewith transmit a copy of their proceedings in relation to your letter addressed to the Vestry under date of the 30th November, 1853.

(Signed)

J. C. WILSON, *Secretary.*

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

For Organizing a Parish in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri.

WHEREAS the suscribers, citizens of ———, State of Missouri, having associated for the purpose of worshiping ALMIGHTY GOD according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Missouri, and of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have formed a congregation at ————, in this Diocese; they, therefore, declare the following to be their articles of association:

ARTICLE 1. The name of this association shall be "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of ———."

ART. 2. This parish acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to, the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America; and, as such, it accedes to, recognizes and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly. Any member who shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the said authority shall not be elected, or vote in the election of vestrymen, rector or minister, or exercise any office or function in, concerning or connected with the said parish or association.

ART. 3. Provision for the compensation of the rector, and the expenses of the said association, shall be made by the vestry in such way as they may deem advisable to the best interests of the Church.

ART. 4. The vestry of this parish shall consist of not less than three, nor more than thirteen persons, who shall continue in office until others be chosen; and the election of such vestry shall be made on Easter Monday of each year, by a majority of male communicants of full age, and who have been communicants not less than three months previously to the time of election (*and all such other persons as the parish may here designate*).

ART. 5. The rector of this church shall be elected by a majority of two-thirds of the wardens and vestrymen, at a meeting duly convened.

ART. 6. No person shall be rector or minister of this church, or allowed to execute any of the functions of the same, unless he shall have had Episcopal ordination, and be in full standing with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of

America, and recognized as a minister, in good standing, of the said Church, by the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee.

Art. 7. The vestry shall have power to choose their own officers, fill vacancies in their own body, and to perform all other duties usually appertaining to their body. They shall choose one of their own number to be church warden, and the rector (for the time being) shall appoint another of the said vestry to be the other church warden; and the warden appointed by the rector shall be the presiding officer of the vestry in the absence of the rector: and in case of a vacancy in the office of rector at the time of an election, or a failure on his part to appoint, then the other church warden shall be appointed by the vestry; and both of the church wardens shall be communicants of the Church.

Art. 8. No conveyance of any lands or tenements, belonging to said parish or association, shall be made without a vote of the vestry, two-thirds being present and concurring.

Art. 9. In case of the dissolution of this association, for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, belonging thereto, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church having jurisdiction in the city of ————, (or at ————,) and his successor, forever; and in case there shall be no Bishop having jurisdiction as aforesaid, then said lands, tenements, and other estates, real or personal, shall vest in the Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, to be by him, or them, held in trust for the benefit of a future congregation or church, which may be formed in the same neighborhood, on the same principles as the present congregation and this association.

Art. 10. Amendments to these articles of association shall be submitted in writing to the congregation at the annual meeting for the election of the vestry, and shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting; but no alteration shall be made except by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION

To the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri.

The subscribers agree to pay twenty-five cents per month, or three dollars per annum; which will be called for monthly, or annually, as they may direct.

The money thus subscribed will be subject to the disposal of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri, with the advice of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, unless the object be specified by the donor. It is designed to promote the spread of the Gospel in Missouri.

The Treasurer of the Diocese will be the Treasurer of the Society. He shall present his accounts at every annual Convention of the Diocese, to be audited by a committee appointed for that purpose; and his accounts shall, at all times, be subject to the inspection of the Bishop or the Standing Committee.