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List of the Clergy
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.
- “ “ W. COLVIN BROWN, Rector of St. George’s Church, St. Louis.
- “ “ FRANCIS J. CLERC, Rector of St. John’s Church, St. Louis.
- “ “ GEORGE P. COMINGS, Professor of Mathematics in St. Paul’s College, Palmyra.
- “ “ WILLIAM B. CORBYN, President of St. Paul’s College, Palmyra.
- “ “ GEORGE K. DUNLOP, Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, St. Charles.
- “ “ JOHN W. DUNN, Rector of St. Mary’s Church, Fayette.
- “ “ D. GORDON ESTES, Rector of St. Paul’s Church, St. Louis.
- “ “ ST. MICHAEL FACKLER, officiating in Oregon Territory.
- “ “ JOHN F. FISH, Chaplain U. S. A., Jefferson Barracks.
- “ “ FREDERICK W. HATCH, residing in Wisconsin.
- “ “ E. CARTER HUTCHINSON, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, St. Louis.
- “ “ W. NORMAN IRISH, Rector of Christ Church, St. Joseph, and St. John’s Church, Weston,
- “ “ WILLIAM A. LEACH, officiating in New Jersey.
- “ “ STEPHEN C. MASSOCH, D. D., Missionary to the foreign population in St. Louis.
- “ “ CHARLES PURVIANCE, Deacon, officiating in Western New-York.
- “ “ FREDERICK B. SCHEETZ, Deacon, Minister at Sharpsburg, Marion County.
- “ “ MONTGOMERY SCHUYLER, Rector of Christ Church, St. Louis.
- “ “ ROBERT E. TERRY, Rector of Christ Church, Boonville.
- “ “ WILLIAM H. WOODWARD, Rector of Grace Church, St. Louis.
- “ “ JOHN T. WORTHINGTON, Rector of Prairieville Parish, Pike County.

List of the 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.
TRINITY CHURCH,	St. Louis.
TRINITY CHURCH,	Independence.
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,	Savannah.
CALVARY CHURCH,	Columbia.

List of the Lay Delegates

APPOINTED TO ATTEND THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF MISSOURI, MAY, 1855.

Christ Church, St. Louis—

Messrs. Samuel B. Churchill, Benjamin O'Fallon, Thomas Hogan,
M. Lewis Clark.

St. Paul's Church, St. Louis—

Capt. William Smith, U. S. N., Henry Pilcher, Jr., Joseph R. Wenden-
dover, Thomas Jackson.

Christ Church, Boonville—

Messrs. George W. Morton, Henry A. Massie, Elisha W. Brown,
A. Harrison Thompson.

St. Paul's Church, Palmyra—

Mr. Alfred Warner.

St. John's Church, St. Louis—

Messrs. Harry I. Bodley, James S. Wilgus, William P. Curtis,
Henry M. Woodward.

St. George's Church, St. Louis—

Messrs. Edward Stagg, S. R. Clark, John W. Luke.

Trinity Church, Hannibal—

Messrs. Francis A. Colhoun, Richard Drane, D. K. Garman, Francis
W. Southack.

Christ Church, Lexington—

Messrs. Robert N. Smith, Paul Reinhard, William K. Trigg, D. C.
Relf.

St. Mary's Church, Fayette—

Mr. Benjamin Smith, John A. Talbot, M. D., Joseph D. Smith, M.
D., E. E. Buckner, M. D.

Christ Church, St. Joseph—

Messrs. W. P. Richardson, Frederick D. Lewin, W. J. Taylor.

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. 2.)

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. IV.)

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, *That at a meeting of the Vestry (or Congregation) 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)

Journal of the Convention.

CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE, }
May 25th, 1855. }

This being the time and place fixed for the assembling of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri, the Rt. Rev. C. S. Hawks, D. D., the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, met in Christ Church, Boonville, at ten and a half o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Joseph Adderly, Rector of Grace Church, Jefferson City, assisted by the Rev. Francis J. Clerc, Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Annual Convention Sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. Norman Irish, Rector of Christ Church, St. Joseph, and St. John's Church, Weston, from the text, St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, ii, 5-8, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

The Bishop then proceeded to administer the Holy Communion, assisted in the administration of the cup to the Laity by the Rev. Mr. Adderly.

The congregation having retired, the chair was taken by the Bishop, and at his request the Rev. Francis J. Clerc, Secretary of the Convention, called the names of such of the Clergy of the

Diocese, as by the Constitution, are entitled to seats in the Convention, when the following gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats as members, viz :

The Rev. Joseph Adderly,
 “ “ W. Colvin Brown,
 “ “ Francis J. Clerc,
 “ “ George P. Comings,
 “ “ George K. Dunlop, Deacon,
 “ “ John W. Dunn,
 “ “ D. Gordon Estes,
 “ “ W. Norman Irish,
 “ “ Robert E. Terry, Deacon.

A quorum of the Clergy entitled to seats being present, the Bishop appointed the Rev. F. J. Clerc, and the Rev. G. P. Comings, a Committee to receive and report on the Testimonials of the Lay-Delegates.

The list of the Parishes in union with the Convention was then called, and the Credentials of the Lay-Delegates were presented.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now take a recess until four o'clock this afternoon.

Whereupon the House took a recess until four o'clock.

CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE, }
 4 o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention met.

The Committee on the Credentials of Lay-Delegates made the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee appointed to receive and examine the Certificates of the Lay-Delegates respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find that the several Parishes have duly elected the following gentlemen, viz :

Christ Church, St. Louis—Messrs. Samuel B. Churchill, Benjamin O'Fallon, Thomas Hogan, M. Lewis Clark.

St. Paul's Church, St. Louis—Capt. William Smith, U. S. N., Henry Pilcher, Jr., Joseph R. Wendover, Thomas Jackson.

Christ Church, Boonville—Messrs. George W. Morton, Henry A. Massie, Elisha W. Brown, A. Harrison Thompson.

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

St. John's Church, St. Louis—Messrs. Harry I. Bodley, James S. Wilgus, William P. Curtis, Henry M. Woodward.

St. George's Church, St. Louis—Messrs. Edward Stagg, S. R. Clark, John W. Luke.

Trinity Church, Hannibal—Messrs. Francis A. Colhoun, Richard Drane, D. K. Gorman, Francis W. Southack.

Christ Church, Lexington—Messrs. Robert N. Smith, Paul Reinhard, William K. Trigg, D. C. Relf.

St. Mary's Church, Fayette—Mr. Benjamin Smith, John A. Talbot, M. D., Joseph D. Smith, M. D., E. E. Buckner, M. D.

Christ Church, St. Joseph—Messrs. W. P. Richardson, Frederick D. Lewin, W. J. Taylor.

FRANCIS J. CLERC, }
 GEORGE P. COMINGS, } *Committee.*

On calling the roll of the Lay-Delegates, the following gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats as members, viz :

Capt. William Smith, U. S. N.,	}	St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.
Mr. Henry Pilcher, Jr.,		
“ George W. Morton,	}	Christ Church, Boonville.
“ Henry A. Massie,		
“ Elisha W. Brown,		
“ A. Harrison Thompson,		
“ Alfred Warner,	- - -	St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.
“ Robert N. Smith,	}	Christ Church, Lexington.
“ William K. Trigg,		
John A. Talbot, M. D.,	}	St. Mary's Church, Fayette.
E. E. Buckner, M. D.,		

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

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion of the Rev. F. J. Clerc,
Resolved, That the Rev. D. Gordon Estes be elected Secretary
of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following be adopted as the

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 excused by the Convention.
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 the Admission of New Parishes ;
- A Committee on the Constitution and Canons ;
- A Committee on Unfinished Business ;
- A Committee on Finance ;
- A Committee on Assessments.

The Bishop, in compliance with Rule of Order XV, announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES :

Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.—The Rev. D. G. Estes, Mr. R. N. Smith, E. E. Buckner, M. D.

Committee on the Constitution and Canons.—The Rev. F. J. Clerc, J. A. Talbot, M. D., Mr. G. W. Morton.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—The Rev. J. W. Dunn, Messrs. H. A. Massie, H. Pilcher, Jr.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. A. H. Thompson, W. H. Trigg, E. W. Brown.

Committee on Assessments.—Messrs. R. N. Smith, A. Warner, Capt. W. Smith, U. S. N.

Applications were presented for admission into union with this Convention from Trinity Church, St. Louis ; Trinity Church, Independence ; and St. John's Church, Savannah.

On motion,

Resolved, That these applications be referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Whereupon the House adjourned until nine o'clock, Saturday morning.

CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE, }
 May 26th, 1855. }

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. George P. Comings, Professor of Mathematics in St. Paul's College, Palmyra, assisted by the Rev. D. Gordon Estes, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.

The Bishop called the Convention to order.

On calling the roll, a quorum of both orders was found present.

The Minutes of the previous Session were read and approved.

The Bishop then read his

A N N U A L A D D R E S S :

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :

With deep gratitude to the Giver of all good things, that we are again allowed to convene, I greet you all in love. That gratitude is increased, when I remember that we are here, with the ranks of the Clergy unbroken by death during the past year; nay, that in addition to our feeble numbers, there have come to us from other fields, some well tried co-laborers in the Ministry of Christ; while some new recruits, who have just assayed to try their armor, are likewise here, to share, as God shall give them grace and strength, our toils, our sorrows and our joys. Having then, in the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, pledged anew our bounden duty and love to our Crucified Lord—to each other—and to all the faithful in Christ Jesus, wherever they may be, I proceed in Canonical obedience, to lay before you the record of my official acts for the year now closing; and then to speak to you specially of the interests of that portion of the Redeemer's Kingdom committed to our trust. May the good Lord grant that we all “may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Since we last met, the rite of Confirmation has been ministered in the Parishes of the Diocese as follows, viz :

In St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, to six persons ; Prairieville Parish, to nine persons ; Trinity Church, St. Charles, to two persons ; Christ Church, St. Joseph, to three persons ; St. John's Church, Weston, to two persons ; Christ Church, Lexington, to one person ; Christ Church, Boonville, to twenty-seven persons—one of them from St. Mary's Church, Fayette ; Grace Church, Jefferson City, to one person ; St. John's Church, St. Louis, to twelve persons ; St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, to ten persons ; Christ Church, St. Louis, to twenty-eight persons ; Trinity Church, St. Louis, to twelve persons ; St. George's Church, St. Louis, to ten persons.

I have also visited the following Parishes, where no candidates were presented for the rite, viz : Trinity Church, Hannibal ; St. Ann's Church, Brunswick ; St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow ; and Grace Church, St. Louis. Other places visited by me, where the Church is not organized, were Columbia, Independence, and the United States' Garrison of Jefferson Barracks. I have also visited Fort Leavenworth, in Kansas Territory.

To several of the Parishes and places named above, I made two visits—in all of them held Church services, and everywhere was met with warm cordiality on the part of the people, and, except in one or two instances, by large and attentive congregations. In behalf of the Parishes where Confirmation was not ministered, I may say that three of them were then, and I am sorry to add, are still vacant.

My consent has been given to the organization of three new Parishes, and their application for admission into union with the Convention, will, I presume, come before this body, viz : Trinity Church, Independence ; Trinity Church, St. Louis ; and St. John's Church, Savannah. In some of the country towns, elsewhere, organizations might have been made, but I have thought it best that no organization should take place, without some prospect of life, stability and permanence. Some organizations made before I became your Bishop have now only a dead name among us, and in places where this sad beginning has been made, it is now only the more difficult to establish the Church. The people are discouraged, and more than this, the

Church comes to be considered at last, as something of no strength and permanence. We should cast around us judiciously, and plant the Church in those spots, where there is a reasonable prospect of its growth and continuance; otherwise, while we seem to be expanding, we may be retarding the growth of our Holy Religion. In the city of St. Louis, with over 100,000 souls, there is material enough for more churches than we already have there, and Trinity Church has before it a large, and I trust it may prove, a profitable field. The Parish in Independence is organized under most favorable auspices. The city has a population of 3,500 souls—our little flock there is earnest, and may look for God's blessing. It is encouraging to know that they have commenced their work under more favorable circumstances, than those resting upon Boonville and Lexington in their first struggles—towns in which now we have our two most flourishing country Parishes. In Savannah, an important town in the Platte country, the sympathy and assistance of certain friends in the East will enable them, I trust, to sustain the Church. The Rev. E. C. Hutchinson, D. D., has become the Rector of Trinity Church, St. Louis; but for these last named points, I should be glad to secure pastors immediately.

Under the following dates, I have admitted two Candidates for Holy Orders, viz: Mr. Joseph Ingoldsby Corbyn, on the 6th of July, 1854, and Mr. Adolphe De Pelchin, on the 18th of October, 1854. They are both prosecuting their studies as rapidly as they may, under the pressure of other necessary duties. Mr. Corbyn is employed as a tutor in St. Paul's College, and Mr. De Pelchin is teaching a school in St. Louis.

During the past year, the three Candidates for Orders, reported at our last Convention, have been ordained to the Diaconate, one of our Clergy to the Priesthood, and one Clergyman, formerly of the Romish Church, has been received by me, acting under Canon X of 1841 of the General Convention, as a Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church. These services were performed as follows, viz:

On the 21st of November, 1854, in St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mr. Charles Purviance was ordained a Deacon. He

was presented to me for that Order by the Rev. D. G. Estes, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis; there being with me at the time, the Rev. F. J. Clerc, the Rector of the Parish; the Rev. Montgomery Schuyler, Rector of Christ Church, St. Louis; and the Rev. Wm. C. Brown, Minister of St. George's Church, St. Louis.

It was upon this occasion, that the Rev. Stephen C. Massoch, D. D., was by me publicly received and acknowledged as a Priest in the Church; his full and complete renunciation of the Church of Rome being then read by him to all the congregation present. The occasion was very solemn and affecting. An aged man, of no ordinary learning and ability, well tried and approved among his old friends, there standing in the presence of Clergy and people, and acknowledging with a hearty earnestness, the errors of his past bondage, and beginning life anew; there promising with an unmitakeable zeal, to minister in our pure branch of the Church Catholic for the souls of men. Would that more might like unto him, by the grace and goodness of GOD, be emancipated from the hard bondage and superstitions of the Church of Rome.

I would remark, that the Rev. Dr. Massoch came commended to me from New York by some of our most valued brethren, and that his special commendation to me, when I received him into the Church, was from two valued presbyters of this Diocese, the Rev. Messrs. Clerc and Schuyler, and also from the Rev. Drs. Turner and Crusé of the Diocese of New York.

On the 1st day of December last, in St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, Mr. Frederick B. Scheetz and Mr. George K. Dunlop were admitted to the Diaconate: the Rev. William B. Corbyn, President of St. Paul's College, the Rev. George P. Comings, Professor of Mathematics in the same Institution, and the Rev. Charles Purviance, being present. The Candidates were presented by the Rev. Mr. Corbyn.

On the 10th of the same month, in St. George's Church, St. Louis, I ordained to the Priesthood, the Rev. William Colvin Brown, the Minister of that Parish. The Deacon was presented for the new Order by the Rev. F. J. Clerc, Rector of St. John's

Church, St. Louis, and he, with the Rev. D. G. Estes, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, united with me in the laying on of hands.

Of those thus recently ordained, I would state that the Rev. Mr. Brown is now the Rector of St. George's Church, where he was then ministering. The Rev. Mr. Purviance was placed in charge of Trinity Church, Hannibal; but I am sorry to add that he soon left that important point, and is now engaged in Missionary duty in the Diocese of Western New York. The Rev. Mr. Scheetz is ministering in Sharpsburg, Marion County, and its vicinity; and the Rev. Mr. Dunlop is the Minister in Trinity Church, St. Charles. In addition to this, he is also filling a Professorship in the Methodist College, in St. Charles. The Rev. Dr. Massoch is engaged actively as a Missionary to the large and increasing foreign population of St. Louis. His zeal and industry are, I trust, accomplishing great good with that interesting and important portion of our community.

It is with comfort that I announce to you that since we parted, I have transferred from the Diocese but one Clergyman, viz: the Rev. John A. Harrison. In June last, he received a letter of transfer to Tennessee. I was sorry to part with him; he had long been with us, as a faithful co-worker, and I shall be glad if I may ever again welcome him to Missouri. In return, I have received into the Diocese, the Rev. Montgomery Schuyler, from the Diocese of Western New York; the Rev. John T. Worthington, from the Diocese of Illinois; and the Rev. William Colvin Brown, from the Diocese of Massachusetts. The Rev. Mr. Schuyler has become the Rector of Christ Church, St. Louis; the Rev. Mr. Worthington, Rector of Prairieville Parish, Pike County; and the Rev. Mr. Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, St. Louis. I may add, that among the Clergy actively engaged in the Diocese, when I last addressed you, no changes of residence have been made.

When we last met, it gave me satisfaction to inform you that our Orphan House in St. Louis was completed. It was a comfort to feel then that the blessed work of this holy charity might be expanded, that helpless orphanage—the hardest of all sorrows,

save those directly arising from sin—might be more fully protected. Who does not feel for those poor little ones, who for no crime are wretched and destitute; who, from their very nature are helpless—little immortals, with a suffering mortality, with none to care for the mortal or the immortal. Yet my satisfaction was then marred by the knowledge, that with our finished house, we had a debt upon it, unliquidated, of \$2,000. It is my privilege to say to you now, that the zeal and energy of the good women of the Church in St. Louis would not allow this debt to remain. They knew that this noblest of all charities was deep fastened in the heart of the community—they made their effort, they liquidated the debt; and their Institution, the Orphan's Home, is now free from all pecuniary obligation.

The daily wants of this Institution are provided for by the annual contributions of the members of the Church in St. Louis and elsewhere, and I have no fears in its behalf. Its success thus far has only proved what I have always felt, that it is hard to find a man or woman who can turn aside from the claims of a poor orphan child. Let but the cry of such a little one be heard, and the number is not large of those who, like the Levite of old, can "pass by on the other side."

On this subject of protecting orphanage, we seem to have reached a maturity not yet attained by some older Dioceses. I say this with humble comfort, not forgetting the many points in which we are weak and struggling. I observe that in the eastern part of our country, some of our largest cities are now struggling for a Church Orphan House. May I say, that for ours we are largely indebted to a man of God, long since fallen asleep—a martyr to the pestilence of 1849—the Rev. Whiting Griswold, the first Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis. In organizing his new Parish, he projected the Orphan's Home as a part of parish work. When I came to the Diocese, I found him at his post, with his little group of orphans, sheltered in a hired house in an alley of our city. I urged the necessity of calling in the aid of all our Church people, and by God's goodness all the Parishes in St. Louis became interested in it. It became a general Institution.

We dragged it from its obscure home. From year to year we hired a house in its behalf; from year to year, and some very dark ones, we walked by faith and not by sight, until at last we have progressed thus far. Griswold was a man of faith, and our Orphan's Home is his monument—the best monument that any man could have.

It may serve to encourage others to know that our lot was given to us; our building alone has cost us over \$10,000; our Institution has had an existence of thirteen years, doing its work from day to day with trust in God; that we are free from all embarrassments, and that God, even our own God, has given us His blessing. May we not say, as we look upon the Orphan's Home, to every brother faltering or faint in a good work, "O thou of little faith, wherefore dost thou doubt?"

It may serve to encourage the more, when we mark and observe how little it costs, at times, to sustain a noble charity. The Report of the Lady Managers made on Easter Monday last, laid by me upon the Secretary's table, will shew this, and the precise position in every way of this Home of Orphans.

In my last Address, I spoke so freely and fully of St. Paul's College, that many words in its behalf now, would only be repeating what was then said. The College is surely one of the largest Church interests in Missouri, is promising to yield a most abundant harvest, and should be warmly cherished by every one of us. I may say to you, that it has passed through another year of its noiseless, yet laborious, success, and is, under its corps of Professors, performing its work most faithfully. You will remember that in our last Convention, a Committee was appointed upon that portion of my Address relative to the College. That Committee made a very warm and earnest Report in behalf of the Institution, and a Special Committee was under their Report raised, to secure promptly \$5,000 for the College. By this Special Committee, a Statement and Appeal was then issued to the Churches in this Diocese and elsewhere. With this in advance, the Committee designed to make special application to the members of the Church for the purpose of raising the sum proposed.

Such, however, has been the pecuniary pressure of the times, that they have thought it prudent thus far, to make no direct effort; but I hope that soon they will proceed with their work. May I not hope, too, that all of us will, with such ability as God has given, appreciate both the cause and labor of this Committee. On this subject, their interest and ours is the same. I may add, that the Board of Trustees, anticipating that the Committee would raise funds promptly, authorized the erection of additional buildings, deemed absolutely necessary for the prosecution of the College work, at an expense of \$2,000. This sum is at present a debt upon the Institution, and the Trustees beg that they may be relieved from the burden of this obligation. The Report from the President of the College, laid by me upon the Secretary's table, will place before you the condition of the Institution more in detail.

In discharge of a painful duty I lay before you the following record of acts of discipline, due notices of which have reached me, during the past year, viz: The Rev. William H. Good has been displaced from the Ministry by the Bishop of Tennessee; the Rev. Isaac Swart, by the Bishop of Florida; the Rev. W. W. Dodge, by the Bishop of Kentucky; the Rev. Benjamin W. Whitchee, by the Bishop of Western New-York; the Rev. Homer Wheaton by the Provisional Bishop of New-York, and the Rev. John McKeown, Deacon, by the Bishop of Illinois.

Since we last met, the Church has been called to mourn the departure from this life of one of our most excellent Prelates. I allude to the late Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D., Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of New-York. His Episcopate was short, but his well tried ministerial service, before the burden of an arduous Episcopate was laid upon him, was long. Yet in his short service as a Bishop of the Church, how much did he accomplish! The good God, in His wisdom, removed him from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, at a moment when we all thought he could least be spared. Yet, to that wisdom and that dispensation we bowed in submission. Every Bishop is the property of the whole Church, wherever his Diocese may be, and we give here, as is due, to the bereaved Diocese the voice of our sym-

pathy. I thank God, however, that our sorrow is somewhat mitigated by the fact that the bereaved Diocese, led by God's Holy Spirit, as we believe, has made choice of a fit successor to the departed. The new Bishop has entered upon his duties with such Apostolic zeal and earnest longings for the souls of men, with such straight-forward purity of purpose and manly self-sacrifice, that we feel, if God shall spare his life, he will not fall a whit behind the chief of those who have ministered in that large and important Diocese.

I am glad to inform you also, that the See of Rhode Island is no longer vacant, and that the young Diocese of Iowa, on our own northern border, has secured a Diocesan. My canonical consent was very gladly given to the consecration of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., to the Episcopate of Iowa; of the Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D., to that of Rhode Island, and of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., to that of New-York. May God in His goodness pour the dew of His blessing upon their labours, abundantly!

In behalf of the Diocese, I acknowledge that the Board of Domestic Missions has appropriated from its funds, for its current year, the sum of \$1,600 to missions in Missouri. The sum is appropriated as follows, viz: To St. Mary's, Fayette, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; Christ Church, Lexington, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; Trinity Church, St. Charles, two hundred dollars; Christ Church, St. Joseph, and St. John's Church, Weston, five hundred dollars; Foreign Population, St. Louis, three hundred and fifty dollars; Trinity Church, Hannibal, two hundred dollars, and Prairieville Parish, Pike county, one hundred dollars.

Lexington and Hannibal, I am sorry to add, are both without Clergymen. Lexington, however, was so fortunate as to secure, for a time, the services of the Rev. David Clarkson, Chaplain U. S. A., at Fort Riley, while his quarters at the Garrison were yet incomplete. This service has proved a great blessing to that Parish, and though called to his Post, he has left there when I may meet them, a class of sixteen candidates for Confirmation.

I would acknowledge also, from the New-York Bible and Prayer-Book Society, the receipt of a supply of Prayer-Books for our Missionary Stations.

In making these acknowledgments, I may properly call your attention to a suggestion made by me, and adopted at our last Convention, viz : that on certain days we would make throughout the Diocese, contributions for certain Church purposes. The action of the Convention was thus: "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 First 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 Societies, and on the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, to Diocesan Missions."

This Resolution has, I hope, been acted upon throughout the Diocese. All these objects have a fair claim upon us, and we are delinquent if we neglect them. To the Board of Missions, and to the Bible and Prayer-Book Societies we are especially indebted. Some of our Missionary Stations are almost entirely sustained by the Board; and you have hardly an idea of the number of these sacred volumes distributed among us by the other Societies spoken of.

Do you know that from the Bishop White Prayer-Book Society alone, since its organization in February, 1834, this Diocese has received 2,657 of its sacred volumes, and has contributed to the funds of that Society in the same period, only the small sum of \$48.15.

From the New-York Bible and Prayer-Book Society I have by me no statistical table, from which I may make a precise statement in their behalf; but I am afraid that their large distribution of books would shew sadly in contrast with our meager contributions in money.

This I would say then; let us gladly make these annual contributions as recommended; let them be made with a dutiful and

happy zeal and liberality in every Parish. Let us not be so sinful, under a wicked and cruel apathy, as to stop the fountains which send their currents of life and mercy through our own body. I would suggest, too, that the funds collected for our Bible and Prayer-Book Societies be divided among them all, for to all we are debtors.

By a reference to our Convention Journal for several years past, you will see that the following Resolution has been adopted unanimously, viz: "Resolved, That, with the assent of the Vestry, it shall be the duty of every settled Minister in the Diocese, to devote one Sunday in every three months to missionary labor, under the direction of the Bishop as to time and place." Acting under the Resolution, my Circular of duty for the Clergy has been annually issued. The unanimity with which the Resolution has been passed, would lead us to look for unanimity of action. The Resolution was passed at my suggestion, in the hope of ministering as we best might to some of our destitute brethren. So few Reports, however, have been made to me of visits on the part of the Clergy, that I fear the Resolution has become a dead letter. If so, it is well that it should not appear on your Journal again; for an idle Resolution begets carelessness of action in other matters. I must leave it to yourselves, to adopt this Resolution again, or otherwise, as your wisdom and purpose may suggest.

It should comfort us to know that, since I came to the Diocese, the number of our Parishes (some of them very feeble) has doubled; and that the list of our Clergy has grown from six to twenty-one, most of whom are actively engaged in the Diocese. I say nothing of service rendered by myself, beyond the expression of my earnest wish that it had been more profitable than it has been. For the good that we see, we thank God.

In reviewing the work of the past year, it is idle to speak of the number of sermons preached or miles traveled; it would seem like magnifying myself and my labors, while, at the same time, it forms no part of the canonical Report that is due to you.

Beloved, I will not speak at large of some subjects formerly brought by me before Convention; but they are deemed of such

importance that I desire they should never be forgotten. May I allude to them again?

1st. Ours is emphatically a Missionary Diocese. In such a Diocese, the cause of Missions should be deeply owned and feelingly expressed. Let then "our prayers and our alms ascend as memorials before God." "Lord, teach us to pray;" for when we pray in spirit and in truth, like the rock in the wilderness smitten by the rod of the prophet, our hearts of stone are smitten by the Spirit, and the waters of mercy will flow. When we are living members of Christ, then will Christian missions live. May I plead with you that your offerings may be systematically made. "On the first day of the week, let each one lay by in store as God hath prospered him." Let the weekly offertory of the people be received in every Parish. While having a parochial cure among you myself, I endeavored to carry out the Scriptural rule of St. Paul; other Parishes in the Diocese followed in the same duty, and I trust all may come to the same practice.

2d. Let us have our Church Building Society to aid feeble Parishes, and therewith let us have our Church Land Association. With a little systematized effort we may do much in this way for the permanent spread of the Gospel.

3d. Let us have, if we can, a permanent relation between Pastors and people. To insure this let every Church have its rectory, and let the life of every Clergyman be insured by his flock. This is the only way in which, in a young Diocese, you may instantly create a fund for the widows and children of deceased Clergymen. We have now only four rectories in the Diocese, viz: in Christ Church, St. Louis; in Grace Church, St. Louis; in Christ Church, Lexington, and in Christ Church, Boonville—three of them erected or purchased since I first entreated you upon this subject. The lives of two of the Clergy are, I think, now insured by their Parishes. This last duty is so easy, that no Parish can plead poverty as an obstacle to its prompt performance.

Another subject I will speak of, for it is my duty to put into your hearts good desires, even if, in my day, the good works proceeding therefrom may not be realized. I would leave among you

at least the remembrance, that I was never forgetful to call my flock to lofty principle and holy duty.

There is, my beloved, an ancient fable told in both the Greek and Roman Churches, which, fable as it is, carries with it great practical teaching. It is said that, in one of those storms of persecution which swept over the Christian Church in its early struggles, seven Christian youths sought shelter from the storm, by concealment in a cave. While persecution raged without, they slept within, the legend runs, two hundred years. At length when, under the protection of the good God, Christianity had triumphed, and Kings and Queens were now its nursing fathers and mothers, and multitudes bowed to its sway, the seven sleepers waked from their long slumber and rushed into Ephesus, their native city. Their first cry was for companionship—"Are there any Christians here?" They received for answer—"We are all Christians now." Then they were pointed to temples with gilded crosses, built for the honor of Christ, and to splendid schools erected, where the blessed gospels of Christ's religion were unfolded and taught to the multitudes. But alas! these tokens did not satisfy them, for they saw that multitudes did not profess the religion of Christ; while many, who did profess, did not live under the practical power of that religion; that many had a name to live, while they were practically dead; that few were found walking in the way of their lowly and holy Master. In truth, they saw, as they feared, that while the world had become Christianized, Christianity had become worldly. Wearied and heart-sick, they cried out at last—"You have showed us many things, the temples and the schools; you have told us how the heathen have been converted from their idols, but alas! you have given them no better religion. But tell us, where—where are the Christians?" And then, as the story runs, they returned to their cave, and were soon, by the mercy of God, released from their sad home in this world, and taken to a home that is brighter and better.

In what age of the Church could the fable fail to lodge its truth in an honest and good heart? Our times are perhaps not worse than other periods; but surely, in our times, we may, like the

Ephesian youths, in many of our cities, search in vain for the vigorous and healthy outgrowth of an earnest, working, practical Christianity. We all believe in the doctrine of an atonement made for poor sinners by our blessed Lord; how few of us regard Him, also, as an Example of practical holiness? We believe that "the Church is a body of faithful men;" that she is the Spouse of Christ, purchased with His own precious blood: here we seem to stop. "He went about doing good;" is the Spouse at work in the same way? We may not work miracles as He did—we may not heal the sick and raise the dead; but we may at least minister, under God, to the sick, and bury and cherish the dead. His was an errand of mercy to poor wandering man, wherever he might be found; the work of His disciples is, in every way, to carry the tidings of that mercy to lost and suffering humanity. Are we, my beloved, doing our work faithfully? We must with a good conscience make answer here, and then have peace in our answer hereafter.

It is right that Churches should be erected, and that multitudes should be called from the highways and hedges to hear the glad tidings of salvation; but when they are built, and thronged with worshippers, is that all that we may look for? Oh, no! These Churches are but fountains opened in the desert of this world, where poor wanderers may come and drink; they are there to learn the way to Heaven, and the rule of Christian life, that thence they may pass on, each disciple as it were a stream, laden with Christian treasures, to glorify his Lord, and to enrich and comfort his fellow-men. To say only to the hungry and the naked, be ye warmed and be ye clothed, is not like his Lord; to turn away from the sick and dying, is not like his Divine Master, Who perpetually went about doing good. We must be active, working Christians. We need something more than Church edifices, with crowded congregations; we need the manifestation of the spirit of Christ, working in the people of Christ.

Where are our Asylums for the poor and wretched—our Hospitals for the sick and the dying? Would that we might wake up to our duty, and with a full heart meet it gladly. Beloved,

my heart's desire and prayer is, that I may yet see a Church Hospital in St. Louis. Some were faithless when our Orphan's Home was begun; and some will think we dream, when we speak of a Church Hospital. The one is now erected and doing its work; the other, by GOD's help, in His own good time, will be. St. Louis has a population of more than 100,000 souls, and is almost the geographical centre of the great Mississippi valley—the rich valley of the world. Here a constant emigration from the old world, and from the eastern portions of our own country, is constantly pouring its tides—some of these tides to rest only on the far distant shores of the Pacific. That emigration—now healthy and vigorous, now sickly and feeble—still rolls on. The sick and the dying are drifted upon us, only to die in a strange land. Strange land indeed! for, sad to tell, the Church of GOD has here, in this heart of the valley, no home to shelter the way-faring man, the stranger, or even her own children. Beloved, this thing ought not so to be; we surely are not meeting our positive and plain duty, and we surely have the ability to meet it. May GOD put it into our hearts to follow the example of our Lord and Saviour—to be active in going about doing good. Let us have in St. Louis our Church Hospital.

In addition, may I say that a Church Hospital actually dispensing, under GOD, mercy and goodness to poor humanity, would be the most earnest and effective sermon ever preached for Christ's sake among us; it would be a voice louder than words—the visible and throbbing heart of Christ's working disciples. Then, too, it would, in its work, raise up for us, what is greatly needed everywhere, but especially in this climate, viz., competent nurses for the sick. The sick man who is without mother, or sister, or wife, in our city, is in a sad case. Every physician among us will tell you, that he needs a necessary luxury which no wealth can purchase—simply a good and competent nurse. Then, too, another thought that may allay the fears of some, at all times easily alarmed, is this:—The Institution, if properly begun, will in time become, I think, more than self-supporting; and this work of mercy may be expanded in many ways.

Let us, then, in faith begin this work, even if we commence in a hired house. GOD will give us His blessing, if our work "be begun, continued, and ended in Him." In due season we "shall reap if we faint not." In God's good time we shall see our Hospital and its grounds adjoining our city—the home of the halt and the maimed, the sick and the dying—a home built by the Spouse of Christ, for the honor of her Lord. Let us, my beloved, begin the work.

Or, if we will not do our duty to the sick, let us not condemn those voluntary Societies among men that will. If these human associations will keep their vigils and pour out their practical sympathies over their sick and dying brethren, let us not condemn; let us rather take shame that the work of Christ is forgotten by the Spouse of Christ; let shame be our portion instead of complaint.

There are one or two subjects also, of general as well as local interest, of which I desire to speak to you in few words.

You all know that there is at this time a Memorial before the House of Bishops, praying that the Church may meet its duty in the way of reaching the masses of men around us. The memorialists with earnestness press a truth, in which all, I think, must concur in a degree, viz: That the Church is not at present reaching the masses as fully as she should. The mode of reaching this want is the purpose of the memorialists; in other words, the mode in which the Church may be made adaptive to the masses is the subject presented by the Memorial. On this matter you all have a right to speak, for you have all been requested, if you can, to throw light upon it, by the Commission of Bishops to whom the Memorial was referred at our late General Convention. My opinion is given on this subject with great deference, because I think you have a right to expect it, even if you should differ with me. This I would say then:

1. The memorialists are, beyond question, moved by a holy and noble purpose.

2. They have called attention to a want of the Church; but a want not so extensively felt, I think, as they imagine.

3. There is nothing irregular or improper in attempting to meet their desire; nay, it is a positive duty to bring the Church Catholic to her Catholic work. None need be alarmed at thoughts of change, for no change in doctrine or essentials is thought of. In other things change is allowable. If we are bound, let us be unbound, that we may do our work. In the opening preface of our Book of Common Prayer we read:

“It is a most invaluable part of that blessed *liberty wherewith CHRIST hath made us free*, that in His worship different forms and usages may without offence be allowed, provided the substance of the faith be kept entire;—and, therefore, by common consent and authority, may be altered, abridged, enlarged, amended, or otherwise disposed of, as may seem most convenient for the edification of the people, according to the various exigencies of times and occasions.”

So we read again, in the preface to the Prayer-Book of our Mother Church in England:

“The particular Forms of Divine Worship, and the Rites and Ceremonies appointed to be used therein, being things in their own nature indifferent, and alterable and so acknowledged; it is but reasonable, that upon weighty and important considerations, according to the various exigencies of times and occasions, such changes and alterations should be made therein, as to those that are in place of authority should, from time to time, seem either necessary or expedient.”

It argues well for the conservative spirit of the Church, that its members at all times are startled at the thought of change. It is well that it is so; otherwise her children might readily run wild as others have so often done. But the true rule is laid down in the preface of the Prayer-Book. The substance of the faith is unchangeable; it stands upon the old test “*Quod semper, quod ubique, quod ab omnibus.*” In other matters, such as forms of worship and ceremonies, change by common consent and authority is allowable.

Without being alarmed, then, as to thoughts of change, let us ask if we are in such straits as to call for allowable alteration or amendment. Very little, I apprehend, if any. The wish is to

reach the masses ; but I think we shall find that we are reaching the masses, and have far more adaptiveness for reaching them than is supposed by some.

The growth of any religious body, so far as man may judge, is to be measured by the number of its converts, the stability of those converts, and the manifest works of those converts. Now, I think that we shall find, that the Episcopal Church in this country does not suffer in contrast, under these views, with many of the religious bodies of the country. In numbers and stability of attachment, the contemplation of our proportionate growth should give us some comfort. I do not say this without a knowledge that we might do, and should have done vastly more, but merely to show that we do reach the masses. Within the past few years, there is beginning to be a healthy outgrowth of good action in the Church. Asylums and Hospitals and Parish Schools begin to be a practical part of Church work ; and free Churches, upon the true basis of free Churches, begin to be understood, and will be multiplied. We in the West are continually meeting men of every description, and we surely should feel most keenly the want of adaptiveness in the Church to reach the multitudes. Now I ask, do we feel it? On the contrary, I believe that so remarkable is her adaptiveness, that one of her Ministers placed in any growing town, at the same moment that a Minister of some other body is placed there, would find at the end of five or ten years, the men being equal in zeal and power, that the Episcopal Church had attained a growth far most permanent and healthy ; and in this opinion, I know that numbers of experienced men will join me.

Again, suppose that we make changes. Cases will then arise, not reached by the new law or rubric ; and then, as now, the Minister must exercise his discretion. It is to be supposed that when a man is found meet for Holy Orders, the Church is willing to trust him to carry out her principles, otherwise he should not be ordained. There is and must be, at all times, a discretion allowed to the Clergy. If they run wild with that liberty, then it is time to correct the evil. We are free now in many things, and yet have not

used our daily liberty. Who has not exercised discretion at times in the use of public services, and in sick rooms and prisoners' cells, and who ever thought of checking a proper discretion? You may make changes, and still you must leave, as you now leave, a discretion in the Clergy.

I think that, in looking for remedies for our short-comings, we are looking *without* instead of looking *within*. The remedy is with ourselves. Are we at work faithfully, as the Church has called us? Are we carrying out the work and call of the Church to the multitudes? If the heart of the Church was made manifest to the people in works of love and mercy—if we were allowing her, as she is, to be doing her work fairly and fully, through us “earthen vessels,” then might we rejoice in a more vigorous growth to our Communion. I say this in no reproach to any of my Clerical brethren; I say it to myself, as one of them. We must all throw out the heart of the Church more vigorously and fully in our Ministry; and the Laity, too, must also show that they have in them the mind of Christ: that what they believe, that they practise.

There is another subject which may, perhaps, claim the consideration of us all, and which in a young Diocese may be spoken of more fairly and fully than in one that is older and stronger. I allude to the basis of representation, from the different Dioceses of our Union, in the General Convention. This body, as you know, meets triennially, and is composed of two Houses; the Upper House consisting of the Diocesan and Domestic Missionary Bishops; the Lower, of Clerical and Lay Deputies, each Diocese being allowed in that House four Clergymen and four Laymen.

The opinion has sometimes been expressed, that, in this General body thus composed, we do not get the full and fair expression of the American Church; that the vote of the Diocese of New-York, for instance, a Diocese containing three hundred Clergymen and twenty thousand Communicants, may be neutralized by the vote of Missouri, a Diocese having in it only twenty-one Clergymen and nine hundred Communicants. The same may be said as to the votes of Virginia and Tennessee, of Pennsyl-

vania and Delaware, &c. This opinion is based upon a cardinal principle, that, in all fair legislation, those who are to be ruled by the law, should have a voice in making the law; that no constituency should be in any way disfranchised. Our National Congress shows this principle plainly: that is composed of two Houses—the Senate, and the House of Representatives. In the Senate, each State of the Confederacy is allowed two Senators; while in the Lower House, each Representative sitting there represents his District of a certain number of people. No two States may possibly have the same number of Representatives. In this way, the citizenship of the whole country is represented. In this way, the whole Church in these United States might be represented, it is thought, in our General Convention.

It is known, too, that in some of our General Institutions, as, for instance, in the General Theological Seminary, the Church does recognize a representation from each Diocese, in a measure, upon a numerical basis. The law of representation in that Institution is this: that the Board of Trustees shall consist of “all the Bishops of the American Church; one Trustee from each Diocese; one additional for every eight Clergyman; one more additional for every two thousand dollars contributed, until the same amounts to ten thousand dollars; and one for every additional ten thousand contributed.”

I am not pressing this thought upon you, but claiming only that it is entitled to respectful consideration. It should be remembered, however, that if we attempt any new system of representation, there are difficulties in the way of it. The basis could be fixed only, I presume, on the number of Clergy, or Parishes, or of Church members, in any Diocese; and these numbers are constantly liable to changes. It should be remembered, too, that if the principle is a correct one, it should apply also to our Diocesan Conventions, and there again we meet with difficulty; and it should also be gravely considered, whether such a system of representation, if adopted, does not necessarily invade the rights and independence of Dioceses.

I am now, my beloved, as you are aware, closing my first

year's service as Bishop since I was released from all Parochial cure. I am more and more satisfied that a Bishop should be free from all Parish work, and be enabled to give his undivided time to his Diocese, especially if that Diocese be like ours, a wide Missionary field. I am comforted by the thought, that though visits in the interior were in some instances hurried, yet much more has been effected, by God's blessing, than by any other visit yet made by me in the Diocese. Let us thank God, and take courage. If all will do their duty in the cause of Christ—Bishop, Pastors and People—then shall we all find comfort, and then may we look for God's blessing more abundantly in this portion of His vineyard. "God will be merciful unto us, and bless us, and shew us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us."

I have nothing more to add, except the request that this Address may be read by the Clergy in their respective Parishes, and that God's Holy Spirit may, now and ever, guide and control our mutual counsels, for the sake of our adorable Redeemer, Who hath purchased the Church, even with His own precious blood.

The Standing Committee then presented the following

R E P O R T :

The Standing Committee, in presenting their Report for the Fifteenth Conventional Year, with great grief announce the removal by death of their colleague, the Hon. Hugh A. Garland, on the fourteenth of October last.

At their next meeting, four days after, the Committee adopted the following Preamble and Resolutions, viz :

"In view of the recent decease of the Hon. Hugh A. Garland, lately our associate in the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Missouri, be it Resolved,

"That we hereby record our deep sorrow and our sense of the loss sustained by ourselves, by the Diocese and the Church at large, in this afflictive stroke of the Divine Providence.

"That we respectfully tender to the bereaved family of Mr. Garland, the assurance of our sincere Christian sympathy with them; and for their only comfort, point to the blessed hope of the dead in Christ, as it is revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures.

“That we affectionately commend the example of Mr. Garland to the imitation of all men; for he died in faith, in hope, in quietness and confidence, because he had, during his life-time, humbled himself in penitence and in submission to the will of God.

“That we deplore the loss of his Christian scholarship and attainments, and feel that, as a layman, addicted to the diligent study of the Word of God, and of the history, legislation and principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church, he would soon have been known as one of her brightest ornaments.”

The vacancy thus occasioned has been filled by the election of Charles A. Pope, M. D.

The Canonical Certificates have been duly furnished for the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Missionary Bishop of the North West, to become the Diocesan of Wisconsin; for the Rev. Thomas March Clark, D. D., to be consecrated as Bishop of Rhode Island, and for the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., to be consecrated as Provisional Bishop of New-York.

The Rev. Wm. Colvin Brown, and the Rev. Robert E. Terry, Deacons, have been recommended to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, for ordination to the Priesthood.

Messrs. Charles Purviance and George K. Dunlop, candidates for Holy Orders, have been recommended to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, for ordination to the Diaconate.

Messrs. Joseph Ingoldsby Corbyn and Adolphe De Pelchin, late a licentiate of the Roman Obedience, have been recommended to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, as candidates for Holy Orders.

The Rev. Robert E. Terry has accepted the appointment of Agent for the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order and on behalf of the Standing Committee.

D. GORDON ESTES, *Secretary.*

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention adopt as their own the sentiments embodied in the Resolutions of the Standing Committee, as the expression of their sense of their own loss in the decease of the Hon. Hugh A. Garland of St. Louis, a member of the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Annual Conventions of Missouri.

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 the Contingent Expenses of the Conven-

tion—and with the Fund for the Contingent Expenses of the Episcopate, were presented.

On motion,

Resolved, That these Reports be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Bishop then presented the following

S T A T E M E N T .

MY BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION :

I herewith lay before the Convention, as one of my official acts during the past year, the following decision in a case of Appeal, brought before me, as the Bishop of the Diocese. This Appeal was in reference to the organization of Trinity Church, St. Louis. I am happy to say that since this decision was rendered, the Parish has organized, under the view suggested, and I have had the comfort of visiting it and ministering therein the rite of Confirmation to twelve persons. The papers appended to my decision will show you the satisfactory manner in which the organization was made.

The Appeal came before me as follows:

“ST. LOUIS, December 28th, 1854.

“*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the P. E. Church
of the Diocese of Missouri.*

“RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: The undersigned, in behalf of themselves and numerous other memorialists, having been for a long time past desirous of organizing a new Parish in this growing city, according to the order and usages of the P. E. Church, beg leave respectfully to represent, that they have taken the first canonical steps for that purpose, prescribed by Canon IX. of 1853; that the requisite consent of the “Minister or Ministers” applied to has been “denied or withheld,” and one month’s notice has been since given to said “Minister or Ministers” of our intended application to the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, to grant our request— all of which will fully appear by the documents herewith submitted.

“Under these circumstances we avail ourselves of our canonical privilege to lay our application before our Bishop, and submit it to his decision whether or not we shall be allowed to establish a *new Parish in St. Louis*, not only for the spiritual benefit of ourselves and our children, but also for the enlargement of the Church.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

L. LEVERING,
JAS. W. FINLEY,
T. S. RUTHERFURD.”

“ST. LOUIS, January 4th, 1855.

“*To Messrs. Levering, Finley, and Rutherford.*

“GENTLEMEN: I have before me your letter, bearing date December 28th, 1854, appealing to the Bishop of the Diocese for permission to establish a new Parish in the city of St. Louis, and also all the documents connected thus far with your efforts to effect the same purpose. I herewith submit my review of the case, and my decision in the premises.

“If the applicants mean that they desire to organize a Parish, and place their Parish Church near the Mercantile Library Building, then I refuse their application, because there is no necessity for a new Parish there.

“If they mean that they design to organize a new Parish in some destitute part of the city (which, under their second letter to the Rector of Christ Church, would appear to be their meaning), then I see no good reason why their application should be denied. It is then an application for Church extension in its true sense, and Church extension in this large and growing city is to be desired and prayed for. But, as the Canon contemplates no floating application, the applicants should designate within what limits they mean to place the Parish Church. This they have done, regarding that portion of the city from Thirteenth street westwardly, between Washington avenue and Clark avenue, as a section sadly wanting in Church accommodations. But this portion is not, in one sense, unoccupied. St. Paul's Church in this city, when the application for the new Parish was made, had then a Committee in existence with instructions to seek a suitable site for their Church building west of Thirteenth street, between Morgan and Chesnut streets—very nearly the same ground as that proposed by the applicants. This Committee from St. Paul's is still in existence, and making efforts to carry out the instructions of the Parish. I consider, then, that the section designated is already occupied by courtesy at least, and that St. Paul's should not be interrupted in its action. I, therefore, must again reject the application for organizing a new Parish within these limits.

“If the applicants desiring Church extension will designate other limits, where our mutual judgment may decide upon the necessity of a new Church, those limits not interfering with the rights of others, then I will gladly favor their application.

“I must remark, however, that the Bishop is by the Canon called upon simply to allow or disallow the organization of the new Parish, and that he has no power to give authority to the new Parish, when organized, to hold services elsewhere than within the limits designated. In exercising such a right, he is himself controlled by the 1st section of the same Canon IX. of 1853. The rights of the Parochial Clergy are by that section very properly protected.

“In the desire for Church extension in its true sense, I think we should all agree. We should learn to estimate where Church extension is called for, and how it is to be effected properly. In fact, we should comprehend the principle upon which Christian missions are to be begun and extended—whether among our own people or the people of heathen lands—whether in our large cities or among our small rural populations. In temporal affairs we wait for the demand to exist, and then send in the supply. The banker, the merchant, the artisan, or mechanic, gives the supply of what he has, in any place where the demand calls for it. In other words, the demand precedes the supply. In spiritual things it is not so; there the supply precedes the demand. It was so in the beginning, it must be so always. When our blessed Lord came to this world of sinners, it was not because sinners had begged His coming: He came of His own goodness, and brought a supply for every comfort; and the demand was made. When His disciples went out and preached that men should repent, they waited not till men asked for their preaching. They went with the supply, and created the demand. Thus has Christianity made its progress always. It takes its healing balm to men, who are ignorant of its virtues, and the preaching of Christ crucified brings those men to worship their Lord, and demand more and more of the supply. Thus are Christian missions among the heathen carried on. The heathen have not sent us a demand; they are ignorant of the blessings of Christianity. If we wait for them to call us, we shall never go. We send them the supply in faith and duty, and thus by God’s help we make the demand.

“Here then, in a city of more than 100,000 souls, we have five Episcopal Churches. Should there be more than five? I answer, *Yes*. Still, we must press prudently on. We must not injure present organizations, or embarrass ourselves wickedly with debt. Of all bodies, Churches should most religiously meet all pecuniary obligations and avoid debts. Still, all this we may and must do, while respecting the great principles of which I have been speaking. Some man may say, some of our Churches are already in debt, and we should have no more until these debts are liquidated. I answer, that the debts are not so large but that they may be met; and that a new Parish, upon proper limits, will help rather than injure the old Parishes. Some man will say, that in all our Churches seats may now be procured; there is room. I answer, that such an idea would stop the erection of a new Church in any of our cities. In every Church, in every city in our land, I presume we shall find some vacant seats. Churches are built not only for Christians to worship in, but for those outside to be drawn in. They are lodges in the wilderness for way-faring men. They are so many sheltering folds for the poor, the wretched, and the weary, in this naughty world. Let them then be built; only let us go to work prayerfully, judiciously, wisely, and in the fear of God.

“My decision is, then, that the applicants may organize a new Parish upon the proper principles of Christian extension. If we can mutually agree upon some destitute portion of our large city where the rights of other Parishes are uninvaded, may the comfortable Gospel of Christ be truly preached, truly received and truly followed in that destitute portion; and in this prayer I trust and believe that every Clergyman in St. Louis, under my jurisdiction, will heartily join me.

Yours respectfully,

C. S. HAWKS.”

Appeal of L. Levering, James W. Finley, T. S. Rutherford, and others, to the Bishop of Missouri, for permission to organize a new Parish in the City of St. Louis.

This appeal is made under Canon IX. of 1853, of the General Convention, which Canon reads as follows :

“CANON IX.

“Of the Officiating of Ministers of this Church, and of the Formation of Parishes within the Parochial Cures of other Clergymen.

“[Former Canons on this subject were the sixth of 1792, the fifth and seventh of 1795, the thirty-third of 1808, the seventh of 1829, and the thirty-first of 1832.]

“SECTION 1. No Minister belonging to this Church shall officiate either by preaching, reading prayers, or otherwise, in the Parish or within the Parochial Cure of another Clergyman, unless he have received express permission for that purpose from the Minister of the Parish, or Cure, or, in his absence, from the Churchwardens and Vestrymen, or Trustees of the Congregation, or a majority thereof.

“SECTION 2. Where Parish boundaries are not defined by law or otherwise, they shall, for the purposes of the foregoing section, be settled and defined by the civil divisions of the State as follows:—1. If a city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or any ward, district, or other subdivision of either of the same, shall contain but one Church or Congregation, the Minister having charge of such Church or Congregation shall be deemed to have the Parochial Cure within the same. 2. Any city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or the smallest subdivision of either of the same, in which there are two or more Churches or Congregations, shall be deemed the Parochial Cure of the Ministers of such Churches or Congregations, and the assent of a majority of such Ministers shall be necessary.

“SECTION 3. If any Minister of the Church, from inability or any other cause, neglect to perform the regular services to his Congregation, and refuse, without good cause, his consent to any other Minister of the

Church to officiate within his Cure, the Churchwardens, Vestrymen, or Trustees of such Congregation shall, on proof of such neglect or refusal before the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, before the Standing Committee, or before such persons as may be deputed by him or them, or before such persons as may be, by the regulations of this Church in any Diocese, vested with the power of hearing and deciding on complaints against Clergymen, have power, with the written consent of the beforementioned authority, to open the doors of their Church to any regular Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

“SECTION 4. A new Parish may be established, or a new Church or Congregation organized, within the limits of any Parish whose limits are prescribed by express law, or otherwise, or within the limits of any city, town, village, or incorporated borough, or any subdivision of either of the same, in the following manner:—1. Upon the written consent of the Minister or Rector having charge of a Church or Congregation within such limits, where there shall be but one Church or Congregation, with a Minister in charge thereof, or of the Wardens and Vestry of said Church or Congregation, or a majority thereof, where such Church or Congregation is without a Minister. 2. Where there are more Churches or Congregations than one, and less than four, within such limits, upon the written consent of a majority of such Ministers. 3. And where the number of such Churches or Congregations shall exceed three, then upon the written consent of the Ministers of the two Churches or Congregations whose places of public worship shall be nearest to the place proposed as the place of worship of such new parishioners. The written consent in the preceding cases shall be filed with the Secretary of the Standing Committee. 4. In each of the preceding cases the consent, in writing, of the Ecclesiastical authority must be given to the establishment of such new Parish. 5. If the consent of the Minister or Ministers aforesaid is denied or withheld, application may be made to the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese for the establishment of such new Parish, of which application one month's previous notice shall be given to the Minister or Ministers whose consent is so denied or withheld. The decision of the Ecclesiastical authority, if in favor of the application, shall be final; but if otherwise, the case shall be reported to the Convention of the Diocese (with the reasons for withholding an assent) for the final action of that body.

“SECTION 5. Canon XXXI. of 1832 is hereby repealed.”

Acting under Section 4 of this Canon, there being at the time no Rectors in Christ Church, or St. George's—the two Churches nearest to the Mercantile Library Hall, where they contemplated worshipping—the

applicants made their request to the Wardens and Vestrymen of each of these Parishes, and received answers as follows, viz:

*“To the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church,
in the Third Ward of the City of St. Louis:*

“The undersigned, being a Committee from a large number of respectable and devoted friends of the Church, who are anxious to advance its interests in this city, respectfully solicit your canonical consent, as required by Canon IX. of 1853, to a regular organization of a Congregation within the limits of the Third Ward of St. Louis. Allow us to ask the favor of an early attention to our request.

L. LEVERING,
T. S. RUTHERFURD,
and others.”

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“VESTRY MEETING, August 1st, 1854.

“Present—Messrs. Martin, Kennett, Carter, Carson, Mackenzie, Harrison, Durkee, and Wilson; Mr. Martin in the chair.

“A communication from Messrs. Levering, Rutherford, Finley, and others, was read, asking the canonical consent of this Vestry to a regular organization of a Congregation within the limits of the Third Ward; whereupon it was

“*Resolved*, That in the absence of our Rector, as well as several members of this Board, this Vestry decline taking any action on said petition; and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate the same to Messrs. Levering and others.

“On motion, the Vestry adjourned.

J. C. WILSON, *Secretary.*”

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“*To the Wardens and Vestry of St. George’s Church, St. Louis, Mo.*

“The undersigned, being a Committee from a large number of respectable and devoted friends of the Church, who are anxious to advance its interests in this growing city, respectfully solicit your canonical consent, as required by Canon IX. of 1853, to a regular organization of a Congregation within the limits of your Parish.

“Allow us to ask the favor of an early attention to our request.

“St. Louis, August 10th, 1854.

L. LEVERING,
JAS. W. FINLEY,
NATH’L. PHILLIPS,
CHAS. DERBY,
T. S. RUTHERFURD.

“ ST. LOUIS, August 28th, 1854.

“ *Messrs. Levering, Finley, &c.*

“ GENTLEMEN : At a meeting of the Vestry, on the 18th instant, your communication of August 10th, soliciting their canonical consent to a regular organization of a Congregation within the limits of St. George's Parish, was laid before that body, and on motion was referred to a Committee of five, to report thereon. That Committee, through its Chairman, submitted their report to the Vestry at a meeting held last Saturday evening, 26th instant, which was unanimously adopted, together with the accompanying Resolutions, as their response to your letter :

“ *Resolved*, That in our opinion the organization of an additional Congregation within the limits of St. George's Parish is altogether superfluous and uncalled for at present.

“ *Resolved*, That such a movement in our present condition would operate very much to our disadvantage, and that as a Vestry we are bound to withhold our assent from any measure which would have a tendency to embarrass us still further.

“ *Be it further Resolved*, That our action in not granting the prayer of the petitioners, is only to be considered as the view in which the application presents itself to the Vestry, under existing circumstances ; and as soon as we shall have obtained the services of a permanent Rector, it is hereby agreed, that the whole subject be referred back to him, to whom it properly belongs.

“ Availing myself of the earliest moment to transmit to you the above Resolutions,

I remain, gentlemen, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. A. MELLIER, *Secretary.*”

When the two vacant Parishes had secured Rectors, the applicants then brought their request before them, and received the replies as follows, viz :

“ ST. LOUIS, October 25th, 1854.

“ *To the Rev. M. Schuyler.*

“ The undersigned, being a Committee from a large number of respectable and devoted friends of the Church, who are anxious to advance its interests in this growing city, respectfully solicit your canonical consent, as required by Canon IX. of 1853, to a regular organization of a Congregation within the limits of the city.

“ Allow us to ask the favor of an early attention to our request.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

L. LEVERING,
JAS. W. FINLEY,
T. S. RUTHERFURD.”

“To Messrs. L. Levering, Jas. W. Finley, and T. S. Rutherford.”

“GENTLEMEN: I have given due consideration to a request, which, as a Committee on the part of others, you have presented to me, asking my canonical consent to the organization of a new Parish. I should have been extremely gratified, could I have seen your application in such a light as to have returned an affirmative answer to your request. As I stated to you verbally when I received your communication, that, being a stranger in the city, and therefore ignorant of the condition and wants of the Church here, I should feel constrained to seek counsel of my brother Rectors and of my Vestry, as being suitable advisers in the matter; I have called upon my Brethren in the Ministry, and received as the sum of their counsel, the unanimous expression of the opinion, that the organization proposed is both unnecessary and inexpedient; as to the views of the Vestry, they are expressed in the following Resolution, unanimously passed:

“*Resolved*, That in view of the present condition of the Episcopal Church in this city, and the possible demands for Church extension here, the organization of any new Parish in the location mentioned in said communication, is, in the opinion of this Vestry, not only unnecessary, but highly inexpedient; and we, therefore, advise and request our Rector to refuse the consent asked of him.”

“In view of the opinion of the gentlemen above referred to, and guided by the best light I can gather, and under a full conviction of the importance and responsibility of the decision as it may affect the rights of others, and the well-being of the Church, I am constrained to withhold my assent to your application.

“It may be as well here to state, that in consultation with my Brethren of the Ministry, and with the Vestry, it was their unanimous opinion that an organization in any ward of the city where there are inadequate Church accommodations, and where a population is rapidly gathering, would be unobjectionable, and, if called upon in such a case, they would freely give their consent.

“They all seem to feel, as I certainly do, a very great reluctance to assume even the *appearance* of opposition to any enterprise bearing upon Church extension in this city, but cannot regard the present application with approval.

“With the assurance of my high respect and kind regard,
I am, gentlemen, your friend and servant,

M. SCHUYLER.”

*"To the Rev. M. Schuyler,
Pastor of Christ Church, St. Louis, Mo.*

"Whereas, in your late communication, in reply to our request, you state, that it was the unanimous opinion of your Brethren of the Ministry, and with the Vestry, that our organization in any ward of the city where there are inadequate Church accommodations, and where a population is rapidly increasing, would be unobjectionable, and, if called upon in such a case, they would freely give their consent;

"And that, whereas, from Thirteenth street westwardly, between Washington avenue and Clark avenue, is a section of the city sadly wanting in Church requirements and Church accommodations;

"We, therefore, beg your canonical assent to the establishment of a regular Parish within those limits, and granting us further the privilege of occupying a room in the Mercantile Library Hall, (which we have already rented,) until such time as, in the course of Providence, we are enabled to build a Church edifice within the limits above mentioned.

"As it has been our desire to have this Parish organized for some months past, we solicit you answer as speedily as convenient.

T. S. RUTHERFURD,
L. LEVERING,
WM. M. PRICE,
A. P. LADUE,
SPENCER SMITH,
ELISHA B. BILLS,
CHAS. DERBY,
S. B. BULLOCK,
THOS. H. HOBBS,
NATHANIEL PHILLIPS,
H. W. MAYO,
C. D. TURNER,
E. R. NORRIS,
J. R. WENDOVER,
D. H. ARMSTRONG,
R. W. POWELL,
JOHN Y. PAGE,
FRANCIS MINER,

JAS. W. FINLEY,
R. B. PECK,
E. M. RYLAND,
THOMAS GRAY,
R. E. SMITH,
T. J. HORRELL,
THOS. SKENKER,
M. MOODY,
A. W. TILLMAN,
B. F. SHUTER,
JOHN F. ALTEMUS,
H. McKELLOPS,
GEO. B. MICHAEL,
HENRY COBB,
JAMES N. NORRIS,
S. O. BUTLER,
JOHN WICKHAM,
L. P. PERRY,

CHARLES G. RAMSEY.

“ST. LOUIS, November 20th, 1854.

“*To T. S. Rutherford and others.*”

“GENTLEMEN: I have called a meeting of the Vestry and presented your application before them for their advice, to guide me in my decision, and the following Resolution is the result of that meeting:

“*Resolved*, That we consider the application now presented as differing in no material respect from that already passed upon by this Vestry. Certainly we can see nothing in it which can render its granting, in the slightest degree, less objectionable than granting the first would have been; and still considering that the organization of a new Parish in this Ward, with permission to hold services as proposed, is entirely unnecessary to meet any existing wants of the Church, and would, in the present condition of the Episcopal Churches in this city, tend only to injure the interests of the Church here, we again advise and request our Rector to refuse the consent asked of him.”

“Such being the advice of my Vestry, and commending itself to my judgment, I am constrained to withhold my canonical consent to the organization of a new Parish, as requested by yourself and others.

Truly your friend,

M. SCHUYLER.”

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“ST. LOUIS, December 4th, 1854.

“*To the Rev. — Brown, Rector of St. George's Church.*”

“DEAR SIR: The undersigned, having applied in August last to the Vestry of St. George's Church for their *canonical consent* to the regular organization of a new Parish in the city of St. Louis, received in reply a communication, of which the following is an extract:

“*Resolved*, That our action in not granting the prayer of the petitioners, is only to be considered as the view in which the application presents itself to the Vestry under existing circumstances; and as soon as we shall have obtained the services of a permanent Rector, it is hereby agreed that *the whole subject be referred back to him, to whom it more properly belongs.*”

“The Vestry having thus referred us to yourself, as Rector of said Church, and desirous to act in carrying out our settled intentions in strict conformity with the Canons of our Church, we do hereby request your *canonical consent* to an organization of a new Parish, as set forth in the letter and memorial addressed by the undersigned to the Vestry of St. George's Church, in August last. Very respectfully, &c.,

L. LEVERING,

T. S. RUTHERFURD,

J. W. FINLEY.”

St. Louis, Dec. 15th, 1854.

“*Messrs. Levering, Finley & Rutherford.*”

“Your letter of the 4th inst. requests my canonical consent to the organization of a new Parish, as set forth in your letter to Vestry of St. George’s Church, in August last. I took the earliest opportunity to ask the advice of my Vestry in the matter, and it is given in the following Resolution :

“*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Vestry, the application of L. Levering, and others, dated August 10th, 1854, together with the document enclosed, addressed to the Bishop, showing a request for the canonical consent of this Vestry to the organization of a new Parish, having a place of worship in the Mercantile Library Building, is not properly made to this Parish ; that Canon IX. of General Convention, 1853, clearly shows that, as applicable to this city, a ward is the sub-division referred to in the Canon, and the application must designate the proposed place of worship, as clearly appears by the third paragraph of the fourth section of the Canon, which expressly contemplates, that the Church whose consent is required, is to be informed of the purposed place of worship; and without knowing this, no Church could act advisedly on such an application. It is assumed, therefore, that the application of August 10th, 1854, is to be taken in connection with the written proposition enclosed therewith, and signed by the same applicants, together with others. It seems the proposed place of worship is out of the canonical Parish of St. George, being in another ward. and we have no jurisdiction of the matter under the Canon.

“*If it should be supposed that the application is to be separated from the accompanying document, then we are not so advised in respect to the purposed new Parish as to act intelligibly upon the application ; but, a floating application is not contemplated by the Canon, and could not be acted upon. We presume, therefore, that the right interpretation is given to the application before us, and, as it is not proposed to organize a Parish within St. George’s Parish, the application should be respectfully returned to the signers, with the reasons therefor.*”

“As I had nothing to act upon, except your application of August last, and the enclosed document to the Bishop, I fully concur in the foregoing Resolution, passed unanimously by my Vestry. ”

Very respectfully,

Your ob’t serv’t,

WILLIAM COLVIN BROWN.”

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Under these circumstances the applicants gave the thirty days’ notice, under the same Canon, as follows :

“ST. LOUIS, November 28th, 1854.

To the Rev. M. Schuyler.

“REV. SIR: The undersigned Committee, having been denied your canonical consent for the establishment of a new Parish in this city, do hereby respectfully give you notice that application will be made by us, at the end of thirty days from date hereof, to the Bishop of the Diocese, for the establishment of the same. We remain, very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

L. LEVERING,

J. W. FINLEY,

T. S. RUTHERFURD.”

The following is the consent under which the Parish was finally organized:

“ST. LOUIS, February 6th, 1855.

To the Rev. Mr. Estes.

“We, the undersigned Committee, in behalf of ourselves and others, do hereby ask your canonical consent to the organization of a new Parish in the Fifth Ward of this city, according to order and usages of the P. E. Church. Very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

JAS. W. FINLEY,

L. LEVERING.”

“ST. PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM,
Corner of Fifth and Wash streets,
St. Louis, February 7th, 1855. } ”

Messrs. Jas. W. Finley, and L. Levering, Committee.

“I hereby give you my consent, according to Canon IX. of 1853, to the organization of a new Parish in the Fifth Ward of this city; the said Parish to be in conformity with the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

“I am well aware, that a new organization within these limits will now materially weaken St. Paul's, which can ill afford, especially at this juncture, to lose any of its supporters; yet, having faith that every humble and earnest effort for the furtherance of His Kingdom, will be blessed by its Great Head to the well-being of the community, temporal and spiritual, I cheerfully furnish the above.

“Gentlemen, God bless your endeavors for the promotion of His glory in the extension of His Holy Church!

Yours, in a common brotherhood,

D. GORDON ESTES,

Rector of St. Paul's Church.”

"My consent is given to the organization of a new Parish in the Fifth Ward of St. Louis, in compliance with the consent given by the Rector of St. Paul's.

FEBRUARY 7th, 1855.

C. S. HAWKS,
Bishop of Missouri."

On motion,

Resolved, That these papers in relation to the organization of Trinity Church, St. Louis, be entered upon the Journal.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Bishop appointed Mr. W. K. Trigg, teller to receive the Clerical, and Mr. A. H. Thompson, teller to receive the Lay vote.

The following gentlemen were elected, viz :

The Rev. Francis J. Clerc,

" " D. Gordon Estes,

Mr. D. Hough,

Charles A. Pope, M. D.

The Rev. D. G. Estes declined serving on the Standing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to an election for two Clerical members of the Standing Committee.

The Bishop appointed the same gentlemen to act as tellers.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes respectfully report, That the papers submitted to them in relation to the organization of Trinity Parish, St. Louis, Trinity Parish, Independence, and St. John's Parish, Savannah, appear to be in accordance with the Canons made and provided for such cases; and they would recommend that these Parishes be severally admitted into union with this Convention.

D. G. ESTES,

R. N. SMITH,

E. E. BUCKNER,

} Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That Trinity Parish, St. Louis, be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That Trinity Parish, Independence, be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That St. John's Parish, Savannah, be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following amendment of the Constitution be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, viz: That from Article II. the words "the fourth Friday in May" be stricken out, and in their place the words "the first Friday in July" be inserted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, That on referring to the Journal of the last Diocesan Convention, they find on page 30, that the consideration of the amendments to Article II. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, was postponed until this Convention. The Committee recommend for adoption the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed amendments to Article II. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

J. W. DUNN, *Chairman*.

On motion,

Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed amendments to Article II. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Bishop announced as the result of the ballotings, that the Rev. John F. Fish and the Rev. Montgomery Schuyler were elected as Clerical members of the Standing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now take a recess until three o'clock this afternoon.

Whereupon the House took a recess until three o'clock.

CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE, }
3 o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention met.

An application for the admission into union with this Convention of Calvary Church, Columbia, was presented.

On motion,

Resolved, That this application be referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

The Bishop then read the following

A D D R E S S.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY: By reference to Canon VIII., Sec. 3, of the Diocese of Missouri, and Canon XIV. of 1853 of the General Convention, it will be seen that there is an apparent conflict between the Diocesan and General Canon. The same conflict would seem to appear in a portion of Section 4 of Canon IV. of the Diocese of Missouri.

Some suppose there is no conflict, but the references alluded to will show you that there is a doubt upon this subject. I desire, therefore, to bring this subject before the Convention, that they may refer it to their Committee on Constitution and Canons; the Convention may then act in the premises as they may deem proper.

For myself I would state, that I shall be pleased with any action taken by the Convention on this subject. Under our Canons, Clergymen have at all times entered and left the Diocese without difficulty, and will, I trust, always be able to do so, when it is proper. As an executive officer, I feel that no complaint of the exercise of the power conferred could be urged by any one. Still, if there is conflict in the law, the conflict should not exist. We are all bound by the General Law, of course; and this Convention can alter, modify, abolish, or leave standing as it is, our Diocesan Law, as in the wisdom of the Convention may be deemed best.

C. S. HAWKS, *Bishop of Missouri.*

On motion,

Resolved, That this Address of the Bishop be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion,

Resolved, That there be a Committee of seven appointed in behalf of this Convention, to obtain, if possible, at the coming Session of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, a charter for a Church Building Association.

Whereupon the Bishop appointed the Hon. Messrs. W. A. Cunningham, Abiel Leonard, William Scott, James L. Minor, and James S. Rollins.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes made the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes respectfully report, That the papers submitted to them in relation to the organization of Calvary Parish, Columbia, are in accordance with the Canons made and provided for such a case; and they would recommend that this Parish be admitted into union with this Convention.

D. G. ESTES,
R. N. SMITH, } *Committee.*
E. E. BUCKNER, }

On motion,

Resolved, That Calvary Church, Columbia, be admitted into union with this Convention.

From the Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate was presented the following

R E P O R T :

The Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate would respectfully report, That he has in his hands the sum of three hundred and seventy-seven dollars and forty cents, viz :

Amount reported at last Convention.....	\$204 70
Received interest on above.....	11 50
Easter, 1855—Rec'd from St. Paul's Church, St. Louis,	13 10
“ “ “ Christ Church, Lexington.....	11 55
“ “ “ St. John's Church, St. Louis.....	30 55
“ “ “ St. George's Church, St. Louis...	13 60
“ “ “ Christ Church, St. Louis.....	42 40
“ “ “ Christ Church, Boonville.....	50 00
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D. HOUGH, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Finance presented the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, That they have exam-

ined the several accounts submitted to them for examination, and find them correct, as follows, viz :

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

Amount collected during year.....\$627 51
 Amount disbursed " 610 51

Leaving balance in Treasurer's hands..... \$17 00

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

Amount paid out.....\$143 48
 Amount collected on back and current assessments..... 143 00

Balance due Treasurer..... 48

From memoranda accompanying Treasurer's Account,
 there remains due from this fund..... \$31 50

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

Amount received from the several Parishes.....\$208 00
 All of which has been paid to the Bishop.

Your Committee regret to find several Parishes a considerable sum in arrears; in some instances embracing more than one assessment.

A. H. THOMPSON, }
 W. K. TRIGG, } *Committee.*
 E. W. BROWN, }

The Rev. A. D. Corbyn, of the Diocese of Mississippi, present in the Convention, was invited by the Bishop, under Rule of Order XIII., to a seat with this body.

The Committee on Assessments presented the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Assessments respectfully report and recommend, That the assessment on the several Parishes, for the Contingent Expenses of the Convention, and of the Episcopate, for the ensuing year, be as follows, viz :

	Convention.	Episcopate.	Total Assessments.
Christ Church, St. Louis.....	\$40 00	\$75 00	\$115 00
St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.....	15 00	15 00	30 00
Christ Church, Boonville.....	10 00	15 00	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.....	3 00	10 00	13 00
Trinity Church, St. Charles.....	3 00	10 00	13 00
Grace Church, Jefferson City.....	3 00	10 00	13 00
St. John's Church, St. Louis.....	15 00	15 00	30 00
Grace Church, St. Louis.....	5 00	10 00	15 00

	Convention.	Episcopate.	Total Assessments.
St. George's Church, St. Louis.....	35 00	60 00	95 00
Trinity Church, Hannibal.....	3 00	10 00	13 00
Christ Church, Lexington.....	10 00	15 00	25 00
St. Mary's Church, Fayette.....	3 00	10 00	13 00
St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow	3 00	10 00	13 00
St. John's Church, Weston.....	3 00	10 00	13 00
Christ Church, St. Joseph.....	3 00	10 00	13 00
St. Ann's Church, Brunswick.....	3 00	10 00	13 00
Prairieville Parish, Pike County	3 00	5 00	8 00
Trinity Church, St. Louis.....	15 00	15 00	30 00
Trinity Church, Independence....	3 00	5 00	8 00
St. John's Church, Savannah....	3 00	5 00	8 00
	<u>\$181 00</u>	<u>\$325 00</u>	<u>\$506 00</u>

R. N. SMITH,
A. WARNER,
W. SMITH, } *Committee.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the scale of assessments, as recommended by the Committee, be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to an election of Delegates to the General Convention.

The Bishop appointed Mr. W. K. Trigg teller for the Clerical, and Mr. A. H. Thompson teller for the Lay vote.

The Bishop called for the Parochial Reports.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop be respectfully requested to present to the Laity of the Church in St. Louis, the subject of a Church Hospital, as presented by him to this Convention.

The Bishop announced that the ballot for Delegates to the General Convention had resulted in the election of the following gentlemen, viz :

The Rev. Francis J. Clerc,	John A. Talbot, M. D.,
“ “ D. Gordon Estes,	Mr. Harry I. Bodley,
“ “ Robert E. Terry,	“ Robert N. Smith,
“ “ William B. Corbyn.	“ Alfred Warner.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in Christ Church, Lexington.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons made the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee on Constitution and Canons respectfully report, That they recommended the adoption of the following Resolution :

Resolved, That Canon XVII. be so amended as to read, "It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish in this Diocese, to make at least one collection in each year, in aid of the formation of a Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate."

On the subject referred to them by vote of the Convention, they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to prepare and report to the next Diocesan Convention, a still farther amendment of the proposed Article II. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, fixing the Lay-representation as proposed, on the basis of a fair representation of the Dioceses.

As regards the proposed amendment of Article II. of the Constitution of the Diocese of Missouri, referred to them by vote of this Convention, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, viz :

1. "*Resolved*, That from Article 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.'"

2. "*Resolved*, That this amendment be referred to the next Diocesan Convention for its approval."

The Committee have also had under consideration the Address of the Bishop, and they recommend for adoption this Resolution :

Resolved, That the Address be referred to the next Diocesan Convention.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. J. CLERC,	} Committee.
G. W. MORTON,	
J. A. TALBOT,	

On motion,

Resolved, That Canon XVII. be so amended as to read, "It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish in this Diocese, to make at least one collection in each year, in aid of the formation of a Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate."

On motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to prepare and report to the next Diocesan Convention, a still farther amendment of the proposed Article II. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, fixing the Lay-representation as proposed, on the basis of a fair representation of the Dioceses.

On motion,

Resolved, That from Article 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."

On motion,

Resolved, That this amendment be referred to the next Diocesan Convention for its approval.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Address be referred to the next Diocesan Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That one thousand 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 Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, the Reports of the several Parishes and Clergy, of the Orphan's Home, of the Treasurer, 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.

The Agent for the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate presented the following

R E P O R T :

The Agent respectfully reports, That he has received the appointment of Agent in behalf of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee; but, owing to other duties, he has found it impracticable to begin the work of the agency except by correspondence, and accidentally meeting with others, by which means he has received notes for the following sums, to wit :

From Mr. Rob't N. Smith, of Lexington, note due Dec. 1, '58, for	\$100 00
“ “ William K. Trigg, “ “ “	100 00
“ “ D. C. Relf, “ “ “	50 00
“ “ Alfred Warner, of Palmyra, “ “	100 00
“ Dr. John A. Talbot, of Fayette, “ “	50 00
“ Mr. George W. Morton, of Boonville, “ “	100 00
	<u>\$500 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. TERRY, *Agent.*

On motion,

Resolved, That it be hereby recommended to the Rectors of Churches, that they promptly call together the subscribers to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri, and the people committed to their charge, with a view to secure for the ensuing year an increased number of subscriptions for the support of the Missionary points already occupied in this Diocese, and pledges for the spread of the Gospel in parts unoccupied by us as yet.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clergy be requested to report promptly to the Bishop, the amount subscribed or pledged in their Parishes for this work.

On motion,

Resolved, That, in the election of a Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. John Halsall, the former Treasurer, be re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now take a recess until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

Whereupon the House took a recess until half-past seven o'clock.

CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE, }
Half-past 7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention met.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Francis J. Clerc, the Rev. D. Gordon Estes, and Mr. Robert N. Smith, be nominated to the General Convention as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop be requested to appoint Stations for the Missionary visits of the Clergy of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

On motion,

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

The Minutes were then read and approved.

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

D. GORDON ESTES, *Secretary*.

General Convention, 1844
Stafford, Va. Dec. 1. M. J.

The Convention met.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Francis J. Clark, the Rev. Wm. Gordon
Pater, and Mr. Robert N. Smith, be nominated to the General
Convention as Pastors of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. the Bishop be requested to ap-
point preachers for the missionary visit of the Clergy of the Di-
ocese for the ensuing year.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the reading of the Minutes and the read-
ing of the Convention will adjourn sine die.

The Minutes were then read and approved. The Bishop, the
After an address, prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the
Convention adjourned sine die.

D. GORDON, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

The Rev. M. SCHUYLER, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, 34; adults, 7; total	41
Confirmations.....	28
Communicants—Found on the Register.....	114
Added by removal.....	18
“ anew.....	19
Present number.....	151
Marriages	16
Burials	16
Sunday School—Teachers.....	22
Scholars.....	80

The contributions have been as follows, viz :

For the Poor	\$193 15
Sunday School.....	134 00
Parochial purposes.....	150 00
Domestic Missions	28 00
Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri.....	60 00
Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.....	43 50
Convention Assessments.....	115 00
Dr. Massoch, Missionary to Foreign Population in St. Louis.....	200 00
Outfit for Dr. Massoch	87 50
Orphan's Home, subscriptions.....	323 50
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	\$1,334 60

The present Rector took charge of this Parish on the first Sunday in October last.

This Report, therefore, embraces a period of not quite eight months. It is with feelings of devout gratitude to God that he is enabled to record a considerable increase in the number of pews rented and sold, a decided improvement in the attendance upon public worship, and a marked and growing interest in religious things. The number confirmed, composed as they were of both young and old, and all taking this step with reference to the Holy Communion, has been a subject of special encouragement.

Within the past year the Church has been greatly improved, having been re-painted both inside and out, and that too with peculiarly good taste. The pews have all been newly upholstered, as well as the pulpit and reading desk—the aisles re-carpeted and the Sunday School room thoroughly repaired. New furnaces have also been put up, which have admirably answered their purpose in warming the Church. A very handsome set of books for the desk, altar and pulpit have been provided.

The Parsonage has likewise undergone great improvement. A third story and kitchen have been added, and the whole re-painted inside and out. Gas has been introduced with the necessary fixtures; the yard has been put in good order, so that it has been made in every way a most desirable home for the Rector.

He cannot forget to acknowledge the kindness and liberality of the ladies of the Congregation, in their handsome present of carpets, oil cloth, &c., for the house.

The whole amount expended in the repairs mentioned above exceeds, by a trifle, the sum of \$6,000.

It gives him great pleasure to add that, within the past few days, and just upon the verge of the meeting of the Convention, a debt of \$5,000, which has for years rested upon the Church, and a more recent one of \$2,000, have been paid by the sale of lands belonging to the Parish, and we have now the blessed privilege of rejoicing over our entire freedom from debt. Every claim of a pecuniary character has been met, and even such obligations as were not yet due. Thus released from such an incubus upon the prosperity of the Parish, the Rector can but feel his heart cheered and his hands strengthened, and with humble confidence he looks forward (under God) to an increasing growth in temporal and spiritual things.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

The Rev. D. G. ESTES, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, 44; adults, 2; total.....	46
Confirmations.....	10
Communicants—Number last reported.....	107
Added by removal.....	9
“ anew.....	13
Lost by death.....	8
“ removal.....	29
Present number.....	92
Marriages.....	4
Burials.....	23
Sunday School—Teachers.....	15
Scholars.....	100

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

To the Poor.....	\$74 95
St. Paul's, St. Louis.....	282 80
Building Fund, (Sunday School \$8 50; Ladies' Festival \$800,).....	808 50
Convention Assessments.....	30 00
Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.....	13 10
Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri.....	62 00
Domestic Missions.....	15 00
Foreign Missions.....	15 00
St. Paul's College, (from Sunday School, \$10,).....	30 00
Mission to Ojibwas, (from Sunday School,).....	10 00
Children's Magazine \$10; Books \$12 20, (from Sunday School,).....	22 20
Bishop White Prayer-Book Society.....	7 00
Orphan's Home, subscriptions.....	54 00
	\$1,424 55

On Septuagesima Sunday, the Parish removed its public worship from the old Church on the corner of Fifth and Wash streets to a commodious hall in the Mercantile Library Building. This was done with the intention of disposing of its present property, and of obtaining a more eligible situation for a new Church.

CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE.

The Rev. R. E. TERRY, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, 18 ; adults, 6 ; total.....	24
Confirmations	27
Communicants—Number last reported.....	29
Added by removal.....	9
“ anew	25
Lost by removal	1
“ death	2
Present number	60
Marriages	1
Burials.....	11
Sunday School—Teachers	8
Scholars.....	50

Within the last Conventional year there has been a decided improvement in the condition of this Parish. The number of Communicants has more than doubled; the Congregation has greatly increased; the pews are all taken, and a deeper interest is manifested by the people of the city, generally, in the services of the Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PALMYRA.

The Rev. W. B. CORBYN, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants.....	2
Confirmations, (5 students of the College,).....	6
Marriages	3
Burials.....	2
Convention Assessments.....	\$13 00

The want of a suitable place of worship has been, and still is, a most serious obstacle in the way of gathering a congregation. Even the largest study room of the College, where the parochial services are held, is but a poor and inconvenient place for public worship. Of course, there is no opportunity of reaching those who are not already interested in the Church and its services. And more, our being obliged to celebrate Divine Service in a room so common as a daily study room, is a sad hindrance to the cultivation, in the boys, of the spirit of reverence, and a proper estimate of the sacredness of public worship. But if the Chapel, now in process of erection, could be completed, we should have reached a most desirable vantage ground, in respect both of the members of the College and of the people who would worship with us.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, PALMYRA.

The Rev. W. B. CORBYN, President.

I have been engaged during the past year, as usual, in my duties at St. Paul's College. Aided by the same faithful and laborious coadjutors, I have been enabled to preserve the same system of discipline and of thorough instruction as heretofore.

The number of scholars, however, has been less than the last year, though this circumstance, when its causes are considered, does not indicate any diminution of the real prosperity of the College, as it is traceable to the increase in the charges for board and tuition, and to the present stringency in monetary affairs. And if the growth of the Institution hereafter shall be more gradual than before, we may hope that its growth will be only the more healthy and strong.

Seventy-two boys, of whom twenty-six were boarders, and forty-six day scholars, have received instruction in the College during the current year; but as the attendance of many of these, especially that of the day scholars, is but transient, the average is considerable less than the number above stated.

The present number is between forty and fifty, of whom seventeen are boarding scholars. Of the boarding scholars, four have been supported in whole or part by the College, though the services of one of these is considered an equivalent for his support. Of the day scholars two have been taught without charge, and three others at a reduced charge.

The Receipts and Expenditures have been as follows, from August, 1854, to the present time: From *donations* to the College, \$784; from the Trustees for buildings, \$2,000; from current revenue of the College, i. e., for tuition and board of pupils, \$4,631.70—Total, \$7,415.70. Expenditures—on building, \$3,499.55; for current expenses of the College; \$3,839.10—Total, \$7,338.65.

This statement is, from necessity, somewhat imperfect, but may be regarded as an approximation to a more accurate account, which will be rendered by the Treasurer to the Trustees at their next meeting.

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The Rev. G. P. COMINGS, Professor of Mathematics.

Since my last Report, I have been almost wholly occupied with my duties in the College.

Since last October, I have alternated with the Rev. Mr. Corbyn in keeping up a monthly service at Hannibal, at which the Holy Communion is administered.

TRINITY CHURCH, ST. CHARLES.

The Rev. G. K. DUNLOP, Minister.

Baptisms—Infant	1
Confirmations	2
Communicants	8
Marriages	1
Sunday School—Teachers	2
Scholars	20
Contributions for Parochial purposes	\$600 00

Since my appointment to St. Charles, in December last, I have performed Divine Service once every Lord's day, to small, but gradually increasing, congregations.

Before my arrival in St. Charles, a lot with a house on it, which we use as a Church, had been purchased by the Vestry; this has lately been paid for, and is at present undergoing repairs.

Although our numbers as yet are few, I feel much encouraged in my labors by the earnest zeal of that little flock, whose "faith has failed not" in ten successive years, during which time they have had no fixed Pastor.

Although the ground has been long occupied by the denominations, still I think much good can be effected; but to do so, it will require time and labor.

GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY.

The Rev. J. ADDERLY, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants	2
Confirmations	1
Communicants—Lost by removal	1
Present number	12
Burials	1

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

To Parochial purposes	\$15 00
Convention Assessments	20 00
	<u>\$35 00</u>

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

The Rev. F. J. CLERC, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, 42; adults, 2; total.....	44
Confirmations.....	12
Communicants—Number last reported.....	126
Added by removal.....	18
“ anew.....	9
Lost by death.....	3
“ removal.....	15
Stricken off.....	3
Present number.....	132
Marriages.....	10
Burials.....	26
Sunday School—Teachers and Assistants.....	24
Scholars.....	150

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

For the Poor.....	\$120 60
Domestic Missions.....	20 00
Foreign Missions.....	7 00
Convention Assessments.....	30 00
Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.....	30 55
New-York Bible and Prayer-Book Society.....	14 00
St. John's Church, St. Louis.....	183 47
Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri.....	163 78
Outfit for Dr. Massoch.....	117 00
School of Dr. Massoch (from Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$10).....	20 10
Assessments on Trinity Church, St. Charles, 1854-5.....	12 00
Premiums on Life Insurance Policies.....	95 91
Orphan's Home, subscriptions.....	155 00
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In addition to the above statistics, the parochial expenses of the past year have all been met; the salary of the Rector is promptly paid in full; and arrangements for the payment of all the debt now resting on the Church, at Easter next, have nearly been completed.

The Rector reports with great joy these evidences of interest in the work of the Church, on the part of his people; and humbly trusts, that he may be enabled to lead and to incite them to still greater devotion to the spiritual welfare both of themselves and others. A Parish organization, designed to systematize the distribution of alms and the works of charity, and also to disseminate useful knowledge respecting the prin-

ciples and operations of the Church, has been successfully sustained for some months, and will doubtless become a permanent thing. It has begun the formation of a Parish Library.

The Orphan's Home Annual Reports are herewith submitted.

GRACE CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

The Rev. W. H. WOODWARD, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants	17
Communicants—Number last reported.....	47
Added.....	5
Lost by death.....	3
“ removal	7
Repelled.....	1
Present number	41
Marriages	9
Burials	25
Sunday School—Teachers	9
Scholars.....	60
Contributions.....	\$350 00

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

The Rev. W. C. BROWN, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, 18; adults, 2; total.....	20
Confirmations.....	10
Communicants—Added by removal	6
Lost by death and removal.....	10
Present number.....	68
Marriages	13
Burials.....	12
Sunday School—Teachers.....	14
Scholars.....	120

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

To the Poor	\$270 45
Convention Assessment.....	35 00
Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.....	13 60
Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri.....	151 83
Foreign Christian Union.....	34 50
Sunday School.....	103 20
Outfit for Dr. Massoch	45 00
Orphan's Home (subscriptions, \$75; Children's Fair, \$225).....	300 00
Orphan's Home (Anniversary).....	50 50

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TRINITY CHURCH, HANNIBAL.

The Rev. ———, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants.....	5
Communicants—Number last reported.....	36
Added by removal.....	3
“ anew.....	5
Lost by removal.....	10
Present number.....	34
Sunday School—Teachers.....	6
Scholars.....	20

Since August, 1853, this Parish has been without a Rector; services have been held from time to time by different Clergymen, up to September, 1854, when Mr. Charles Purviance visited Hannibal, and officiated as Lay-reader until his ordination as Deacon in November last. Immediately afterwards, the Vestry elected Mr. Purviance, Rector of this Parish, which call he accepted, but in a few days thereafter withdrew his acceptance; he continued officiating, however, until the first Sunday in January, since which time we have been visited three times by the Rev. S. J. Evans, of the Diocese of Illinois, once by the Rev. W. B. Corbyn, President of St. Paul's College, Palmyra, and once by the Rev. G. P. Comings of the same place.

This Parish should occupy a prominent position in this Diocese. Situated in one of the most flourishing towns, and being the terminus of the railroad from St. Joseph, it ought to command the services of an active Minister. Attached to the Parish there are about eighteen or twenty families, representing eighty to ninety persons.

The Church owns a valuable lot in a pleasant and central location, and an effort will be made during the ensuing summer to erect a Church edifice thereon.

F. A. COLHOUN, }
 F. W. SOUTHACK, } *Wardens.*

CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON.

The Rev. ———, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants.....	9
Confirmations.....	1
Burials.....	5
Communicants.....	59

The offerings since the 20th of August have been as follows, viz:

To Parochial purposes.....	\$57 30
Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri.....	7 00
Domestic Missions.....	13 10
Foreign Missions.....	4 00
Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.....	11 55
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During the past year, the Rev. Wm. N. Irish has very kindly visited this Parish on two occasions.

From November, 1854, until recently, the Rev. David Clarkson has been officiating for us, and has done much good. For his faithful and zealous services to the Church, he has our heart-felt thanks. The result of his labors will, no doubt, be apparent at the next visit of our Diocesan, in the large number of candidates for Confirmation.

R. N. SMITH, } Wardens.
D. C. RELF, }

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FAYETTE.

The Rev. J. W. DUNN, Rector.

Confirmations.....	1
Communicants—Number last reported.....	19
Added by removal.....	5
“ anew.....	1
Lost by removal.....	2
Present number.....	23
Marriages.....	2
Sunday School—Teachers.....	2
Scholars.....	25

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

For Parochial purposes.....	\$13 00
Domestic Missions.....	2 50
Foreign Missions.....	2 50
Convention Assessments.....	13 00
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	\$31 00
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In addition to my parochial duties, I have been engaged, during the the past year, in teaching a school.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, GLASGOW.

(No Report.)

The Rev. J. W. DUNN, Missionary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WESTON.

The Rev. W. N. IRISH, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants	2
Confirmations	2
Communicants—Number last reported	7
Added anew	2
“ by removal	1
Present number	10

The Congregation have leased a neat and well furnished room for a place of worship.

The Parish has good prospect for increase, but it greatly needs the whole care of a resident Minister. I have not officiated here since the 1st of April. A Minister has been called to the charge of the Parish.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH.

The Rev. W. N. IRISH, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, 3; adults, 1; total	4
Confirmations	3
Communicants—Number last reported	7
Added by removal	7
“ anew	4
Lost by removal	1
“ death	1
Present number	16
Marriages	1
Burials	4

The Rector regrets to state, that the Congregation have not as yet commenced building a Church, although the large and increasing attendance upon our services renders one necessary. That we have not commenced building is owing to the fact, that the Vestry cannot obtain a clear deed to the lot, on which they propose to erect a Church. In all other respects, the Parish is in a most flourishing condition.

The Rector has likewise formed a Chapel congregation at the residence of Mr. James Cargill, upon whose estate we trust a small building will be erected. A lot has been set aside for the purpose. The attendance upon a monthly service held there has been encouraging.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, BRUNSWICK.

(No Report.)

The Rev. ———, Rector.

PRAIRIEVILLE PARISH, PIKE COUNTY.

The Rev. J. T. WORTHINGTON, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants.....	2
Confirmations.....	9
Communicants—Added	8
Lost by death	1
Present number.....	23

There are twenty-one Church families in the County, as far as ascertained. The congregations at Prairieville vary from eighty to one one hundred and fifty persons. This embraces the County, so far as I have surveyed it; but I believe that it is in some things short of the actual amount of statistics. Several contributions for purposes foreign to the Parish have been made, the amounts not known by me. I live thirty-five or forty miles from the Parish, visit it three or four times a month, and thus am unable to do more than half of what might be done. I am yet a non-resident of the Parish because I can not make it otherwise.

TRINITY CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

The Rev. E. C. HUTCHINSON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, 11; adults, 3; total.....	14
Confirmations	12
Communicants	66
Burials.....	6
Sunday School—Scholars	60
Offerings for charitable purposes	\$76 00

This Church was organized early in February last; since which time regular services have been held in the edifice formerly occupied by St. Paul's Church, in the Fifth Ward of the city.

TRINITY CHURCH, INDEPENDENCE.

(No Report.)

The Rev. ———, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SAVANNAH.

The Rev. W. N. IRISH, Missionary.

Communicants 1

There are several families at this place who are interested in the Church. Occasional services have been held by me according to the Circular to the Clergy by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop.

CALVARY CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

The Rev. J. W. DUNN, Missionary.

Communicants 5

I have made occasional visits to Huntsville and this place during the past year. This Parish has just been organized and admitted into union with the Convention.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS.

The Rev. J. F. FISH, Chaplain U. S. A.

Baptisms—Infants.....	4
Burials	52
Collections for Domestic Missions.....	\$25 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
	<u>\$35 00</u>

Regular Services have been maintained at this Post on the Sundays and the principal Holy days of the past Conventional year.

MISSION TO FOREIGN POPULATION, ST. LOUIS.

The Rev. S. C. MASSOCH, D. D., Missionary.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

According to my promise and duty, I send you the most faithful Report of the missionary labors, which, by the grace of God, through my instrumentality, have been performed in the vineyard of the Lord during the past twelve months, among those who, according to Divine purpose and counsel, were called into the number of the faithful children of God.

I will, therefore, shortly say—

(*a*) That my labors have, in general, been blessed by the Lord.

(*b*) That a great number of the Bohemian Roman Catholics (about twenty-five families) have abandoned their antiquated Jewish and Heathen ceremonies and other fascinations, and have embraced the Protestant Episcopal faith, based on the corner-stone of Jesus Christ and His Apostles.

(*c*) That besides the Bohemians, three German families have also left the Old Babylon, and, with exceeding joy and gladness, returned unto the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, which came down from God, adorned and prepared as a bride for a husband; and this bride is our dear and precious Church, the faithful Mother of all true believers.

(*d*) One Polish and another Silesian family have likewise deserted the camp of the Philistines, and went to the tabernacles and habitations of the Most High.

(*e*) On Sundays and feast days, the Divine services have been attended, either in St. John's Church, or performed in my private school, where the converts were taught in the Gospel, or new proselytes instructed in the principles of our holy religion.

(*f*) Twenty-five individuals have received the Holy Communion.

(*g*) Two children of the Bohemian families have been baptized in the Church of St. John, by the Rev. Mr. F. J. Clerc, our dear and beloved brother in Christ.

(*h*) During the autumn and winter, sixty-eight Bohemian and German children have been daily instructed in the English language, and in the Holy Bible.

(*i*) Twelve Bohemian and German Bibles, and forty New Testaments in the English, Bohemian and German languages, have gratuitously been distributed among the poor converts and their children.

(*j*) One thousand copies of our Common Morning Prayers, and six hundred copies of the Domestic Family Prayers were printed in the Bohemian language, for the use of the converts and others.

(*k*) About five hundred sick and diseased persons, poor and afflicted, have received medical aid, and were restored to their former desired health.

(*l*) More than sixty-six poor persons, who were in the uttermost need and distress, have been provided with clothing, stoves, flour, wood, coals, tea, coffee, and other articles, during the past winter, which was very unfavorable and severe.

(m) Many of our converts have been employed in useful work as mechanics, laborers or servants.

(n) To many poor women and children especial attention was paid—the first employed in useful labor, the other taken into our care, etc., etc., etc.

Thus, my dear and precious Bishop, we have now sufficient cause to be thankful to the Almighty, and to render unto His holy Name the highest praise, for He has been gracious in enabling us to help and assist those who were dying and perishing both in body and soul, in saving them from their temporal and eternal destruction. But in this divine work we must not stop; we must go forward with renewed power and increased force of mind and soul, regarding neither our painful labor or toil, nor our temporal means and treasures, which we have received through the bounty and goodness of God. I say, once more, we must go forward with our work, till the day shall arrive when every one of us must cease from his labor, and render account of his doings before the judgment-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And now, to the only Potentate, KING of Kings, and LORD of Lords, Who only has immortality, and dwells in light inaccessible, unto which no man can approach, Whom no man has seen, nor can see; to Him be honor and power for everlasting. Amen.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

MAY, 1855.

PARISHES AND RECTORS.	BAPTISMS		CONFIRMATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.	MARRIAGES.	BURIALS.	S. S. TEACHERS.	S. S. SCHOLARS.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
	ADULTS.	INFANTS							
CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS— The Rev. M. Schuyler, Rector	7	34	28	151	16	16	22	80	\$1334.60
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH— The Rev. D. G. Estes, Rector	2	44	10	92	4	23	15	100	1424.55
CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE— The Rev. R. E. Terry, Rector	6	18	26	60	1	11	8	50	70.00
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PALMYRA— The Rev. W. B. Corbyn, Rector	2	6	†30	3	2				13.00
TRINITY CHURCH, ST. CHARLES— The Rev. G. K. Dunlop, Minister	1	2	8	1		2	20		600.00
GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY— The Rev. J. Adderly, Rector	2	1	12		1				35.00
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS— The Rev. F. J. Clerc, Rector	2	42	12	132	10	26	24	150	969.41
GRACE CHURCH, ST. LOUIS— The Rev. W. H. Woodward, Rector	17		41	9	25	9	60		350.00
ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS— The Rev. W. C. Brown, Rector	2	18	10	68	13	12	14	120	1,004.08
TRINITY CHURCH, HANNIBAL— Vacant		5	34				6	20	12.00
CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON— Vacant		9	1	59		5			92.95
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FAYETTE— The Rev. J. W. Dunn, Rector			1	23	2		2	25	31.00
*ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, GLASGOW— The Rev. J. W. Dunn, Missionary				† 4					
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WESTON— The Rev. W. N. Irish, Rector	2	2	10						
CHRIST CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH— The Rev. W. N. Irish, Rector	1	3	3	16	1	4			13.00
*ST. ANN'S CHURCH, BRUNSWICK— Vacant				† 7					
PRAIRIEVILLE PARISH, PIKE CO.— The Rev. J. T. Worthington, Rector	2	9	23						13.75
TRINITY CHURCH, ST. LOUIS— The Rev. E. C. Hutchinson, D. D., Rec	3	11	12	66		6	60		76.00
*TRINITY CHURCH, INDEPENDENCE— Vacant				† 3					
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SAVANNAH— The Rev. W. N. Irish, Missionary				1					
CALVARY CHURCH, COLUMBIA— The Rev. J. W. Dunn, Missionary				5					
JEFFERSON BARRACKS— The Rev. J. F. Fish, Chap. U. S. A.	4		† 8		52				35.00
MISS. TO FOR. POPULATION, ST. LOUIS The Rev. S. C. Massoch, D. D., Mis.				25					
* No Report. † Number last reported.	23	214	123	878	60	183	102	695	\$6,074.34

ORPHAN'S HOME.

The Rt. Rev. C. S. HAWKS, D. D., Visitor.

The Rev. FRANCIS J. CLERC, Chaplain.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. WALKER R. CARTER, First Directress.

“ *RICHARD J. LOCKWOOD, Second Directress.*

“ *L. B. CURTIS, Treasurer.*

“ *E. P. HOLLAND, Secretary.*

MANAGERS.

From Christ Church—Mrs. S. B. Churchill, Mrs. F. Haven, Mrs. J. N. Pritchard, Mrs. T. B. Targee.

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

From St. John's Church—Mrs. J. J. Anderson, Mrs. C. Keemle, Mrs. C. Tracy, Mrs. A. P. Johnson.

From St. George's Church—Mrs. Peters, Mrs. J. W. Luke, Mrs. J. C. Tevis, Mrs. Manny.

From Grace Church—Mrs. A. Heacock, Miss J. Beatty, Mrs. T. S. Hardcastle, Mrs. C. Case.

From Trinity Church—Mrs. Wm. M. Price, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. Ward, Miss Spain.

MANAGERS' REPORT.

In accordance with established usage, the Board of Directors of the Orphan's Home herewith present to the Rt. Rev. Bishop, the Clergy, and the friends and patrons of the Institution, the following Report of its condition at the termination of the twelfth year of its existence :

In considering the affairs of the Home at the present time, we can not but feel that amidst the trials and adversities of the past year, God has prospered and blessed us abundantly; and our hearts are filled with gratitude, while our prayers are addressed in thanksgiving to Him for the watchful care with which He has guided and directed our humble, but sincere efforts, and enabled us by His mercy to enlarge and to extend the usefulness of this Institution. At the last Annual Report, the affairs of the

Home did not present the most favorable appearance. Its treasury was almost empty, while a heavy indebtedness encumbered its real estate. Hence it was that the Board, in the discharge of its duty, and anticipating a state of affairs which since has been realized, when the finances of the country might become deranged, made an urgent appeal to the friends of the Institution to unite in an early effort to liquidate its indebtedness. The appeal was not made in vain, but the friends of the orphan took the matter into immediate consideration, and in October last united in giving a festival in Verandah Hall, the proceeds to be applied to the accomplishment of this object. The public responded in so liberal and generous a spirit that the sum of \$2,384 was realized, by which, with additional sums derived from other sources, the indebtedness of the Institution has been liquidated; and the hopes expressed in the last Report have been consummated, that the time was not far distant "when this beautiful and valuable property would be secured, so that it would remain beyond the happening of any human contingency, forever consecrated to the purpose for which it was intended."

But while the Institution is free from any indebtedness which can endanger its future existence, it is still almost entirely destitute of much that is indispensably necessary to a fulfilment of its mission. Its supply of furniture is poor and scant—the school room is almost bare—books of instruction and implements of industry are much needed, and in fact all its equipments are imperfect. We should not, therefore, tire in our exertions until it is fully equipped for accomplishing the work of charity for which it was founded, and to which it is so excellently adapted.

During the past year a steady advancement has been made in perfecting the object for which the Institution was founded, viz: To supply to its inmates, as near as human exertions can accomplish the work, that of which the mortality of our nature has deprived them—the support and protection of parental affection. To provide them with the comforts of a home—to look after their spiritual welfare—to see that they imbibe no erroneous opinions, and to bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, so as to incline their minds to, and fit them for a useful, virtuous and Christian life, has been, and is, our steadfast purpose. In the discharge of this duty, we are again called upon to testify to the invaluable assistance we have received from the efficiency and ceaseless exertions of Mrs. Martin, who long has occupied the position and most ably discharged the duties of the office of Matron to the Institution. With almost parental care and solicitude, she has at all times administered to the wants and watched over the interests of the little ones confided to her care. We cannot err in attributing much of the success which has thus far been attained in accomplishing the objects of the Institution, to her energy and zeal, and to the ability which she has displayed in directing the

internal affairs of the Home. The number of children, at the last Annual Report, under the charge of the Matron, was twenty-eight. Of this number three have been withdrawn; two, who, since the pestilence of 1849, found a home in the Institution, were recently reclaimed by their uncle, and by the action of the Board were surrendered to him; and one, a boy of about thirteen, has, at his own request, been bound out until his majority, to learn the business of a farmer, an excellent opportunity having been offered the Board for that purpose. Two of the girls who have resided in the Institution since 1844, have, during the past year, become of age. Being desirous of remaining, however, where they have so long enjoyed the comforts of a home, they are still retained, and now receive a suitable compensation for their services; their conduct thus far attesting the pious training and judicious discipline under which they have been reared.

During the year twelve children have been received into the Home, making a total of thirty-six (entirely destitute) now under its roof, and all of them in the enjoyment of perfect health; no single instance of serious illness having occurred since the last Report.

The regular Anniversary Services of the Home were held at St. George's Church, on Christmas eve; an interesting discourse, appropriate to the occasion, being delivered by the Rev. Francis J. Clerc, Rector of St. John's Parish. The collection amounted to \$50 50. To St. George's Parish the Board is indebted for the children's tribute, an offering of \$225, part of which was devoted to liquidating the debt on the building, part to defraying household expenses, and the remainder to purchasing some necessary articles of furniture which were much needed. To numerous friends of the Institution, who have favored us during the year with donations of food, raiment, books, fuel, and other useful articles, we return our thanks. At seasons of festivity and joy, such as Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving Day, the Orphans were remembered, and their young hearts were gladdened with many presents suitable to the occasions. To the officers and members of Wingend Lodge No. 27, I. O. O. F., we return our thanks for a donation of twenty-five dollars; and also to Mr. Henry Boernstein for his kind remembrance of the Home. From a recent entertainment given by him and members of his family, the sum of one hundred dollars was realized, which he devoted to the support of the Orphans. We ask from all a continuance of their good offices to the Institution.

Reference is made to the Treasurer's Report, appended hereto, for an account of moneys received, and when and how expended. It will be observed that the amount expended in the support of the Institution for the current year is \$517 04, clearly attesting that the strictest economy, justified by the necessities of the Institution, has been exercised in every

department; while the small amount expended in the hire of help proves that the inmates are taught and required, as far as possible, to depend on their own exertions. It will be observed that the whole amount of subscriptions and donations received from the several Parishes in support of the Institution for the year, is only \$607 50, an amount scarcely sufficient for its necessities. In fact, at times, and particularly during the scarcities and severity of winter, the usefulness of the Institution was somewhat impaired from the want of means. It must be apparent to all that the increase of population and the progress of improvements, which create a demand for all the necessities of life, increase the demand for the charity of alms-giving and works of active benevolence in behalf of the orphans. Time and disease do not thin out their ranks; but death is continually adding to their number; while those terrible accidents which of late have become so common upon the thoroughfares of commerce, oftentimes in one day drive to this and kindred institutions, for support and protection, those who, but as yesterday, were the inmates of bright and cheerful homes, with fond parents to teach them to lisp the name of their Creator in prayer and to hymn His praise. The rapid increase in the family of the Home since its removal to its new location, admonishes us that renewed diligence will be required to place the management in means to meet the demand upon it. We do not seek munificent donations, required for the support of extensive charities, but a sufficiency, only, to meet the exigencies of an unpretending Institution, where the innocence of unprotected youth may find a shelter and a home from a cold and selfish world, and where the youthful mind may receive such culture as will prepare it to meet the trials and resist the temptations of life. The amount required for this purpose is small, while those who ought to contribute to it are numerous. We urge all, therefore, who recognize the obligation of society to support those whom the Almighty has bereaved, to become at once permanent subscribers to this Institution in such sums as their ability will allow—not to delay until they are called upon, but to come forward at this season of gratitude with a voluntary offering in behalf of the orphan—to pay up their subscriptions punctually at an appointed time, and thus enable the management at all times to meet the increasing demands on the Institution, and to extend its hospitable protection over all who may seek shelter within its walls.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. P. HOLLAND, *Secretary*.

St. Louis, April, 1855.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

Balance in the Treasury May 4, 1854	\$ 34 91
Received annual subscriptions from members of Christ Church.....	323 50
“ “ “ “ St. George's Church ..	75 00
“ “ “ “ St. John's Church	155 00
“ “ “ “ St. Paul's Church.....	54 00
“ St. George's Church Fair.....	225 00
“ Christmas offerings, anniversary at St. George's Church.....	50 50
“ from Mr. Creel, of Lafayette, Mo., per Bishop Hawks.....	5 00
“ “ “ E. W. Dorr, Florida, “ “	10 00
“ “ a friend, per Bishop Hawks	25 00
“ “ German Theatrical Association, per Dr. Boernstein.....	100 00
“ “ Mrs. J. Parker Doan	20 00
“ “ board of children	15 00
“ “ Mrs. Femister, and others, for Teacher.....	30 00
“ “ the Festival, \$2,384.50—of which there was appropriated to building	2,277 50
“ “ Balance to the use of the Home	107 00
“ “ charity boxes on Steamboats.....	15 75
“ “ “ at the “Home”.....	10 25
“ “ donations from other sources.....	51 85
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	\$3,585 26

EXPENDITURES.

Paid house expenses during year	\$ 517 04
“ Mrs. Martin's salary.....	287 00
“ Teacher's salary	48 00
“ servant's wages	47 00
“ for curtains.....	55 00
“ “ mending hydrant.....	10 00
“ assessment on insurance note—for 1854, \$9.00; 1855, \$31.50.....	40 50
Appropriated to the building	2,440 50
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Total expenditures.....	\$ 3,445 04
Balance in the Treasury.....	140 22
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	\$ 3,585 26

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SARAH P. CURTIS, *Treasurer.*

St. Louis, April 10th, 1855.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, PALMYRA.

CHANCELLOR.

The Rt. Rev. C. S. HAWKS, D. D.

TRUSTEES.

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The Rev. WILLIAM B. CORBYN,

“ “ FRANCIS J. CLERC,

Mr. DANIEL HOUGH,

“ ALFRED WARNER,

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Mr. HARRY I. BODLEY.

PRESIDENT.

The Rev. WILLIAM B. CORBYN, A. M.

PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS.

The Rev. GEORGE P. COMINGS, A. M.

TUTOR IN LATIN.

JOSEPH I. CORBYN, A. B.

TUTOR IN MODERN LANGUAGES.

CONRAD ROTSCKA, A. B.

The Collegiate Term of ten months commences in September and ends in June. Application for admission to be made to the Rt. Rev. the Chancellor, at St. Louis, or to the Rev. the President, at Palmyra. Two hundred dollars, in semi-annual payments, covers all the expenses of the student, except for books, stationery and clothing.

TREASURER'S REPORTS.



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

1854.			
May 28,	To Am't rec'd of Christ Church, St. Joseph.		\$3 00
June 9,	“ “ Prairieville Parish, Pike Co., '53-4.....		3 00
12,	“ “ Trinity Church, St. Charles, '53-4, (paid by St. John's Church, St. Louis,).....		3 00
13,	“ “ Trinity Church, Hannibal.....		3 00
Nov. 8,	“ “ St. John's Church, St. Louis.....		15 00
1855.			
Mar. 7,	“ “ St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.....		10 00
7,	“ “ St. George's Church, St. Louis		35 00
Ap'l 11,	“ “ Prairieville Parish, Pike Co.....		3 00
May 11,	“ “ St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.....		3 00
14,	“ “ Christ Church, St. Louis.....		40 00
25,	“ “ Grace Church, Jefferson City, '53 to '55		9 00
25,	“ “ Christ Church, Boonville.....		5 00
25,	“ “ Christ Church, Lexington		5 00
25,	“ “ Christ Church, St. Joseph		3 00
25,	“ “ St. Mary's Church, Fayette.....		3 00
			\$143 00
			\$143 00

CONTRA CREDIT.

1854.			
May 26,	By Am't paid Treasurer, balance due on last account		78
Nov. 8,	“ “ Rev. Mr. Clerc for postage.....		4 20
1855.			
April 14,	“ “ A. S. Mitchell & Co., on account.....		35 00
May 10,	“ “ Chambers & Knapp		33 00
10,	“ “ Postage on circulars		50
16,	“ “ A. S. Mitchell & Co., on account		45 00
26,	“ “ Chambers & Knapp.....		24 00
	Balance on hand.....		52
			\$143 00
			\$143 00

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Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri in Account with
John Halsall, Treasurer.

1854.			
June 10,	Rec'd from St. John's Church, St. Louis	.....	\$ 4 80
Sep. 24,	" " " " (Easter collection, \$10.65; subscriptions of Mrs. Chas. Tracy, Wm. Granger, and Wm. Granger, Jr., \$3 each—\$9)	.....	19 65
Oct. 24,	" St. James's Church, Amesbury, Mass., per Rev. D. G. Estes	.....	7 15
Nov. 13,	" Christ Church, St. Louis, collection	.....	30 00
13,	" Christ Church, Lexington	.....	7 00
28,	" St. Paul's Church, St. Louis (collection, \$10; sub- scriptions of Rev. D. G. Estes, Mrs. D. G. Estes, Mrs. H. W. Estes, J. Halsall, R. F. Coningham, \$3 each—\$15)	.....	25 00
Dec. 1,	" Prairieville, Parish, Pike Co.	.....	5 75
21,	" St. George's Church, St. Louis	.....	18 50
1855.			
Jan. 17,	" St. John's Church, St. Louis (subscriptions of Mast. Geo. Enders, J. S. Wilgus, C. J. Gill, Jas. Hutton, Miss Mary K. Gill, Miss Rutger, S. B. Heron, \$3 each—\$21; a Parishioner, \$2.50)	.....	23 50
May 21,	" St. Paul's Church, St. Louis (collection, \$10; sub- scriptions of H. Pilcher, Mrs. H. Pilcher, Mrs. Thos. Jackson, Mrs. Ellen Kempland, J. R. Wen- dover, P. McKim, F. Webster, Mrs. F. Webster, Miss J. Burgess, \$3 each—\$27)	.....	37 00
21,	" Christ Church, St. Louis	.....	200 00
21,	" St. George's Church, St. Louis	.....	133 33
21,	" St. John's Church, St. Louis (collection, \$44.08; subscriptions of R. Edwards, Mrs. S. Levering, \$5 each—\$10; Rev. F. J. Clerc, Mrs. F. J. Clerc, A. S. Mitchell, Mrs. A. S. Mitchell, J. R. Clough, W. P. Curtis, \$3 each—\$18; Mrs. E. Smith, \$2.25; cash, \$1.50; Ladies' Sewing Circle, to 1st June, \$40)	.....	115 83
			<u>\$ 627 51</u>
1854.		CONTRA CREDIT.	
Nov. 13,	By Am't remitted Rev. John W. Dunn, Missionary St. Mary's Church, Fayette, balance of last year's appropriation..	\$39 85	
13,	" " paid W. N. Irish, visit to Lexington	.....	7 00
21,	" " " Rev. Chas. Purviance, Missionary at Hannibal	..	60 00
1855.			
May 21,	" " " Dr. Massoch for salary to June 1st, 1855	.....	503 66
	" Balance on hand	.....	17 00
			<u>\$ 627 51</u>

Contingent Expense of the Episcopate in Acc't with John Halsall,
Treasurer.

1854.

June 9,	To Am't rec'd from Prairieville Parish, Pike Co.	\$9 00
12,	" " Trinity Church, St. Charles, '53-4, (paid by St. John's Church, St. Louis)	9 00
12,	" " Trinity Church, Hannibal, '53-4	9 00
1855.		
Jan. 4,	" " St. John's Church, St. Louis	15 00
April 6,	" " St. Paul's Church, St. Louis	15 00
May 11,	" " Prairieville Parish, Pike Co.	5 00
11,	" " St. Paul's Church, Palmyra	10 00
14,	" " Christ Church, St. Louis	75 00
25,	" " Grace Church, Jefferson City, '53-4	1 00
25,	" " Christ Church, Boonville	15 00
25,	" " Grace Church, Jefferson City	10 00
25,	" " Christ Church, Lexington	15 00
25,	" " Christ Church, St. Joseph	10 00
25,	" " St. Mary's Church, Fayette	10 00

\$208 00

1854.

CONTRA CREDIT.

June 27,	By Am't paid Bishop Hawks	\$27 00
1855.		
Feb. 21,	" " "	15 00
May 15,	" " "	105 00
26,	" " "	61 00

\$208 00

Abstract of Assessments remaining unpaid May 26th, 1855.

PUBLISHED IN OBEDIENCE TO CANON XIV.

	Episcopate.	Diocesan.	Total.
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra	\$9 00	\$3 00	\$12 00
Trinity Church, St. Charles	10 00	3 00	13 00
Grace Church, Jefferson City	34 50		34 50
Grace Church, St. Louis	26 00	7 00	33 00
*St. George's Church, St. Louis	320 00		320 00
Trinity Church, Hannibal	34 50	6 00	40 50
St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow	19 00	6 00	25 00
St. John's Church, Weston	28 00	9 00	37 00
Christ Church, St. Joseph	9 00	3 00	12 00
St. Ann's Church, Brunswick	19 00	6 00	25 00
	<u>\$509 00</u>	<u>\$43 00</u>	<u>\$552 00</u>

* By error, \$260 of this amount was marked paid in the last Journal.

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THESE

Canons and Resolutions.

EXTRACT FROM

CANON XII. OF 1853, 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 the Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, 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; also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish; also, of the amount of Communion Alms, the Contributions for Missions, Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign, for Parochial Schools, and for Church purposes in general; 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 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.

EXTRACT FROM CANON XIV. OF MISSOURI.

Of Contingent Expenses.

SEC. 2. The Vestry of each Parish shall pay to the Treasurer of the Convention, within three months from the time of the stated meeting of the same, its assessment for contingent expenses. The Treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessments upon his books against each Vestry, crediting the same with payments when made; and shall report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each Parish, which Report shall be entered upon the Journal of the Convention.

CANON XVIII. OF MISSOURI.

Of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.

It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish in this Diocese, to make at least one collection in each year, in aid of the formation of a Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONVENTION OF 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 Per-

manent 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.

RESOLUTION OF THE CONVENTION OF 1854.

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, viz :

- At Advent Season, to Domestic Missions;
- At the Epiphany Season, to Foreign Missions;
- On the First 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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, to Diocesan Missions.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONVENTION OF 1855.

Resolved, That it be hereby recommended to the Rectors of Churches, that they promptly call together the subscribers to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri, and the people committed to their charge, with a view to secure for the ensuing year an increased number of subscriptions for the support of the Missionary points already occupied in this Diocese, and pledges for the spread of the Gospel in parts unoccupied by us as yet.

Resolved, That the Clergy be requested to report promptly to the Bishop, the amounts subscribed or pledged in their Parishes for this work.

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop be requested to appoint Stations for the Missionary Visits of the Clergy of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

Circular to the Clergy.

ST. LOUIS, *June 25th*, 1855.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN :

Under a Resolution of the last Convention of the Diocese, I assign Missionary Stations to the Clergy as follows, viz :

The Rev. J. Adderly will visit Fulton.

The Rev. F. J. Clerc will visit Washington.

The Rev. W. B. Corbyn and the Rev. G. P. Comings will visit Hannibal.

The Rev. J. W. Dunn will visit Glasgow, Rocheport and Huntsville.

The Rev. D. G. Estes will visit Columbia.

The Rev. J. F. Fish will visit Carondelet.

The Rev. E. C. Hutchinson, D.D., will visit La Grange.

The Rev. W. N. Irish will visit Savannah and Platte City.

The Rev. S. C. Massoch, D.D., will visit Hermann.

The Rev. M. Schuyler will visit Manchester.

The Rev. R. E. Terry will visit Brunswick and Georgetown.

The Rev. W. H. Woodward will visit Kirkwood.

The Rev. J. T. Worthington will visit Bowling-Green and Louisiana.

The Rev. ————, of St. George's Church, St. Louis, will visit Springfield.

The Rev. ————, of Christ Church, Lexington, will visit Independence.

Hoping that your action, under this Resolution, will produce happy results,

I remain, dear Brethren,

Yours, very truly,

C. S. HAWKS.

Constitution
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.

ARTICLE I.

This Church acknowledges the authority of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri, on the fourth Friday in May in each year, in such place as shall be determined by the Convention. In the event of the prevalence of any epidemic disease, or for other sufficient cause, occurring after the designation of the place of meeting of the Annual Convention, the Bishop, or in case of his inability to act, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee may appoint another place for the meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Bishop shall have power to call Special Conventions when he may judge it important to the good of the Church, or when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee hereinafter provided for; or in the case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a Special Convention, and shall do so, if applied to for the purpose by a majority of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention; and in case of the call of such Special Convention, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit to each Clergyman and Parish in the Diocese, by letter, reasonable notice of the time and place thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

The Convention shall be composed of the Officiating Ministers, being regularly admitted and settled in some Church within this Diocese, which is in union with this Convention; and of Lay Members, consisting of one or more Delegates, not exceeding four, from each Church, to be chosen by the Vestry or Congregation. And Clergymen who shall have been employed as Missionaries of the Church within this Diocese, for six months preceding a Convention, and Clergymen engaged as professors and instructors of youth in any college, academy, or general seminary of learning, duly incorporated, and under the control of the Protestant Episcopal Church, may be members of the Convention.

ARTICLE V.

Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop; and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

In case of a vacancy of the Episcopate, or necessary absence of the Bishop, the members of the Convention shall elect a President from among the Clergy.

ARTICLE VII.

In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body; and, in voting, the Clergy shall vote by individuals, and the Laity by congregations; and when more than one Church or Chapel shall be united under one Vestry, the Delegates of such Vestry shall be entitled to a vote for each Church or Chapel, and a majority of votes of the two orders jointly shall be decisive; but, if in any case it be required by five votes, the two orders shall vote separately in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In the case of electing a Bishop, the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode as prescribed.

ARTICLE VIII.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Annual Convention, and until a successor be appointed. His duty shall

be to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. It shall also be his duty to give due notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

At least three Clergymen and the Lay-Delegates from three Parishes shall be necessary, as a quorum, for the transaction of business; provided, however, that a less number shall have power to adjourn from day to day.

ARTICLE X.

There shall be chosen, by ballot, at each Annual Convention, a Committee, consisting of three Presbyters and two Laymen, which shall be called the Standing Committee; three of whom, two being Clergymen, shall constitute a quorum.

At their first meeting they shall appoint one of the Presbyters of their body to be their President, and another of their number to be their Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep regular minutes of all proceedings and business of the Standing Committee, to preserve them carefully recorded in a book to be provided for that purpose alone, to preserve the originals of all letters and papers addressed to the Standing Committee, to attest their public acts, to perform such other duties as they require, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books, papers and letters relative to the concerns of the Standing Committee which may have been entrusted to him.

The Standing Committee may make such regulations for the promotion of business as they may think proper, provided such regulations be not at variance with the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, and all papers and letters in their hands relating to the concerns of the Church, shall always be subject to the inspection and examination of the Bishop and the Convention.

The Standing Committee shall have power to fill vacancies in their numbers, and it shall be their duty to do so, as soon as practicable, after a vacancy shall occur.

ARTICLE XI.

The election of a Bishop of the Diocese shall be made in a stated Annual Convention, or in a Convention called by the Standing Committee, and stated by them to be for that purpose, and not to meet before the expiration of sixty days from the date of their resolution to call said Convention; which resolution shall, on the day following its passage, be communicated by them to every Clergyman and Parish in the Diocese, by letter, by mail, and published in three or more public papers. In the choice of a Bishop, no person shall be elected until he shall have received the votes of the majority of the Clergy and of the Parishes entitled to seats in the Convention.

ARTICLE XII.

The mode of altering the Constitution shall be as follows: A proposition for an amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in the Convention; and, if approved of, shall lie over to the next stated Convention; and, if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting thereon separately and concurring, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

Canons
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.

CANON I.

Of a List of the Clergy.

SECTION 1. Within one week before the meeting of every Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or, in his absence, the Standing Committee, shall cause to be prepared a list of all Ministers canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the name of their respective Cures, Parishes or Stations, or of the Institutions of Learning, duly incorporated, in which they are engaged—and in regard to such as are not engaged in Parishes, Missions, Institutions of Learning as above, their places of residence only—specifying, at the same time, who, of any class, are Deacons; but no Clergyman, while suspended from the Ministry, shall have a place on such list. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom; and those entitled by the Fourth Article of the Constitution, shall thereupon take their seats. The same shall be prefixed to the Journal and form a part thereof.

SEC. 2. When the right of any Clergyman to a seat in this Convention is disputed, it shall be determined by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid or omitted.

CANON II.

Of Members of the Convention.

SECTION 1. The evidence of the regular admission of a Clergyman into the Diocese, and the evidence of settlement in a Parish thereof, shall consist in proof satisfactory to the Convention of a compliance with the Canons of this Diocese, and the Canons of the General Convention in that behalf for the time being. In all cases of a contested

right to a seat, the evidence of employment as a Missionary shall consist in the Certificate of the Bishop, or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the President of the Standing Committee. The evidence of the connection of a Clergyman with a Seminary of Learning, duly incorporated, and under the control of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall consist, also, in the Certificate of the Bishop; or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the President of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 2. The appointment of a Lay-Delegate to the Convention of this Diocese, shall be certified in writing by the Rector of the Parish of which he is a Representative, or by one of the Wardens, or by the Secretary of the Vestry of such Parish; and no Lay-Delegate shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention unless he be entitled to vote for Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish which he is appointed to represent; and no Candidate for Holy Orders in the Church shall be entitled to a seat as a Lay-Delegate to this Convention.

CANON III.

Of Admission into Union with the Diocese.

To enable a Parish or Congregation to be received into union with the Church in this Diocese, it shall be necessary that the Vestry submit to the Convention their Articles of Association; and further, that it be made to appear that such Parish or Congregation has acceded to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons in this Diocese. A Certificate shall also be produced from the Bishop, or, in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from a majority in the Standing Committee, that notice has been given him or them of the organization having taken place, and of his or their approval of the same.

CANON IV.

Of Election of Vestries.

SECTION 1. On Easter Monday, in every year, the parishioners of each Parish shall elect a Vestry, to consist of not less than three, nor more than thirteen members.

SEC. 2. From their number, the Rector shall appoint a Senior Warden, and the Vestry shall elect a Junior Warden; one of whom shall preside in the absence of the Rector. They shall also elect a

Secretary, whose duty it shall be to take minutes of the proceedings of the Vestry, and to perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Church which may be in his possession.

SEC. 3. The Vestry shall continue in office until their successors shall be appointed.

SEC. 4. The duties of the Vestry shall be to take charge of the property of the Parish; attend to and regulate all its temporal concerns; to provide for the support of the Rector, and, in case of his death, resignation or removal, with the advice and consent of the Bishop, to supply his place as soon as possible.

CANON V.

Of Deputies to the General Convention.

SECTION 1. The Convention shall, at each regular annual meeting, elect, by concurrent ballot of the clerical and lay members, four Clergymen and four Laymen, to act as Deputies from this Diocese in the General Convention.

SEC. 2. One month before the meeting of the General Convention should either of said Delegates find himself unable to attend, he shall signify his inability to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Standing Committee; whereupon it shall be the duty of said Committee, with the consent of the Bishop, if there be one, to supply the vacancy or vacancies so created.

CANON VI.

Of Parish Registers and Parochial Reports.

SECTION 1. The Parish Register, required by the Canon of the General Convention, shall specify the name and time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the name of the adult baptized; the names of the parties married, and the place where the marriage was solemnized; the names of the persons buried; and also the time when each rite was performed. These registers shall be kept by the Minister in a book, to be provided for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Parish; which book shall be the Parish Register, and shall be preserved by the Vestry as a part of the records of the Parish. The list of communicants shall embrace all

within his Cure, as nearly as can be ascertained ; and in his Annual Parochial Report, he shall distinguish the additions, removals, and deaths, since the last Report. He shall also keep a list of the families and adult persons in his Cure, so far as practicable, and also an accurate list of persons confirmed from time to time by the Bishop.

SEC. 2. In every case where a Parish is destitute of a Minister, the Register contemplated by this Canon shall be kept by the Wardens, or by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose.

SEC. 3. Whenever a Clergyman shall perform any service in a Parish of which he has not the charge, the records required by the Canons of the General Convention shall be made in the Register of that Parish. But if the acts performed be beyond the limits of any Parish where there is a Book of Records, then they shall be recorded in the Register of the Parish of which he has charge, and the record shall state where the acts were performed ; and if the acts be performed by a Minister who has no regular Cure, and beyond the limits of any Parish, then, in addition to the private register required by the General Convention, he shall report all baptisms so performed, in writing, to this Convention, which Report shall be a complete copy of the record, and contain the name of the place where each act was performed. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of this Convention to copy the same into a book to be kept for that purpose.

CANON VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

SECTION 1. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop, in matters of discipline, shall be performed by the Standing Committee, except those cases where such powers and duties are, or may be, specially delegated to, or enjoined upon the clerical members of said Committee ; in which cases such powers and duties shall be exercised by said clerical members alone : provided that no sentence shall be pronounced upon a Clergyman but by a Bishop.

SEC. 2. In addition to the usual duties of the Standing Committee, they shall have power to make drafts upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Convention, and these drafts shall always be signed by the President or Chairman of the Committee.

CANON VIII.

Of Vacant Parishes.

SECTION 1. Whenever a Parish becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

SEC. 2. The Bishop shall appoint those of the Clergy in the Diocese who can, with most convenience, discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes as have been reported to him, at such times as may be deemed convenient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Parishes thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incident to such occasional services.

SEC. 3. No Clergyman shall take charge of any Parish in this Diocese, or be a Minister or Assistant Minister in any Parish, without having first obtained the written consent of the Bishop, or, in case there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Nor shall any Clergyman, having the charge of a Parish, relinquish the same without the written consent of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee.

CANON IX.

Of Elections.

All the officers of this Convention shall be elected by ballot, and shall continue in office until others shall be chosen; provided, that, by unanimous consent, elections by ballot may be dispensed with.

CANON X.

Of the Treasurer.

SECTION 1. At every stated Convention, there shall be chosen a Treasurer of the Convention. It shall be his duty to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Convention, and of which the collection and distribution shall not be otherwise regulated. He shall be subject to the direction of the Standing Committee in relation to the mode and place of depositing the funds received by him, and the manner of paying them out; and his accounts and books shall be at all times subject to the inspection of the Standing Committee, or any member thereof. Before entering on the duties of his office, he shall give a bond to the Standing Committee, in such penalty and with such surety as they shall direct, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, and for the delivery over to his

successor of all funds, securities, books and papers pertaining to his office.

SEC. 2. His accounts shall be rendered annually to the Convention, and shall be examined by a Committee appointed for the purpose, who shall report upon the same to the Convention.

SEC. 3. In case of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, it shall be supplied by an appointment, to be made by the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and the person so appointed shall continue to act until an appointment is made by the Convention. The Treasurer may be removed at any time from his office, by the Standing Committee, for any neglect or misconduct, of which they shall be judges.

CANON XI.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

SECTION 1. In addition to the duties of the Secretary prescribed in the Eighth Article of the Constitution, he shall transmit, annually, to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last House of Clerical and Lay-Delegates in the General Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention; and shall request the last to send copies of their respective Journals in exchange. He shall also transmit a copy to each Clergyman in the Diocese, and to each Lay-Deputy attending the Convention; and forward by mail, unless otherwise directed, ten copies to each Parish in the Diocese.

SEC. 2. He shall also transmit to every General Convention, in addition to the documents called for by the Canons of the General Convention, a Certificate, to be signed by himself, containing a list of Clergymen in this Diocese, and the amount of the funds paid, or secured to be paid (distinguishing them), to the General Theological Seminary, together with the nomination of Trustees of that Seminary; and also a like Certificate of the appointment of Clerical and Lay-Deputies.

SEC. 3. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the sections of this Canon shall be paid out of the Diocesan Fund.

SEC. 4. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duty thereof shall devolve upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

CANON XII.

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 XIII.

Of the Mode of Trying Clergymen.

SECTION 1. If any Clergyman of this Church offend in any one or more of the particulars enumerated in the Canons of the General Convention, or of this Convention, complaint may be made to the Bishop, which shall be done in writing by two Presbyters or three Laymen, being communicants of the Church.

SEC. 2. In every complaint, the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

SEC. 3. The Bishop shall, if he think fit, appoint at least three Presbyters, who shall constitute a Court for trying the accused person, and who shall be judges both of the law and the facts.

SEC. 4. A copy of the charges and specifications, and also sixty days' notice of the time and place of trial, shall be given to the accused.

SEC. 5. If the accused fail to appear, without reasonable excuse his default shall be entered, and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the space of six months; and if, during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then, if the Bishop think proper, be degraded from the Ministry.

SEC. 6. All testimony, whether oral or by deposition, shall be under oath or affirmation, administered by some officer authorized by law to administer oaths.

SEC. 7. Depositions may be taken by either party, if it be made to appear satisfactorily to the Bishop that any material witness can not be procured upon the trial; and, in every such case, the Bishop shall appoint a commissary to take the same; and the notice and proceed-

ings shall, as near as may be, conform to the laws of the State and practice of the civil courts.

SEC. 8. All testimony shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witnesses.

SEC. 9. The accused may, at his option, appear by counsel, and, in such case, the same privilege shall be allowed the prosecution; which counsel shall, in all cases, be communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 10. If the Bishop approves of the judgment, he shall, within thirty days, proceed to administer the discipline recommended by the Court; provided that the Bishop shall have the power to diminish the penalty recommended by the Court.

SEC. 11. The judgment of the Court shall, in all cases, be made known in writing to the accused, and to the Vestry of his Parish, if he be a Parochial Minister.

SEC. 12. If, within the time aforesaid, the accused apply for a new trial, and the Bishop is of the opinion that there be reasonable cause therefor, he shall summon a new Court and order a new trial.

SEC. 13. The Court shall keep a full record of their proceedings, which shall be deposited among the archives of the Diocese, after the trial is closed.

CANON XIV.

Of Contingent Expenses.

SECTION 1. At each stated meeting of the Convention, a Committee shall be appointed for the purpose of assessing upon the several Parishes in the Diocese a sum sufficient to defray the contingent expenses of the Convention.

SEC. 2. The Vestry of each Parish shall pay to the Treasurer of the Convention, within three months from the time of the stated meeting of the same, its assessment for contingent expenses. The Treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessments upon his books against each Vestry, crediting the same with payments when made; and shall Report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each Parish, which Report shall be entered upon the Journal of the Convention.

CANON XV.

Of Appointments under the Canons.

Whenever a Clergyman shall refuse or neglect to discharge any duties growing out of an appointment under the Canons, without assigning to the ecclesiastical authority sufficient and satisfactory reasons for such neglects, he shall be liable to ecclesiastical proceedings or censure.

CANON XVI.

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 XVII.

Of Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.

It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish in this Diocese, to make at least one collection in each year, in aid of the formation of a Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.

CANON XVIII.

Of Alterations and Amendments.

No proposed alteration or addition to the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given thereof in open Convention, and, unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon, by a Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Articles of Association for Organizing a Parish

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.

WHEREAS the subscribers, citizens of ———, State of Missouri, having associated for the purpose of worshipping 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, viz:

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.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

President.

THE RT. REV. CICERO S. HAWKS, D.D.

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