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HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PALMYRA,

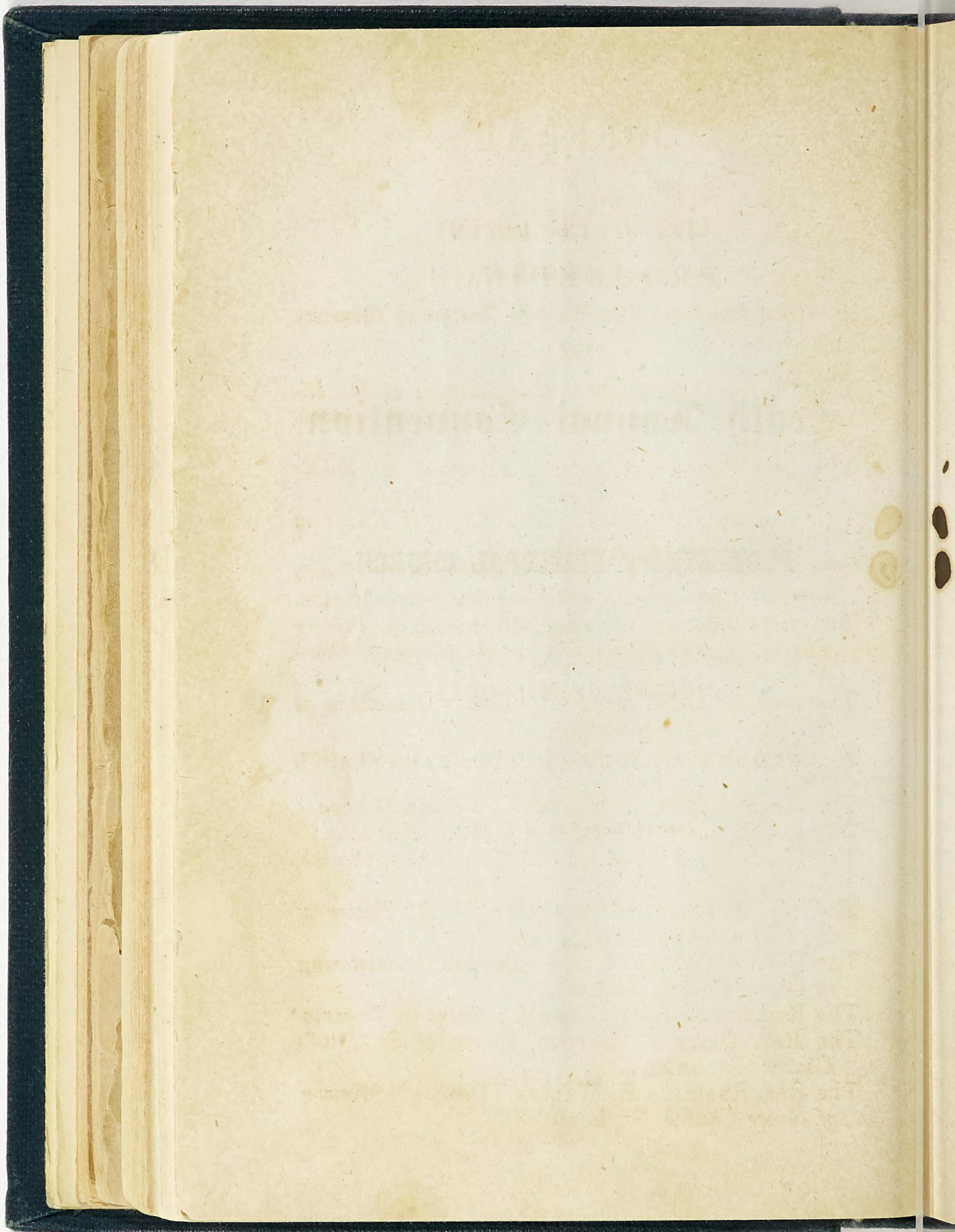
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## LIST OF THE CLERGY

BELONGING TO THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri.

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The Rt. Rev. CICERO STEPHENS HAWKS, D. D., *Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ Church, St. Louis.*

The Rev. FRANCIS J. CLERC, *Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis.*

The Rev. A. D. CORBYN, *Missionary and Rector of Christ Church, Boonville.*

The Rev. WILLIAM B. CORBYN, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, and the Governor Clark Mission.*

The Rev. GEORGE P. COMINGS, *Missionary at Trinity Church, Hannibal, residing at the Governor Clark Mission.*

The Rev. JOHN W. DUNN, (Deacon,) *Missionary at St. Mary's Church, Fayette.*

The Rev. BENJAMIN EATON, *Missionary at Galveston, Texas.*

The Rev. ST. MICHAEL FACKLER, *absent in Oregon.*

The Rev. DAVID GRIFFITH, *residing near Boonville.*

The Rev. JOHN A. HARRISON, *Rector of Christ Church, Lexington.*

The Rev. E. CARTER HUTCHINSON, D. D., *Rector of St. George's Church, St. Louis.*

The Rev. WILLIAM A. LEACH, (Deacon,) *ministering in Christ Church, St. Louis.*

The Rev. ENOCH REED, (Deacon,) *absent in Virginia.*

The Rev. DAVID P. SANFORD, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.*

The Rev. REGINALD H. WELLER, (Deacon,) *Minister of Grace Church, St. Louis.* ✓



## LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES

APPOINTED TO ATTEND THE

Diocesan Convention of Missouri, June, 1850.

- 1 From *Christ Church, St. Louis*—Messrs. George R. H. Clark,  
Edward Mead,\* Asa Wilgus,\* Henry W. Hough.
- 2 From *St. Paul's Church, St. Louis*—Messrs. Lemuel B. Powell,  
M. D., Joseph R. Wendover,\* William G. Bullock,\*  
Robert P. Williams.\*
- From *St. John's Church, St. Louis*—Messrs. Harry I. Bodley,\*  
George Schaffner,\* Burr Dikeman,\* Charles G. Mauro,  
Esq.\*
- From *Christ Church, Boonville*—Messrs. A. Harrison Thompson,\*  
E. E. Bucknor, M. D.,\* Ferdinand S. Poston,\* H. A. Massie.\*
- 3 From *St. Paul's Church, Palmyra*—Messrs. John Valiant,  
Moses McClintic, M. D.
- or From *Trinity Church, Hannibal*—Messrs. Humphrey Peak,  
M. D., Francis A. Colhoun, C. D. Bourn.\*
- From *Christ Church, Lexington*—Messrs. Robert N. Smith,\*  
W. K. Trigg,\* T. C. Relfe,\* Lawson Grant.\*

\* Those marked with an asterisk were absent from all meetings of the Convention.



## JOURNAL OF THE CONVENTION.

PALMYRA, *May 24, 1850.*

At the time fixed by the Constitution and at the place fixed by the last Convention for the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates met; but, owing to the necessary absence of the Rt. Rev. Bishop, the Convention was adjourned to meet at the same place on the 14th of June.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PALMYRA, }  
June 14, 1850. }

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. David P. Sanford, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. A. D. Corbyn. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rt. Rev. C. S. HAWKS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. The Rev. John A. Harrison preached the Annual Sermon from the text, *St. John*, xxi. 17, "Feed my sheep." The Rev. A. D. Corbyn assisted the Bishop in the administration of the Holy Communion to the Clergy and twenty-one lay communicants.

Services being ended, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The decease of the late Secretary of the Convention, the Rev. Whiting Griswold, having made vacant his post, the Rev. Francis J. Clerc, Secretary of the Standing Committee, called the roll of the Clergy of the Diocese entitled to seats in this Convention. There were found present, with the Bishop—

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

Rev. ALMON D. CORBYN, Rector of Christ Church, Boonville;

Rev. WILLIAM B. CORBYN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, and the Governor Clark Mission;



Rev. GEORGE P. COMINGS, Missionary at Trinity Church, Hannibal—residing at Governor Clark Mission;

Rev. JOHN W. DUNN, (Deacon,) Missionary at St. Mary's Church, Fayette;

Rev. JOHN A. HARRISON, Rector of Christ Church, Lexington;

Rev. WILLIAM A. LEACH, (Deacon,) ministering in Christ Church, St. Louis;

Rev. DAVID P. SANFORD, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.

A quorum of the clerical order being present, the Rev. Mr. Clerc and the Rev. Mr. Harrison were appointed a Committee to receive and report on the testimonials of the Lay Delegates.

The Convention then took a recess until 4½ o'clock P. M., to meet again at the Gov. Clark Mission.

GOVERNOR CLARK MISSION, }  
June 14, 4½ P. M. }

The Convention met according to appointment.

The Committee on testimonials of Lay Delegates reported the following gentlemen elected by the Parishes respectively:

*From* CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS—Messrs. George R. H. Clark, Edward Mead, Asa Wilgus, Henry W. Hough.

*From* ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS—Messrs. Lemuel B. Powell, M. D., Joseph R. Wendover, William G. Bullock, Robert P. Williams.

*From* ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS—Messrs. Harry I. Bodley, George Schaffner, Burr Dikeman, Charles G. Mauro, Esq.

*From* CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE—Messrs. A. Harrison Thompson, E. E. Bucknor, M. D., Ferdinand S. Poston, H. A. Massie.

*From* ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PALMYRA—Messrs. John Valiant, Moses McClintic, M. D.

*From* TRINITY CHURCH, HANNIBAL—Messrs. Humphrey Peak, M. D., Francis A. Colhoun, C. D. Bourn.

*From* CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON—Messrs. Robert N. Smith, W. K. Trigg, T. C. Relfe, Lawson Grant.

The roll of Lay Delegates being called, the following gentlemen answered to their names:

*Christ Church, St. Louis*—George R. H. Clark, Henry W. Hough;

*St. Paul's Church, St. Louis*—Lemuel B. Powell, M. D.;

*St. Paul's Church, Palmyra*—John Valiant, Moses McClintic, M. D.;

*Trinity Church, Hannibal*—Humphrey Peak, M. D.

Whereupon, a quorum of both orders being present, the Bishop declared the Convention duly organized.

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



The following Committees were then announced by the Chair, under Rule 15:

*On the Admission of New Parishes*—The Rev. A. D. Corbyn, the Rev. Mr. Sanford, Dr. Humphrey Peak.

*On Constitution and Canons*—The Rev. W. B. Corbyn, the Rev. Mr. Clerc, Dr. Lemuel B. Powell.

*On Unfinished Business*—The Rev. Mr. Harrison, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, Mr. Henry W. Hough.

*On Finance*—The Rev. G. P. Comings, the Rev. Wm. A. Leach, Mr. John Valiant.

*On Assessment*—Mr. George R. H. Clark, Dr. Moses McClintic, Dr. Lemuel B. Powell.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention proceed to the election of a Secretary, dispensing with the ballot.

The Rev. Mr. Clerc was nominated and elected.

The Bishop then read his

### Annual Address.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,—

Two years have now elapsed since we were allowed the privilege of convening to deliberate upon the interests of that portion of the Redeemer's kingdom committed to our trust. With the annual return of the season of our Convention in 1849, it pleased God to suffer a heavy pestilence to overshadow our land, and nowhere in the land did the storm hang with more darkness, or break with more tremendous force, than over the city of St. Louis and some of the interior towns upon the Missouri river. Kept at home, my brethren of the Clergy, in the discharge of the most sacred duties of our holy office, we could not come together. A Disposer whose power we are little able to resist, and whose wisdom it behoves us not at all to dispute, had ordained it in another manner. While it is believed that the Diocese suffered no injury from our failure to convene, it is to be hoped that the sorrows of that season have been sanctified to us all; that both Pastors and people in the breath of that frightful pestilence did learn, not to trust in man, but to walk humbly and meekly, with an abiding faith in the mercy and protection of ALMIGHTY GOD. Beloved, if in such a storm we have not



warped our frail barks nearer to a haven of rest, we have drifted in the voyage of life farther away: if we have not taken our eyes from the things that are seen, and fixed them upon the things that are unseen, then I know not what may call us to our Father's mansion. Even while I speak the storm may break upon us again, for signs of its appearance are at hand. May God in His mercy spare us another visitation!

In the good providence of God, my beloved, gathered once more in solemn council, I would first thank Him for that mercy that has brought us thus far, and invoke the counsel and guidance of the Most High for the heart of every one of us here assembled in His Name and presence. May His Blessed SPIRIT so be with us at this time, that by "His Holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by His merciful guiding may perform the same, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD."

In canonical obedience, I proceed to lay before you my official acts since we last parted, and then to call your attention to other subjects interesting to the Diocese.

Since the spring of 1848, I have visited all the Parishes in the Diocese twice, and some of them thrice. The rite of Confirmation has been administered as follows:—In St. Mary's Church, Fayette, to 3 persons; in Christ Church, Boonville, to 21; in St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, to 9; in Christ Church, Lexington, to 3; in Trinity Church, Hannibal, to 3; in St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, to 5; in St. George's Church, St. Louis, to 22; in Christ Church, St. Louis, to 33; and in St. John's Church, St. Louis, to 6. Total, 105.

Two candidates for Holy Orders have been admitted by me under the following dates, viz.: Mr. Frederic B. Sheets on the 5th of June, 1849, and Mr. Abraham S. Mitchell on the 17th of November, 1849.

Two of the Clergy have received letters of transfer: The Rev. Charles Tomes to the Diocese of Tennessee, and the Rev. James Stephenson to the Diocese of Maryland.

In return, I have received the following Clergymen: The Rev. George P. Comings, from the Diocese of Illinois; the Rev. William A. Leach, (Deacon,) from the Diocese of Wisconsin; the Rev. Francis J. Clerc, and the Rev. David P. Sanford, from the Diocese of Connecticut. Mr. Comings has joined the Rev. Mr. Corbyn at the Clark Mission, and is also serving as Missionary in the town of Hannibal; the Rev. Mr. Leach is assisting me in the Parish of Christ Church, St. Louis;



the Rev. Mr. Clerc has become the Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis, and the Rev. Mr. Sanford the Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.

It grieves me to add that two of our Clergy have been removed by death, viz., the Rev. Whiting Griswold, late Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis, and the Rev. Thomas Horrell, late Rector of the Church of the Nativity, at Bridgeton.— In the closing scene of the former of these there was something so touchingly solemn and impressive, that I am sure you will thank me for making a record of it.

It was during the season of pestilence that the Rev. Mr. Griswold departed from us. Exhausted by unceasing attention, by day and night, upon the sick, the dying, and the alarmed, he was at last prostrated himself. For some days, calm and collected, he seemed quietly to contemplate death as his portion. Indeed, those who loved him best have thought, since his departure, that he had firmly fixed in his mind the idea that he should die during the season. At length his reason wandered, and occasionally, only, would he have his lucid intervals of thought; but, oh, what comfort was allowed to us who witnessed his wild delirium! It seems to have been allowed by his Heavenly Father only to reveal the good man more distinctly in his last moments: the ruling passion shone strong in death through that delirium. At one time you would hear him, in the holy office of Baptism, apparently receiving some lamb into the flock; then you would catch his words in the solemn service of the Burial of the Dead; then would he call those ministering to him near, and give them, as he deemed, the holy sacrament of the LORD'S Supper—his broken and feeble voice whispering to them, "The Body of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, which was given for you: eat this." "The Blood of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, which was shed for thee: drink this." Thus passing through all the solemn offices he had used so often before, he was to the last, in all his thoughts, ministering to the souls of others. A faithful soldier of CHRIST he lived, and a faithful soldier he died. "Blessed are the dead who die in the LORD."

The Rev. Mr. Horrell was an aged Clergyman who had long resided in our Diocese. Spared through the pestilence of 1849, to which he was thoroughly exposed, it was GOD'S mysterious will that he should be taken away when that season had departed. He died in the spring of the current year.

There are, then, belonging to the Diocese of Missouri at this time, including your Bishop, 14 Clergymen; one of whom



is residing in Texas, and two temporarily absent on account of health—the one in Oregon, the other in Virginia. To these should be added (though not yet canonically resident) the Rev. John McCarty, the Chaplain of Jefferson Barracks, and the Rev. R. H. Weller, (Deacon,) who is entering upon his duties at Grace Church, St. Louis.

Since we met, I have laid the corner-stone of Christ Church, Lexington. This edifice, since completed, and the one erected for the Parish of St. Mary, at Fayette, are now ready for consecration, and the pleasing duty of meeting these services will receive my early attention.

No ordination has taken place since our last meeting, but during the session of this Convention I trust we shall have the comfort of welcoming to the office of the Priesthood two of our brethren, viz., the Rev. John W. Dunn and the Rev. William A. Leach.

As matter of deep interest to us, I rejoice to say that, since we last met, two additional Bishops have entered upon their labors in the Church in the United States, and each of them in a Western Diocese. My consent was gladly given to the consecration of these, viz., the Rt. Rev. George Upfold, D. D., now Bishop of Indiana, and the Rt. Rev. William M. Green, now Bishop of Mississippi. Called to attend the consecration of the first named, I was present in the city of Indianapolis on the 16th day of December last, when, with the Missionary Bishop of the North-west, the Bishop of Kentucky, and the Bishop of Ohio, I took part in the interesting services of that occasion.

It is proper that I should inform you of the following acts of discipline, notices of which have reached me since our meeting in 1848:

- The Rev. D. W. Dwyer has been displaced from the Ministry by the Bishop of Virginia;
- “ “ Lester Jones, do. do. by the Bishop of Ohio;
- “ “ John Johnstone, do. do. by the Missionary Bishop of the North-west;
- “ “ Samuel Rose Mead, do. do. by the Bishop of New Jersey;
- “ “ R. C. Shimeall, do. do. by the Provisional Bishop of New-York;
- “ “ Samuel Sherwell, do. do. by the Bishop of Tennessee;
- “ “ Jedidiah Huntington, do. do. by the Bishop of South Carolina;



The Rev. T. S. Britton, do. do. by the Provisional Bishop of New-York;

“ “ J. M. Forbes, D. D., do. do. by the Provisional Bishop of New-York;

“ “ Thomas S. Preston, do. do. by the Provisional Bishop of New-York;

“ “ G. Lamb Roberts, do. do. by the Bishop of Indiana.  
The Rev. A. M. Loutrell has been suspended by the Bishop of Ohio.

Thus far my official record. In taking a survey of the Diocese, I may, with gratitude to the Giver of all good, say, that at every point where we have a Clergyman at work, the Church is reaching the hearts of the people; nay, at some points I have been astonished at the rapidity with which the Church has gathered in some of her children. So far as we are at work, we may find some comfort; but in sorrow I must add, that we are working at few points; that while it is believed by your Bishop that there is no town of any size in the State of Missouri where the Church may not be permanently and in some places speedily planted, we may not fulfil the desire of our heart, and carry the Church to the multitudes, simply for the want of *men and means*. What then is to be done? Let me speak on these points—men and means.

The cry for Clergymen is so great in most parts of our land, and the Eastern States generally affording the supply, we can not easily bring laborers into a Western Diocese. I do not forget that applications have reached me from many valuable Clergymen desirous of making their homes in Missouri (which applications I have been forced to decline for the want of means); but I know that if I had received them all, the nakedness of the land would still be uncovered. To obtain a certain and full supply of Clergy, we must at home, where the demand is great, make the supply. The hearts of parents and their offspring must be called by their Pastors to thoughts of the blessedness and comfort of the work of saving souls; and we must, in the way of aiding every good desire, cherish, at home, institutions of godly learning, where the young, trained in the ways of the Church, may love to step into the sacred ranks of her Ministry. Even in this way we may work too slowly for our desires, but we work effectively.

These views, my beloved, pressed before upon you, were as you know the beginning of an Institution of our own. The Governor Clark Mission, where we are now assembled, was placed by me at this point more than two years since; and I re-



joyce that the Convention has brought you together here, that you may see what this Mission is, and what it is accomplishing, and what it purposes to accomplish. It is a School placed here to train the young in the ways of the Church—in the hope that, under such training, all may learn to love their Mother, and some, in the depth of their love, may come to minister at her altars: and knowing as we do that the possession of wealth and luxury too often turns the heart from richer possessions, we neglect not here to provide a home for the sons of the wealthy, while at the same time a provision—would that it were more ample!—is made for training the sons of the poor and destitute. Would that it were more ample, I say; for while love and duty call us to look after the poor, it is among these poor that we look for our richest harvest hereafter.

And are we accomplishing any thing? Two years since the Mission was opened. It was then in possession of the 60 acres around us, with the little cottage to shelter the inmates. In addition it has now its school-house, dormitory, library, &c.; and here, under the charge of two Clergymen and one layman, we have the control of forty-eight boys. You will here see for yourselves the training, teaching and discipline of these youths.

What do we purpose? We purpose with a full heart to enlarge the work when we can; and when I tell you that this Mission School, begun in faith now two years since, is doing its work so far effectually—that it owes not one farthing—that it is supporting itself—and that its only sorrow is that it is forced to turn away applicants from its doors for the want of room to admit them,—may I not hope that, in the Diocese, with a large heart we will pour out our prayers and means for the Clark Mission. This is our nursery for men—let us cherish it, my beloved.

Then as to means. The Diocese of Missouri, containing 62,000 square miles, receives from the Board of Domestic Missions the sum of \$500 annually. With this sum we can partially sustain but two Missionaries. I do not mean to lay fault to that Board, for I believe that, according to the means of the Board, it bestows upon us as bountifully as it may. I could wish that a larger amount of funds were reaching its treasury, that it might bestow more fully to our necessities; still I think we may, in some degree, help our own necessities. Let us not be, my beloved, like most men in this generation, in a niggardly and thankless spirit bestowing, as we say, our money upon the LORD's work; but let us, in faith and obedience, "be ready to give, and



glad to distribute." Let those children of the Church who pray thanking God "for his inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our LORD JESUS CHRIST, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory," give gladly to their LORD—"if much, plenteously; if little, gladly of that little." Offerings of the faithful, however, should be made systematically, and then the supply is steady. Upon this point we are not without rule. "On the first day of the week," saith St. Paul, "let each one lay by in store as God hath prospered him." In every Parish, then, let the people come with the weekly offering. This is the Scriptural mode, and this mode, as I have said to you before, has these decided advantages: 1st, offerings are made systematically; 2d, impulsive appeals and excitements are shut out of our Churches, and offerings are made upon principle; 3d, offerings are made without ostentation; 4th, we have the prayers of the Church with these offerings. I believe that if my brethren of the Clergy will look to this, that the people have opportunity to give, in a little time the abundance of their offerings would be manifest. In Christ Church, St. Louis, the weekly offering is received, and though the people have not fully met it in all its spirit, still enough is before us to let us feel some comfort. Let it be in every Parish, and in giving we shall learn to give.

So far then as we are concerned, the Governor Clark Mission is our home for training men; and as to means, our people must have the opportunity presented of making their offerings to the cause of CHRIST systematically. Some time must then elapse before we can accomplish all we desire. But we will work in faith. "God, even our own God, will give us His blessing."

But men will come faster than means. Men will be found to throw themselves into the vineyard faster than means are provided for their support. The Clergy in their zeal, as should be the case, will generally outstrip the laity. To my brethren of the laity I would then frankly suggest certain thoughts, which may enable them with small means to secure for themselves possibly the permanent ministrations of the Church.

In a town where the means of support for the Clergy are small, let not the first effort be made for the erection of a Church edifice; but let it rather be for a parsonage-house, where the poor Missionary may shelter himself and his family. I know the inconvenience of having Divine Service in any other place than a proper Church edifice; but this inconvenience should be tolerated for the purpose of securing Church services. With a shelter for his household, and a small salary promptly paid, it



would be hard to force any Clergyman to abandon his field. A Church edifice would follow his faithful ministrations.

Then, too, I would suggest that in every Parish further provision for the comfort of the Clergy be made, thereby securing to the Parish the probable permanent residence of the Clergyman within it. That is a harassing anxiety which besets one when he is daily perplexed as to bread for himself and his family; yet he who suffers it may be comforted by the thought, that while life is spared he may by God's help provide it. A more distressing thought comes over the poor Clergyman when he thinks of dying, leaving his family destitute; for destitute, in most cases, they must be upon his departure. Let him, my brethren of the laity, be relieved of this sad thought; let a life assurance be effected by the Parish on his life, for the benefit of his family. A small sum will secure this, and when done by the Parish is scarcely felt, while to the Pastor himself the payment of a premium upon a life assurance is a burden. If Parishes would generally adopt this view, the sacred relationship of Pastor and people would not be so often broken. I trust my brethren of the laity will think seriously of this view. It is presented in frankness, hoping that they will meet it in the same spirit. This, in a young and feeble Diocese, is the only practical way of promptly raising a fund for the relief of the widows and children of deceased Clergymen.

Before closing this address I would express, in behalf of the Diocese, my thanks for certain gifts that have reached us, and in so doing call your attention to another Church Institution that we should cherish.

To the New-York Bible and Prayer-Book Society, to the Bishop White Prayer-Book Society, and the Female Protestant Prayer-Book Society, I am indebted for unfailing supplies of their sacred publications for distribution.

To Mr. R. Tyler, of Louisville, I owe my thanks for the generous gift of a lot, in North St. Louis, whereon to erect the building of our Orphan's Home. This Institution, belonging to the Church, and chartered by our Legislature, has been in active operation for the last six years, and during the past season of pestilence I know not what we should have done without it. An Orphan's Home pleads for itself—it is a shelter for those who, from no fault, are homeless, and, for no sin, are helpless. Thus far its inmates have been in a hired house, and we design now, at as early a day as may be practicable, to erect upon the site presented by Mr. Tyler a suitable Orphan Asylum. This insti-



tution has a fair claim to the sympathies of the whole Diocese, for with a broad affection it has sheltered, when it could, the little immortals both from town and country. It was born under the auspices of the Rev. Mr. Griswold, and cherished by him, when he lived, with an earnest affection. Let it, my beloved, receive the prayers and offerings of all our people.

In conclusion, my beloved, I commend you again now and at all times to the guidance of ALMIGHTY GOD, entreating Him that "all Bishops and Pastors may diligently preach His Holy Word, and that the people, obediently following the same, may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD."

C. S. HAWKS.

The several Parish Reports were called for by the Bishop.

On motion, the Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to attend the General Convention of the Church in October next. The Rev. Messrs. Dunn and Harrison were appointed by the Chair, Tellers for the clerical and lay votes respectively. The choice resulted as follows:

*Clerical Members*—The Rev. Almon D. Corbyn, the Rev. Francis J. Clerc, the Rev. David P. Sanford, the Rev. William B. Corbyn.

*Lay Members*—Messrs. J. Parker Doan, Robert N. Smith, George W. Morton, George R. H. Clark.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn after prayers, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, at the Mission House.

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GOVERNOR CLARK MISSION, }  
June 15, 9 A. M., 1850. }

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Clerc.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Francis A. Colhoun appeared and took his seat as Lay Delegate from Trinity Church, Hannibal.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee in accordance with yesterday's vote. The elec-



tion resulted in the choice of the Rev. F. J. Clerc, the Rev. D. P. Sanford, the Rev. G. P. Comings, and Messrs. J. Parker Doan and D. Hough.

Reports of Committees were called for.

The Committee on Admission of New Parishes reported no applications.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following Report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave respectfully to report, that, on reference to the Journal of the last Convention, they find the following items which were laid over at that time for the final action of this Convention, viz: An amendment to the second clause of article 4th of the Constitution; an amendment to article 12th of the Constitution, and a Canon entitled "Of the support of the Episcopate." All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. HARRISON, Chairman.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons reported no business.

The Committee on Finance presented their Report, as follows:

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the Report of the Treasurer, and find it to be correct; showing a balance in his hands of eight dollars and ninety-two cents.

Collections have been received in accordance with the assessments of the last Convention from all the Parishes in the Diocese, except

Grace Church, Jefferson City, from which is due.....	\$ 5 00
Trinity Church, Hannibal, from which is due.....	5 00
St. Mary's Church, Fayette, from which is due .....	5 00

Making the sum of \$ 15 00

PALMYRA, June 14th, 1850.

G. P. COMINGS, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri, and the several vouchers thereof, and find them correct. The sum of four hundred and forty-eight dollars and sixty-five cents has been received, and the sum of four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and eighty-three cents paid out; leaving in the hands of the Treasurer a balance to the credit of the Society of ten dollars and eighty-two cents.

PALMYRA, June 15th, 1850.

G. P. COMINGS, Chairman.



The Committee on Assessments presented the following Report:

The Committee on Assessment for Contingent Expenses of the Diocese for the current year, agreeably to Canon 14, report that they have apportioned the amount necessary to be raised among the several parishes, as follows:

Christ Church, St. Louis.....	\$ 35 00
St. George's Church, St. Louis.....	35 00
St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.....	5 00
St. John's Church, St. Louis.....	5 00
Grace Church, St. Louis.....	5 00
Christ Church, Boonville.....	5 00
Grace Church, Jefferson City.....	5 00
Trinity Church, Hannibal.....	5 00
Christ Church, Lexington.....	5 00
St. Mary's Church, Fayette.....	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.....	5 00

Sum total, \$115 00

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on Assessment for Contingent Expenses of the Diocese for the current year, agreeably to Canon 14, be received and adopted as the scale of assessment for the current year.

On motion, the resolution appended to the report of the Committee on Assessments was then adopted.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was then taken up, and, on resolution, the alteration in the second clause of 4th article of the Constitution, approved at the last Convention, was finally approved and adopted.

On motion, the amendment to the 12th article of the Constitution, approved at the last Convention, was finally approved and unanimously adopted.

On motion, the following Canon, reported at the last and postponed to the present Convention, was unanimously adopted. It is as follows:

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 of 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.



The Chair appointed Messrs. G. R. H. Clark, M. McClintic, M. D., and L. B. Powell, M. D., the Committee under this Canon.

Mr. G. R. H. Clark then submitted the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Committee appointed by the Chair to assess the different Parishes in this Diocese towards the support of the Episcopate, take as the basis of their assessment the report of the Committee on Assessment for Contingent Expenses for the current year; and that payments be made by each Parish, according to said assessment, to the Treasurer of the Diocese, subject to the order of the Bishop.

It was adopted by the Convention.

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

On motion, the house proceeded to the election of a Treasurer. The vote by ballot being dispensed with—on motion, Mr. John Halsall was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. F. J. Clerc be nominated to the General Convention, to fill the vacancy from this Diocese in the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

The Convention then took a recess till 5 o'clock P. M.

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GOVERNOR CLARK MISSION, }  
5 o'clock P. M. }

The Convention met according to appointment.

The Committee on Assessment for the Support of the Episcopate presented the following Report :

The Committee on Assessment for the Support of the Episcopate, agreeably to Canon 16, report the assessment made upon the several Parishes in the Diocese as follows :

Christ Church, St. Louis.....	\$ 613 00
St. George's Church, St. Louis.....	613 00
St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.....	86 00
St. John's Church, St. Louis.....	86 00
Grace Church, St. Louis.....	86 00
Christ Church, Boonville.....	86 00
Grace Church, Jefferson City.....	86 00
Trinity Church, Hannibal.....	86 00



Christ Church, Lexington.....	86 00
St. Mary's Church, Fayette.....	86 00
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.....	86 00
	\$2,000 00

The Committee further report that, as the support of the Episcopate is at this time temporarily provided for by Christ Church Parish, St. Louis, to which Parish the Bishop is at present attached as Rector, they would, so long as the support of the Episcopate is thus provided for, recommend, for the purpose of meeting certain expenses incidental to that office, the following assessment on the several Parishes of the Diocese, viz :

Christ Church, St. Louis.....	\$70 00
St. George's Church, St. Louis.....	70 00
St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.....	10 00
St. John's Church, St. Louis.....	10 00
Grace Church, St. Louis.....	10 00
Christ Church, Boonville.....	10 00
Grace Church, Jefferson City.....	10 00
Trinity Church, Hannibal.....	10 00
Christ Church, Lexington.....	10 00
St. Mary's Church, Fayette.....	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.....	10 00
	\$230 00

On motion, the scale of assessment as reported was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the several Parish Reports were ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the Journal, with the Appendix, be printed and distributed under the direction of the Secretary; and also that the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese be included in the Appendix.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were then read and approved. And, on motion, this Convention adjourned to meet at this place to-morrow, at 6 o'clock P. M.

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GOVERNOR CLARK MISSION, }  
June 16, 1850. 6 P. M. }

This being the Lord's day, after attending morning and evening services the Convention met according to adjournment.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented, through the clergy of the Mission, to the Methodist congregation at Palmyra, for the use of their house of worship



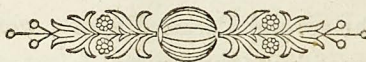
this day; and also to the citizens of Palmyra, for their hospitality to the members of this Convention.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That after religious services this Convention adjourn *sine die*.

After chanting *Psalm* CXXXIII, and prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

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

F. J. CLERC, *Sec'y Convention*.





## APPENDIX.

(A)

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

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

For the two years ending May 24th, 1850, the Rector reports as follows:

Baptisms—14 adults, 109 infants; total .....	123
Confirmed .....	36
Marriages .....	27
Communicants .....	181
Burials .....	110

The offerings of the Parish for the same period, special and otherwise, have been as follows:

To the Gov. Clark Mission .....	\$1303 56
“ Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri .....	325 10
“ Orphan’s Home .....	75 00
“ Assessment for printing Convention Journal .....	35 00
“ N. York Protestant Episcopal Tract Society .....	8 25
“ Bp. White Prayer-Book Society .....	20 00
“ N. York Bible and Prayer-Book Society .....	40 00
“ Communion Service of Christ Church, St. Louis .....	100 00
“ Christ Church, St. Louis .....	227 25
“ Grace Church, St. Louis .....	80 00
“ Christ Church, Lexington .....	65 00
“ Font for Christ Church, Lexington .....	40 00
“ Christ Church, Boonville .....	97 00
“ St. Mary’s Church, Fayette .....	37 00
“ Alms for the Poor .....	999 69
	\$ 3,452 85

The Rector believes that this Parish was never in a condition so flourishing as at this time; while the number of communicants increases, he trusts that the tone of piety in the flock is also becoming more elevated. The Rev. Mr. Leach, a Deacon, has been with him in the Parish for the last six months, and has rendered very valuable service.

The Church is open for daily service every day in the year, the children are catechised on every Lord’s day, and the weekly offertory is still continued.

In respect to the offerings spoken of above, he would state, that, while they belong to a period of two years, four months should be deducted from that period. In the fall of 1848, it was found necessary to repair the Church edifice, and Christ Church was closed from the 17th of September to the 28th of January following: during this time there was no weekly offertory.

It should also be stated that many of the offerings were specially placed in the hands of the Rector by his parishioners—not reaching him through the weekly offertory. Among the offerings of parishioners should be included also the beautiful font now standing in Christ Church—the gift of Luther M. Kennett, Esq., one of the Vestrymen of the Parish.

Thankful to his Heavenly Father for His goodness thus far, he prays that the continual dew of God’s blessing may still descend upon this flock.



## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

The Rev. DAVID P. SANFORD, *Rector*, would respectfully report to his Rt. Rev. Diocesan as follows:

Official acts performed in this Parish, chiefly by Rev. Messrs. Van Bokkelen and Leach, since last report—Baptisms, adults 3, children 55; total 58. Burials 70. Marriages 8. At the Bishop's visitation three were confirmed.

Having been in charge of the Parish but a few weeks only, the present Rector cannot state precisely the number of families or communicants, the Parish Register not exhibiting these statistics with any degree of precision. The number of each is probably between 40 and 50. There is much in the present condition of the Parish to lead us to thank God and take courage.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

*The Rev. FRANCIS J. CLERC, Rector.*

The Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis, respectfully submits to the Diocesan the following report of official acts performed in this Parish since the last meeting of Convention in May, A. D. 1848.

Number of persons baptized by the Rev. Mr. Griswold, the former Rector.....	60
“ “ confirmed, presented by him .....	2
“ marriages solemnized by him .....	12
“ burials performed by him .....	44
“ communicants last reported by him .....	94
“ “ added by him .....	10
	— 104
	Of these have died.... 8
And prior or subsequent to his death have removed....	43
	— 51
Present number of former communicants....	53

Since the removal of the present Rector to his charge, in November last, there have been added by removal..... 16 communicants,

And anew.... 7

23

There have been transferred.... 5 and

Has died.... 1

6

17

Present number of actual communicants.... 70

Number of persons baptized by the present Rector .....	24
“ “ confirmed, presented by him .....	6
“ marriages solemnized .....	2
“ burials performed .....	12
The number of Scholars in attendance at the Sunday School is at present—; number of Teachers 11.	

The contributions of the Parish for the two years last past have been as follows:

*From May, 1848, to July, 1849—by Rev. Mr. Griswold.*

To N. Y. Bible and C. P. Book Society.....	\$ 11 00
“ “ Tract Society.....	5 00
“ Domestic Missions .....	11 96
“ Diocesan Missions .....	17 80
“ “ special .....	5 00
“ Sunday School books .....	13 99
“ Alms distributed.....	45 78
“ Orphan's Home.....	79 55
“ Printing Journals, 1848 .....	5 00
“ Sundries .....	4 89
	\$ 199 97

*From November, 1849, to June, 1850—by Rev. Mr. Clerc.*

To N. Y. Bible and C. P. Book Society .....	\$ 5 00
“ Repairs on Church .....	41 95
“ Domestic Missions .....	12 15
“ Diocesan Missions.....	5 00
“ Sunday School Books .....	21 27
“ Alms distributed .....	57 40
“ Orphan's Home .....	21 05
“ Sundries .....	4 65
	168 47

Sum total of contributions for two years.... \$ 368 44



The Records of the Parish bear witness to the faithful and active labors of its former Rector, so lately a beloved and useful member of this Convention. In less than eight years, devoted to the rearing of this Parish, he had registered the names of 330 persons baptized,

128 " confirmed,  
179 " buried,  
67 couples married,  
220 communicants.

At the time of his decease, during the dreadful pestilence of the last summer, he was earnestly laboring to secure the erection of a permanent stone Church, on a beautiful site in the southern part of the city; and this work he has bequeathed to us, as one necessary to be done, ere we can cease our labors for the prosperity of this Parish.

St John's Church has been regularly open for the usual services on Sundays and Sain's days throughout the year — on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent; and the attendance, though sometimes very small, is encouraging. A class for week-day instruction and prayers is in operation.

The Orphan's Home, placed by the Bishop under the pastoral care of the Rector of St. John's Church, has been prospered even in the midst of trials and deep affliction; and seems likely to win its way, with the blessing of God, to the happy power of enabling the members of the Church to do very much good to many "of these little ones" in CHRIST'S Name.

Respectfully, FRANCIS J. CLERC, Rector.

To the Rt. Rev. Bp. HAWKS, of Mo.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

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

No report.

GRACE CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

The Rev. R. H. WELLER, Minister.

No report.

GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY.—Vacant Parish.

No report.

CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE.

The Rev. A. D. CORBYN, Rector.

Baptisms—infants 42, adults 21; total ..... 63  
Confirmed ..... 21  
Communicants ..... 45  
Marriages ..... 4  
Burials ..... 13  
Children catechised ..... 25

Divine Service is celebrated regularly on every Sunday morning and evening; the Holy Communion once each month and on the great Festivals; daily prayers throughout the year. A debt of some five hundred dollars has been paid off by the Parish during this last year. This report embraces two years, the Diocesan Convention not meeting during the year 1849.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON.

The Rev. J. A. HARRISON, Rector.

Baptisms—infants 27, adults 4; total ..... 31  
Confirmed ..... 3  
Communicants—added 10; total ..... 48  
Marriages ..... 5  
Funerals ..... 13  
Sunday School children, about ..... 20



Divine Service is celebrated regularly on every Sunday morning and evening, on the morning of the Festivals and Fasts of the Church, twice a week during Lent, and daily in Passion Week. A neat Gothic Church has been erected and nearly completed by the Parish.

This report embraces a period of two years.

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TRINITY CHURCH, HANNIBAL.

*The Rev. G. P. COMINGS, Missionary.*

Baptisms—children 5, adults 2; total .....	7
Confirmations .....	4
Marriages .....	2
Communicants, about .....	20

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FAYETTE.

*The Rev. J. W. DUNN, Missionary.*

Since the last Convention, the Rev. J. W. Dunn reports—

Baptisms—adults 2, children 7; total .....	9
Number of children catechised .....	35
Number confirmed .....	3

Divine Service is celebrated regularly on every Sunday morning and evening. The Church edifice is now finished and ready for consecration.

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REPORT OF THE REV. WM. B. CORBYN,

*Missionary in Marion County.*

During the two years which have passed since the last Convention, I have been constantly occupied with the duties of Trinity School. I have also officiated as Minister of St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.

In the School, in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Comings and a lay brother, I am doing what may be done with our slender means for the furtherance of its great design; though, for lack of the proper means, laboring at great disadvantage, with constant embarrassment, and to very little purpose.

In St. Paul's Parish, a part of the official acts here recorded have been performed by the Rev. G. P. Comings.

Baptisms—infants .....	13
Catechumens 10; total .....	23
Confirmations, including those confirmed at this Convention .....	8
Present number of Communicants .....	26
Marriages .....	2
Burials .....	9

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REPORT OF THE REV. DAVID GRIFFITH,

*At present without any Parochial Charge.*

To C. S. HAWKS, D. D.

*Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir,*

Since the meeting of the Convention in the year 1848, I have read service and preached 7 times in Christ Church, Boonville; also, married 1 couple and attended 2 funerals in the neighborhood where I reside.

DAVID GRIFFITH.

May 8th, 1850.

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(B.)

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every 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 lay it upon the table; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided before the original motion.
10. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the decision.
11. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded, and when required, reduced to writing.
12. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the Chair, without debate; an appeal, however, may be made from his decision to the Convention by any member of the same.
13. The President shall, in his discretion, select within the limits of those pews allotted for the use of the members, pews for the accommodation of visiting Clergymen and Students of



Theology, who may be invited to the same by the President, without any special application to the Convention.

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

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

A Committee on Admission of New Parishes.

A Committee on the Constitution and Canons.

A Committee on Unfinished Business.

A Committee on Finance.

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## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

### Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri.

ARTICLE 1. This Church acknowledges the authority of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. 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 the 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.

ART. 3. 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.



ART. 4. 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.

ART. 5. 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.

ART. 6. 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.

ART. 7. 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.

ART. 8. 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.

ART. 9. At least three Clergymen and the Lay delegates from three Parishes shall be necessary, as a quorum, for the transac-



tion of business; provided, however, that a less number shall have power to adjourn from day to day.

ART. 10. 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 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.

ART. 11. 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 a majority of the Clergy and of the Parishes entitled to seats in the Convention.

ART. 12. 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.

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## CANONS.

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### 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 names of their respective cures, parishes, or stations, or of the Institution 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 connexion 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 of 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 was given him or them, at least three months before the Convention, 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 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 to 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 baptised, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the name of the adult baptised; 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 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 in 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, pre-



scribed 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 Conventions, a certificate, to be signed by himself, containing a list of the 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 cannot be procured upon the trial; and, in every such case, the Bishop shall appoint a Commissary to take the same; and the notice and proceedings 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 so 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.*

SEC. 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 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:

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 other such 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.

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## FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION

*To the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri.*

The subscribers agree to pay the sum of 6¼ cents per week, making 25 cents per month, or \$3 per annum, which will be called for weekly, 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. 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.

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## TREASURER'S REPORTS.

## DIOCESE OF MISSOURI IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN HALSALL, TREASURER.

1848.				
May 3,	To	Amount in Treasury this date.....		\$ 10 65
" 20,	"	" paid by Christ Church, Lexington.....		5 00
" 20,	"	" " Christ Church, Boonville.....		5 00
July 10,	"	" " Christ Church, St. Louis.....		35 00
" 10,	"	" " Grace Church, St. Louis.....		5 00
" 10,	"	" " St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.....		5 00
" 10,	"	" " St. John's Church, St. Louis.....		5 00
" 10,	"	" " St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.....		5 00
1849.				
May —,	"	" " St. George's Church, St. Louis.....		35 00
1848.				
				CONTRA CREDIT.
June 3,	By	Amount paid Messrs. Keemle & Field for printing 500 copies Journal of Convention, 1847.....	\$ 45 00	
Aug. 10,	"	Amount paid Messrs. Keemle & Field for printing Journal of Convention, 1848.....	45 68	
	"	Amount paid Messrs. Keemle & Field, error in bill of printing, 1847,	10 00	
1847.				
Dec. 30,	"	" " postage on Journals.....	1 05	
1850.				
June 10,	"	on hand.....	8 92	
				\$110 65 \$110 65

Balance on hand.....\$8 92

JOHN HALSALL,  
Treasurer.

St. Louis, June 10th, 1850.



SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL IN MISSOURI IN ACCOUNT WITH  
JOHN HALSALL, TREASURER.

1848.		To Amount on hand .....	\$ 13 75
May 5,	"	received from Mrs. Bullock .....	2 00
June 6,	"	" " Miss M. Ellard .....	2 00
Oct. 1,	"	" " Mrs. Robert .....	3 00
" 7,	"	" " Mr. Kempland .....	1 50
" 7,	"	special appropriation from weekly offering of Christ Church, St. Louis .....	50 00
" 7,	"	Amount received from "A friend to Missions in Missouri" .....	3 50
" 7,	"	special appropriation from weekly offerings of Grace Church, North St. Louis .....	20 00
" 7,	"	Amount paid, special appropriation from weekly offerings in Saint Paul's Church, St. Louis .....	20 00
Nov. 1,	"	Amount paid by Mrs. Dranson .....	3 75
Dec. 23,	"	" " F. Webster, subscription for 1847 and 1848 .....	6 00
1849.			
March 7,	To Amount received, special appropriation from weekly offerings of Christ Church, St. Louis .....	50 00	
" 15,	" Amount received, collection made at St. Mary's Church, Fayette .....	4 50	
" 27,	" " special appropriation from weekly offerings of Christ Church, St. Louis .....	19 85	
" 27,	" Amount received, weekly offerings Christ Church, St. Louis .....	40 00	
" 27,	" " from "A friend" .....	15	
Ap'l 11,	" " Mrs. Robert's subscription from Easter, '49 to '50 .....	3 00	
" 18,	" " special appropriation from weekly offerings Christ Church, St. Louis .....	60 00	
May 5,	" Amount received, Mr. Kempland's subscription to Easter, 1849 .....	4 50	
" 9,	" " Mrs. and Miss Rutger's " 1850 .....	6 00	
" 14,	" " from Christ Church, Lexington .....	5 35	
" 17,	" " weekly offerings from Christ Church, St. Louis .....	60 00	
" 26,	" " Mrs. Robert's second subscription .....	3 00	
June 5,	" " weekly offering from Christ Church, St. Louis .....	10 00	
" 16,	" " Easter offering from St. John's Church, St. Louis .....	17 80	
July 30,	" " special appropriation from the offerings of Christ Church, St. Louis .....	25 00	
Nov. 28,	" Amount received, Mrs. Robert's third subscription .....	3 00	
1850.			
April 26,	To Amount received from Miss Rutger .....	3 00	
June 10,	" " offering from St. John's Church, St. Louis .....	5 00	
1848.		CONTRA CREDIT.	
May 22,	By Amount paid Missionary at Jefferson City .....	\$ 20 00	
July 1,	" " " " " " .....	20 00	
Sept. 1,	" " " " " " .....	30 00	
Oct. 23,	" " " " " " .....	50 00	
Dec. 13,	" " " " " Fayette .....	50 00	
1849.			
Mar. 15,	" " " " " " .....	4 50	
" 27,	" " " Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis .....	60 00	
Ap'l 18,	" " " " " " .....	60 00	
May 17,	" " " " " " .....	60 00	
June 5,	" " " " " " .....	20 00	
July 30,	" " " Missionary at Jefferson City .....	63 33	
	Balance in hands of Treasurer .....	10 82	
		\$448 65	\$448 65

Balance on hand .....

JOHN HALSALL,

Treasurer.

St. Louis, June 11th, 1850.

