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OF THE

Eleventh Annual Convention

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

DIOCESE OF MISSOURI,

HELD IN CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON,

On Friday, May 23d, Saturday, May 24th, and Sunday, May 25th, (5th Sunday after Easter,) A. D. 1851.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY

BELONGING TO THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri.

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. ALMON D. CORBYN, *Missionary, and Rector of Christ Church, Boonville.*

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

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

The Rev. JOHN W. DUNN, *Missionary, and Rector of St. Mary's Church, Fayette.*

*The Rev. ST. MICHAEL FACKLER, *Chaplain U. S. A. at Fort Vancouver, Oregon.*

The Rev. S. G. GASSAWAY, *Associate Rector of St. George's Church, St. Louis.*

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

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

*The Rev. F. W. HATCH, *residing in St. Louis.*

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

The Rev. WILLIAM A. LEACH, *ministering at 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, Jefferson city.*

* Not entitled to seats in the Convention.

Clergymen not canonically resident in Missouri.

The Rev. David Clarkson, *Chaplain U. S. A. at Fort Scott.*

The Rev. John McCarty, D. D., *Chaplain U. S. A. at Jefferson Barracks.*

LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES

APPOINTED TO ATTEND THE

Diocesan Convention of Missouri, May, 1851.

From Christ Church, St. Louis—Messrs. J. Parker Doan, B. B. Dayton, Thos. Hogan, M. D., John B. Carson.

From St. Paul's Church, St. Louis—Messrs. Judson Allen, Lemuel B. Powell, M. D., John Halsall, William H. Hurst, Esq.

From Christ Church, Boonville—Messrs. H. A. Massie, R. D. Perry, H. A. Thompson, E. E. Bucknor, M. D.

From St. Paul's Church, Palmyra—Messrs. Moses McClintic, M. D., John P. Lambert, Dudley C. Comings, Joseph I. Corbyn.

From Grace Church, Jefferson City—Messrs. Wm. A. Davis, George W. Hough, J. H. Cordell, E. L. Edwards.

From St. John's Church, St. Louis—Messrs. Harry I. Bodley, George Schaffner, George H. Gill, B. Dikeman.

From Christ Church, Lexington—Messrs. Robert N. Smith, Lawson Grant, Daniel C. Relf, Paul Reinhard.

From St. Mary's Church, Fayette—Messrs. J. A. Talbot, M. D., Benj. Smith, Abiel Leonard, Esq., Joseph D. Smith, M. D.

LIST OF PARISHES

BELONGING TO THE

DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.

Christ Church,	St. Louis. County - date
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.
Parish of the Nativity,	Bridgeton.
St. Mary's Church,	Fayette.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF THE ELECTION OF LAY-DELEGATES TO A DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

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

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

I do hereby certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry (or Parish) of ..... Church, in ....., held on the .. day of ...., A. D. ...., 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. .....

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Baptisms—Infants .....
Adults .....
Confirmations.....
Communicants—No. last reported .....
Added by removal .....
" anew .....
Lost by removal.....
" death .....
Present No. .....
Marriages .....
Burials .....
Sunday School—Teachers .....
Scholars
Contributions for Parochial purposes ....
Extra " " ....

(Signed)

JOURNAL OF THE CONVENTION.

Friday

LEXINGTON, *May 23d*, 1851.

On the day fixed by the Constitution for the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, the Bishop and several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates met in Christ Church, Lexington, at 10½ o'clock A. M. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. A. D. Corbyn, Rector of Christ Church, Boonville, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. F. J. Clerc, Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rt. Rev. C. S. Hawks, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. The Rev. J. W. Dunn, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Fayette, preached the Annual Sermon from the text, *Eph.* ii. 6, "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in CHRIST JESUS." The Bishop then proceeded to administer the Holy Communion to the Clergy and twenty-six lay-communicants, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Corbyn.

Services being ended, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The Rev. F. J. Clerc, Secretary of the Convention, then called the roll of the Clergy of the Diocese entitled to seats. There were found present with the Bishop—

The Rev. F. J. Clerc, Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis;
" " A. D. Corbyn, " Christ Church, Boonville;
" " J. W. Dunn, " St. Mary's Church, Fayette;
" " J. A. Harrison, " Christ Church, Lexington.

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

The Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON, }
May 24th, 1851. }

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Clerc. The Bishop having called the Convention to order for the transaction of business, the minutes of the previous meetimg were read and accepted.

The Committee on testimonials of Lay-Delegates reported the following gentlemen as elected by the several parishes of the Diocese, viz.:

From Christ Church, St. Louis—Messrs. J. Parker Doan, B. B. Dayton, Thos. Hogan, M. D., John B. Carson.
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The roll of Lay-Delegates being called, the following gentlemen answered to their names, viz.:

Mr. George H. Gill, from St. John's Church, St. Louis;
Moses McClintic, M. D., from St. Paul's Church, Palmyra;
Messrs. Robert N. Smith, Lawson Grant, and D. C. Relf, from Christ Church, Lexington.

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

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

The Rev. Mr. Clerc was nominated and elected.

On motion, *Resolved, also*, That the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted as the Rules of Order in this Convention.

The Bishop then proceeded, in compliance with the 15th Rule of Order, to appoint the following Standing Committees:

1. *On the Admission of New Parishes*—The Rev. Messrs. Clerc and Dunn, and Dr. McClintic.

2. *On Constitution and Canons*—The Rev. Messrs. A. D. Corbyn and Clerc, and Mr. D. C. Relf.

3. *On Unfinished Business*—The Rev. Messrs. Harrison and Dunn, and Mr. L. Grant.

4. *On Finance*—Messrs. R. N. Smith, M. McClintic, M. D., and G. H. Gill.

5. *On Assessments*—Messrs. R. N. Smith, M. McClintic, M. D., and G. H. Gill.

The Bishop then read his

Annual Address.

My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity,—

Under the protection of our Heavenly Father we have once more convened to commune together, and to deliberate upon the interests of that portion of the Redeemer's Kingdom committed to our trust. With deep gratitude for that mercy that has guarded us through the past year, and especially for the mercy that has kept the limited ranks of the Clergy unbroken by death, I invoke at this time the special aid of God's Holy Spirit for the heart of every one of us here assembled in His Name and presence. "By His holy inspiration may we think those things that are good, and by His merciful guidance may we perform the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

In compliance with duty, I proceed to lay before you the record of my official acts for the year now closing. My last report brought the record to the 24th of May, 1850—that being the day fixed for the annual meeting of the Convention, though the

last Convention, you will remember, did not meet for the transaction of business until the 14th day of June.

Since my last report, I have officially visited all the parishes in the Diocese, except two, and also some of the interior towns in the State where no parishes are thus far organized. The two parishes yet to be visited are Christ Church, St. Louis, and St. George's Church, St. Louis, and these will be visited soon after my return home. The rite of Confirmation has been administered as follows:—In St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, to 4 persons; in St. Mary's Church, Fayette, to 10 persons; in Christ Church, Boonville, to 10 persons; In Christ Church, Lexington, to 11 persons; in St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, to 7 persons; in Grace Church, St. Louis, to 6 persons; in St. John's Church, St. Louis, to 8 persons; and to one sick member of Christ Church, St. Louis, in private.

One candidate for Holy Orders has been admitted during the past year, viz., Mr. Robert E. Terry. There are now in the Diocese 3 candidates, under the following dates, viz.: Mr Frederic B. Sheets, admitted the 5th of June, 1849; Mr. Abram S. Mitchell, admitted the 17th November, 1849; and Mr. Robert E. Terry, admitted the 15th February, 1851. I trust that I may soon have the comfort of ordaining Mr. Sheets to the Diaconate.

Two of our Ministers have been ordained to the Priesthood during the past year. On the 30th of June, 1850, in Christ Church, St. Louis, I ordained to the sacred order of the Priesthood the Rev. William A. Leach. There were present with me on that interesting occasion the Rev. David P. Sanford, of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, and the Rev. Francis J. Clerc, of St. John's Church, St. Louis. On the 24th of November, 1851, in St. Mary's Church, Fayette, I ordained to the same holy office the Rev. John W. Dunn, the Minister of the parish; the Rev. Almon D. Corbyn, of Christ Church, Boonville, being at that time present and assisting.

One Clergyman has been transferred from this Diocese, viz., the Rev. Benjamin Eaton, to the Diocese of Texas, where he has long been actually resident; while three have been received into the Diocese, viz.: the Rev. Reginald H. Weller, a Deacon, from the Diocese of Tennessee, the Rev. Stephen G. Gassaway, from the Diocese of Maryland, and the Rev. Frederic W. Hatch, from the Diocese of Wisconsin. The Rev. Mr. Weller, after ministering until Easter last in Grace Church, St. Louis, is now in charge of Grace Church, Jefferson city. The Rev. Mr. Gassaway is the Associate Rector of St.

George's Church, St. Louis. The Rev. Mr. Hatch is without any parochial charge, and at present is engaged in teaching school.

Two Churches have been consecrated, viz., St. Mary's Church, Fayette, on the 23d of November last, and Christ Church, Lexington, on the 1st of December following. On the former occasion, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, the Minister of St. Mary's, and the Rev. Mr. Corbyn, of Boonville, were with me; and on the latter, the Rev. Mr. Harrison, Rector of Christ Church, Lexington, together with the Rev. Mr. Corbyn and the Rev. Mr. Dunn. These services of Consecration were unusually interesting, and were witnessed by large crowds. The Church edifices, too, are Church-like buildings; and, erected, as they have been, under a hard struggle, reflect credit both upon the taste, energy and perseverance of the Clergy and their congregations, in Fayette and Lexington.

At the request of the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, on the 14th of July last, I Instituted the Rev. David P. Sanford into the Rectorship of that parish.

In October last, I attended, in the city of Cincinnati, the meeting of our General Convention, and congratulate you, as a portion of the Lord's vineyard having a part in that General Council, upon the harmony, order and wisdom that prevailed in that body.

While in Cincinnati, I attended also the annual meeting of the Church Historical Society. This I consider a very valuable society to the Church; the design being to gather together, from all parts of the country, such facts and incidents connected with the history of the Church as may prove worthy of record or publication. The Society is of recent formation, and is just now about to issue its first publication. I shall be pleased to find that the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese take interest in the work and welfare of this Society.

You will rejoice with me that another Southern Diocese in our country will soon have its own Bishop. The Diocese of Florida has called the Rev. Francis Huger Rutledge, D. D., to that high and holy office, and a majority of the Standing Committees in the various Dioceses of our country have consented to his consecration. My consent to the same has been forwarded to the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, under the provision of Canon V. of 1832. May God's blessing be with the new Bishop elect, if he should come to that arduous office!

It is right that I should put you in possession of a list of displacements from the Ministry reaching me during the past year. It is as follows:

The Rev. William Johnstone Bakewell has been displaced by the Bishop of Western New York;
" " Gardner Jones do. do. by the Bishop of Georgia;
" " Foster Thayer do. do. by the Bishop of Vermont;
" " J. J. Kerr do. do. by the Bishop of Pennsylvania;
" " William L. Suddards do. do. by the Bishop of Delaware;
" " Ferdinand E. White do. do. by the Provisional Bishop of New York;
" " Zachariah H. Goldsmith do. do. by the Missionary Bishop of the North-West;
" " Edward I. Ives do. do. by the Bishop of Connecticut.

Closing thus my official record, I may now speak to you of the Diocese and its prospects, and of duties devolving upon us all.

The Reports of the various parishes will be laid before you, and give you assurance of the healthy state of that portion of the Diocese under culture. The Report from the Mission School, in Marion county, must give us all great comfort. In the work of gratuitous education, it has accomplished thus far more than might reasonably have been expected. It is still self-supporting, and yet in its work of charity abundant. I would that every member of the Diocese could visit and see this Mission. Here is a young College growing up, and some of us are scarcely aware of it—here a broad foundation is being laid for generations to come, and some of us have not lifted a hand towards it. Brethren of the laity, it is right that you should know that we have in Missouri, by God's help, planted an Institution, at a cost thus far of great struggle and sacrifice, with little aid from you; and it is right that you should be asked, for the Master's sake, to cherish this Institution. Now when, from time to time, additional buildings are needed, let not your Bishop still use his name and credit to accomplish the work. It is your work and mine. Come and let us all bear our parts in this labor of love and duty. We shall find our reward.

I also place before you a gratifying Report from our Orphan's Home, in St. Louis. Last year I informed you that Mr. R. Tyler, of Louisville, had given to this Institution a lot

in St. Louis whereon to erect the Orphan house, and now the Managers of the "Home" report that they are raising funds to build the house; that they have already raised $2,500, and intend raising $5,000. The building then, I trust, will soon be erected. It will be a home then indeed for our helpless little ones, while at the same time it will be the best monument that can be erected in memory of its original projector—now one of our deceased Clergy—the Rev. Whiting Griswold. What more effective and instructing monument could a Minister of CHRIST desire than an Orphan House? How much it teaches, and in this especial instance—remembering the hard struggles of our deceased brother in behalf of this infant institution—how much it tells of one who ever walked by faith and not by sight!

There are now in the Diocese, including your Bishop, 15 Clergymen canonically resident, and there are 12 organized parishes. Of these Clergymen, 12 are actively engaged in the Diocese. How small is this band of laborers compared with the extent of the field to which we are called! The Diocese includes an area of 62,000 square miles. Small as the band is, however, and large as the field may appear, we take comfort in contrasting our present position with what it was a few years since. Then the Services of the Church were scarcely known out of the city of St. Louis, while now our Ministry is at work high on the Mississippi and far up on the Missouri rivers. Then the Services of the Church, *where* held, were not unfrequently regarded with indifference, if not with dislike—being thus, as it were, forced upon the people. Now the cry is coming from the people themselves, that we would send them the ministrations of the Church. I have had great comfort during the past year in receiving letter after letter, from many towns in the interior, making an earnest demand; and, as an earnest of the sincerity of purpose connected with the demand, pledging in almost every instance a partial support—all they could bestow—for the maintenance of a Minister of the Church. From St. Joseph, Weston, Platte city, Independence, Brunswick, Columbia, and Hannibal, the cry comes. We have no longer to create the demand in these spots, as is usually the case when Missionary labor begins: the demand is there already. At no time have the prospects of the Church in Missouri been so fair and promising as at this very moment. But as every joy to be profitable, must, it would seem, be tempered with its alloy of sorrow, it grieves me to know that we are at present in no condition to meet these demands. The promises of support for

the Ministry are not adequate, though liberal, from these destitute towns. What, then, shall we do? I answer, my beloved, men and means must be found.

As to men, until our own training school at home begins to furnish them, they must be procured from other more favored regions, and means must be provided to bring them to and sustain them in the field.

How are the means to be found? The Domestic Board allows to Missouri only $500 per annum, and this sum is now equally appropriated at Boonville and Lexington; both which places will, I trust, soon become self-supporting. Nothing, then, can be expected from this source. What means of supply have we among ourselves? There are many, to some of which I have called your attention before; but I deem it my duty to speak of them again.

1*st*. The weekly offertory should be, and is, I trust, received on every Lord's day in every parish in the Diocese. These offerings may be made for all good purposes, and some of them would reach the Missionary cause. This is a mode at once Scriptural and simple. Hear the injunction of the inspired Apostle: "On the first day of the week, let each one lay by in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." Let pastor and people see that this injunction is faithfully remembered. In obedience, they will find comfort for themselves and others.

2*d*. We have a Diocesan Missionary Society of our own: this Society demands of us our prayers and sympathies, and a charge of not one penny a day—the annual subscription to the Society being only $3. Can we not all take part in this? The number of communicants in this Diocese is near 700. If all would do their part, six new Missionaries might soon be placed in the field. But in addition to this, to enable our Society to call in the aid of all who would help in this good cause, I would recommend to the Convention, that on some four Sundays in every year the contributions of every parish should be received in behalf of Missions; two of these contributions for our own Diocesan Society; one for the Domestic and one for the Foreign Board of the General Missionary Society. In this way we might hope to awaken an interest in behalf of Missions which would make us far more effective in the great work.

3*d*. Then, too, we have some men of large and ample means in some parts of our Diocese. One, whose name I am not at liberty to mention, has already placed, unsolicited, in your Bi-

shop's hands $250, as an annual contribution for the support of one Missionary in Missouri. Are there none like-minded who will do the same? I can not but hope that this silent example of good will be followed by others.

4th. May I not trust, also, that if *living men* will not think of the cause of CHRIST, *dying ones* will remember it. When we depart this life we can carry nothing of its wealth away with us, and surely the struggling cause of the Crucified Lord might then at least be borne in mind. Beloved, I have seen multitudes die, and, especially in that frightful storm of pestilence that swept over us in 1849, it was my portion and privilege to stand by the dying and to bury the dead. The rich and the poor were alike taken away, yet was an offering for CHRIST'S sake forgotten by all. It is a frightful remembrance, that, in all that harvest of death, the rich departed like the poor, without an offering to the Church of GOD. Living, they would not bestow of their abundance—dying, they might not carry it away; and yet "they forgat GOD who made them, and the Most High GOD who redeemed them." It had been a comfort to me then as now, to have pointed to the legacies of dying men as a memorial of their faith; to have known that their prayers and their alms were even at the last moment coming up as a memorial before GOD.

Those, my beloved, held to be in grievous error by us, can and do receive the offerings of dying sinners for their Lord and Master; but among ourselves, but one legacy left on dying bed for the cause of CHRIST has ever reached me, and that was the offering of a poor widow. She of her penury hath cast in more than they all.

Placing then together, dearly beloved, all these sources of supply at home, I ask, if we all, Clergy and Laity, will do our duty, may we not at once throw six more laborers into the field of Missouri? Nay, what may we not do if all these avenues of supply are opened? May it please the good LORD to fill our hearts with a deep sense of past delinquency, and to quicken us in the discharge of duty! If we will do our part, laborers will be found for the work.

While speaking upon the sacred subject of Missionary labor, I would express my earnest hope that this year may be a year of Jubilee for the Missionary cause throughout the world. To us the year is especially appropriate.

"The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, having through the goodness and favor of ALMIGHTY

God been permitted to complete a century and a half of Missionary labor, has resolved to commemorate with thanksgiving and prayer the close of its third jubilee. The commemoration will commence on Monday, June 16th, with full Church service in Westminster Abbey; and on the following Sunday, June 22d, sermons appropriate to the occasion will be preached in the principal London churches."

Thus writes his Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to myself and every Bishop in the world in communion with the Church of England, inviting us all to join in the solemn jubilee. Shall we not unite in this universal thanksgiving? By God's grace we will meet the occasion, and meet it with a full heart. It is a joyous occasion. First, it proclaims the unity of the faith and the communion of the Catholic world; and then we can not but remember, that to the Venerable Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, the Church in these United States "is indebted under God for her first foundation, and a long continuance of nursing care and protection." We must, then, have part in the jubilee. I venture, then, to recommend that on Sunday, the 22d day of June, the Clergy call the attention of their various flocks to the sacred cause of Missions, and on that day receive the contributions of the people in behalf of the waste places in this young and struggling Diocese.

We must struggle quickly to occupy the ground now opening before us in Missouri; but until men and means may be found to meet the crying wants of which I have spoken, I would suggest that at least some plan might be adopted whereby the present resident Clergy of the Diocese may from time to time visit the destitute towns in Missouri. But, my brethren of the laity, when by God's blessing we have in a measure found men and means for our field of duty, what should we do to make the pastoral relationship sacred and permanent among us? How should we proceed with most wisdom to lay the foundation for the continuance of the good work of the Church in Missouri? Let me answer.

I beg that it will be remembered that in those new towns in our Diocese where the Missionary shall commence his labors, the first effort should not be made for the erection of a Church edifice (as is usually and unwisely the case everywhere), but let it rather be for a parsonage-house, where the poor Missionary may shelter himself and his family. I am aware of the inconvenience of holding Divine Service in any other place than a Church edifice; but this inconvenience should be tolerated for

the purpose of securing Church Services permanently. With a shelter for his household, and a small salary promptly paid, it would be hard to force any Clergyman to abandon his post. A Church edifice would soon follow his faithful ministrations.

Another subject I would press upon you as of paramount importance, if you would secure among you the permanent residence of the Clergy. We must have a Society for the relief of the widows and children of deceased Clergymen. The Clergy are generally without wealth, and their very vocation prevents its accumulation in their hands. "They are your servants for JESUS' sake." That is a very harassing anxiety which besets the poor Pastor, when he is daily perplexed as to bread for himself and his family. Yet as he suffers it, he may be comforted by the thought, that, while life is spared, he may by GOD'S help provide it. A more bitter 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 us have a society for the relief of his widow and children. It is fair and right that we should. How shall we have one? In one way, and in one way only, in a young and feeble Diocese. Let a life insurance be effected by every parish on the life of its Pastor, for the benefit of his family. A small sum will secure this, and, when raised by the parish, is scarcely felt; while to the Pastor, with his limited means, the payment of an annual premium on life insurance is a burden. Remember, too, that as you grow older you accumulate for the evening of life; while your Pastor, with the advance of years, has increasing cares, with no accumulation whatever.

These views, my brethren of the laity, should not be new to you; they are here only urged by me for the second time. They are presented in frankness, with some confidence that, if duly considered, their justice will be manifest, and that they will be met in a frank and manly spirit. I firmly believe that if these views as to parsonage-houses for the Clergy, and insuring their lives for the benefit of their families, were carried out as here recommended, the Clergy, when once in Missouri, would be here to live and die among us; and, believing this, I shall be glad to see in every parish, first, a parsonage-house for its Minister—and rejoiced to hear, before we meet again, that every parish has insured the life of its Pastor.

Dearly beloved, I have two requests to make, in conclusion.

The one is, that this Address, or portions of it at least, may be read to every congregation in the Diocese, as they are as much concerned in the details as this Convention. The other, that the Diocese will remember, that as Rector necessarily of a large parish, I may not be free fully to do the work of a Bishop; and that the parish of Christ Church, St. Louis, of which I am Rector, will bear in mind, that, as Bishop of the Diocese, I can not do the work of a Pastor among them, at all times, as I would. A double burden is upon me: I live under a present necessity, with the prayer and hope that one day I may be free to do the work of the Episcopate without hindrance among you.

And now, brethren, I commend you, and all the people of my charge, to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. S. HAWKS.

The several Parish Reports were called for by the Bishop.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were chosen:

The Rev. David P. Sanford,	Mr. J. Parker Doan,
" " Francis J. Clerc,	" D. Hough.
" " John A. Harrison,	

On motion, the Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention of the Church. The balloting resulted as follows:

The Rev. Francis J. Clerc,	Mr. Robert N. Smith,
" " Almon D. Corbyn,	" Harry I. Bodley,
" " John A. Harrison,	" J. Parker Doan,
" " David P. Sanford.	John A. Talbot, M. D.

On motion, the Convention then took a recess for half an hour.

The Convention met according to appointment.

The several Standing Committees then submitted their Reports as follows.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes reported no applications.

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons reported as follows:

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons present the following proposed Canon XVIII.—"That it be the duty of the minister of each parish in this Diocese to make at least four collections in every year; one during the season of Advent, for Domestic Missions; one at the Epiphany, for Foreign Missions; one at Easter-tide, and one on Trinity Sunday, or on one of the Sundays after Trinity, for the aid of Diocesan Missions."

They also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: *Resolved*, That the proposed Canon be referred to the next Convention for adoption;" and, *Resolved*, as the sense of this Convention, that the provisions of this proposed Canon be adopted for the ensuing year."

A. D. Corbyn,
F. J. Clerc,
D. C. Relf, } *Committee.*

The resolutions thus presented were unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that there was nothing on the last Journal for present action.

The Committee on Assessments presented the following Report:

The Committee on Assessments beg leave to make the following report of the amounts necessary to be raised to meet the current expenses for the coming year:

Christ Church,	St. Louis	$30 00		
St. George's "	"	30 00		
St. Paul's "	"	5 00		
St. John's "	"	5 00		
Christ "	Boonville	5 00		
Christ "	Lexington	5 00		
St. Mary's "	Fayette	5 00		
St. Paul's "	Palmyra	5 00		
Grace "	Jefferson city	5 00		
				$95 00

The Committee further report, that they have made the following temporary assessments for the purpose of meeting certain expenses incidental to the Episcopate:

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

The Committee recommend the adoption of the scale of assessments as reported.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. N. Smith,
M. McClintic, M. D.,
G. H. Gill.

On motion, the scale of assessments recommended in the Report was adopted.

The Report of the Standing Committee was then presented, as follows:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Missouri respectfully present to the Rt. Rev. Bishop and Convention, the following Report of their official acts during the past year.

The Committee was organized on the 26th day of June last, by the election of the Rev. David P. Sanford as President and of the Rev. F. J. Clerc as Secretary. It has since held four meetings.

1*st. Aug.* 28—The Committee signed testimonials recommending the Rev. J. W. Dunn, Deacon, to the Rt. Rev. Bishop for ordination to the Priesthood. They also adopted a tabular statement of the work of the Diocese during the past three years, to be submitted to the Bishop as a part of the report to the General Convention required by Canon VIII. of 1841 of the General Convention. And they ordered the Secretary to address the several parishes of the Diocese, urging a prompt compliance with the requirements of the Diocesan Canons XIV. and XVI.

2*d. Sept.* 23—The Committee, acting with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, elected the following gentlemen

Delegates to the then approaching General Convention, in place of those appointed at the last Diocesan Convention, who had notified the Bishop that they could not attend, viz.: Dr. T. Hogan, Dr. H. L. Hoffman, and R. E. Terry; and as substitutes again, Messrs. Meredith Ogden, E. A. Johnson, Francis A. Colhoun, and David Creel. They also adopted the remainder of the requisite report to the last General Convention, to be submitted to the Bishop for his approval.

3d. Feb. 15, 1851—The Committee recommended Mr. R. E. Terry to the Rt. Rev. Bishop as a candidate for holy orders. They also signed the testimonial presented by the Diocese of Florida, to signify our assent to the consecration of the Rev. Francis Huger Rutledge, D. D., as Bishop of that Diocese.

4th. May 17—The Committee, acting on the recommendation of the Bishop, appropriated $40 from the funds of the Diocesan Missionary Society to the Missionary at Fayette, Mo. They also adopted the present report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Board,

FRANCIS J. CLERC, *Sec'y.*

St. Louis, May 17, 1851.

On motion, it was voted that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the subject of Missions be referred to a Committee of three. The Chair appointed the Rev. A. D. Corbyn, the Rev. Mr. Clerc, and Mr. R. N. Smith.

The Convention then took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

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The Convention met, pursuant to appointment, at 3 o'clock P. M.

On motion, it was voted that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the subjects of parsonage-houses for the Clergy, and the forming of a Society for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, be referred to a Committee of three. The Chair appointed Messrs. L. Grant, M. McClintic, M. D., and G. H. Gill.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the subject of Missions, submitted the following Report:

The Committee to whom were referred such portions of the Bishop's Address, on the subject of Missions, as call for the action of this Convention, beg leave respectfully to report.

The subject of the supply of means for this work has already in part engaged the attention of the Convention, which has referred a proposed canon on the subject to the next annual Convention, and has adopted for the present year a resolution making it the duty of every parish minister to take at least four collections in every year, two of which shall be in aid of the Diocesan Mission Treasury. The Committee beg leave farther to second most earnestly the views of the Bishop in regard to the weekly collections, some of which it is hoped will reach the Diocesan Missionary Treasury. They venture to suggest that one collection a month in every parish be appropriated to this cause, excepting only those months in which a special collection may be taken, at Advent, Epiphany, Easter or Trinity seasons. They also urge the claims of the Diocesan Missionary Society to the annual subscriptions of the members of the Church. Let the clergy also engage in behalf of this cause, not the alms only, but much more the prayers and the sympathy of the people, by the due observance of those seasons which the Church in her wisdom has marked as seasons of especial prayer for the work of CHRIST's ministry on earth. Let them, when it is practicable, keep the Ember seasons by common public prayer to ALMIGHTY GOD in the weeks preceding the stated times of ordination; and let them urge the people of their cures to observe the same in their homes, by the use of the appointed forms of prayer for those occasions. When the spirit for this work has been fostered and cherished, the fruits of that spirit will appear in our hearts and in our lives, and, by the blessing of GOD on our labors, many a waste place in the wilderness shall bud and blossom as the rose. The gifts of living men, and the legacies of dying ones, will swell the regular contributions of the Church to a cause which shall have become dear to their hearts, and which is none other than the cause of our Lord and Master JESUS CHRIST.

As regards the supply of men to do the work which is now ready to be done, this committee can but conceive that when personal and official applications fail to bring laborers from other dioceses into our midst, the resident clergy must be allowed to undertake all that they can accomplish to keep the fields of labor still open to the Church. With as much love for our neigh-

bors as for ourselves, we should endeavor to share our privileges with them; and by a judicious system of itinerancy, under the direction of the Bishop, the borders of Zion might be enlarged. The committee feel authorized by the necessities of the case to recommend the adoption of a resolution on this subject.

One other subject of deep interest and of great importance is embodied in parts of the Bishop's address, on the subject of Missions, viz., the special Jubilee of 1851–2. The Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts is an institution of the Church of England, which was chartered on the 16th of June, 150 years ago. In the spirit of thanksgiving and prayer, at the close of a century and a half of missionary labor, it has resolved to commemorate the close of its third jubilee. "Bearing in mind the relations between this and the mother country, and the intimate connection which subsisted between the Society and many of our States during the greater part of the last century," and also the close communion which binds the Churches of America and England in one spiritual fellowship with the FATHER, and the SON, and the HOLY GHOST, in the Word of the Gospel of Truth; in the midst of controversy, division, heresy and schism, is it too much to ask that all members of the Church, in all its dioceses, shall enter with heart and with soul into this grandest religious enterprise of this age of religious excitements? The Jewish Church of old kept her jubilees by Divine appointment. The Roman Communion, in the daily use of the Latin tongue, keeps her jubilees as means of active progress. Let us rise to the conception of a communion of of all who worship GOD in the English tongue, in the profession of the primitive faith as restored by the English Church, reading the pure Word of GOD preserved and translated for their use by the same Apostolic Church. Let us think of the four Episcopal clergymen who stood alone on the continent of America when this Society began its missionary work. Let us think of its present labors in our country, in the West Indies, Africa, Asia, and Australasia, with a band of 1156 clergy —bishops, priests and deacons—laboring amid a population of nearly 100,000,000 souls. And then let us compass the work of the jubilee with spirit.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That, with the assent of the Vestry, it shall be the duty of every settled Minister in this Diocese, to devote one

Sunday in every three months to Missionary labor, under the direction of the Bishop as to time and place."

"*Resolved*, That Sunday, the 22d day of June next, be observed in this Diocese as a day of special Thanksgiving to ALMIGHTY GOD for the blessings bestowed upon the past labors of the Venerable Society, and of prayer for His blessing upon their and our future Missionary work; and that the contributions of the parishes be taken in aid of the Diocesan Missionary Society."

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. J. CLERC,
A. D. CORBYN, } *Committee.*
R. N. SMITH,

The resolutions appended to the Report were then, on motion, unanimously adopted.

During the reading of this Report, the Rev. D. P. Sanford, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, and the Rev. W. A. Leach, ministering in Christ Church, St. Louis, appeared and took their seats.

The Committee on the certificates of Lay-Delegates reported the following gentlemen from St. Paul's Church, St. Louis: Messrs. Judson Allen, Lemuel B. Powell, M. D., John Halsall and William H. Hurst.

The roll being called, Lemuel B. Powell, M. D., answered to his name.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the next Convention of this Diocese be held in St. Mary's Church, Fayette.

On motion, the Convention then proceeded to elect its Treasurer, the vote by ballot being dispensed with. Mr. John Halsall was elected.

On motion, *Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the Journal of the Convention be printed and distributed under the direction of the Secretary, and that the Parish Reports be printed in the Appendix of the Journal.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to Parsonage-houses for the Clergy,

and the formation of a Society for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, presented the following Report:

The Committee to whom were referred parts of the Bishop's Address on the subject of providing parsonage-houses for the Clergy, and of forming a Society for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, respectfully report that they consider these subjects to be of paramount importance to the well-being and permanency of the various parishes in the Diocese; that they deem them to be fair and equitable provisions, fully due to the pastoral relations subsisting between the clergy and their parishes, and that they see but the one practical way of effecting an efficient provision in aid of the widows and children of deceased clergymen. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention do hereby recommend to every parish in this Diocese, that they do earnestly and energetically undertake the work of procuring parsonage-houses for their Pastors; and that they do also provide for the contingency of the deaths of their Pastors, by immediately insuring their lives for the benefit of their families.

All which is respectfully submitted.

L. Grant,
M. McClintic, M. D., } *Committee.*
G. H. Gill,

The resolution appended was then unanimously adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the last Annual Report of the Orphan's Home be printed in the Appendix of the Journal.

The Standing Committee on Finance then submitted the following Report:

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the account of the Treasurer for Diocesan expenses, and find it to be correct; showing a balance in his hands of forty-one dollars and ninety-two cents ($41.92).

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

Grace Church, North St. Louis..... $5 00
Grace Church, Jefferson city..... 5 00

*St. Mary's Church, Fayette	5 00	
		$15 00

The Committee further report that they have examined the Report of the Treasurer on the Support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, and find that $124.50 have been collected and paid over to the Bishop. The following parishes have not met the assessment, viz.:

St. George's Church, St. Louis	$70 00	
Grace Church, North St. Louis	10 00	
Grace Church, Jefferson city	10 00	
Trinity Church, Hannibal..bal. due	5 50	
*St. Mary's Church, Fayette	10 00	
		$105 50

The Committee further report that they have examined the Treasurer's Report for the Society for propagating the Gospel in Missouri, and find that the receipts amount to $54 42†; of which amount $40 have been expended, leaving a balance on hand of $14.52.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. N. Smith,
M. McClintic, M. D. } *Committee.*
G. H. Gill,

The Treasurer's Reports were ordered to be printed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention will attend Divine Service this evening and to-morrow in this Church; and that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in this place immediately after Divine Service to-morrow afternoon.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

* This parish has since paid this assessment.

† Note.—The additional sum of $234 50 has been expended for Missionary work in the Diocese, but did not pass through the Treasurer's hands.

St. Mary's Church, Fayette	$40 00
Christ Church, Boonville	69 50
Grace Church, Jefferson city	125 00
	$234 50

CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON, }
Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 25, 1851. }

Divine Service being ended, the Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Secretary then read the following

Proposed Canon XVIII.

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

And moved that it be referred to the next Convention for adoption.

A motion to lay upon the table was lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

It was then *Resolved*, That the Convention shall be adjourned *sine die* immediately after Services this evening.

The Convention then took a recess.

Divine Services being ended, the Convention was adjourned *sine die*.

C. S. HAWKS,
Bishop of Missouri.

FRANCIS J. CLERC,
Secretary of Convention.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

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

For the year ending the 23d of May, the Rector reports as follows:

Baptisms—adults 8, infants 41—total	49
Confirmed in private	1
Marriages	18
Communicants	190
Burials	36

The offerings of the parish, for the same period, have amounted to $1328.95, while the amount actually paid out has been $1396.55. This sum has been appropriated as follows:

To the Orphan's Home	$77 85
Missionary at St. Mary's, Fayette	40 00
" " Christ Church, Boonville	69 50
" " Grace Church, Jefferson city	125 00
Christ Church, St. Louis	470 60
Convention assessment	105 00
Alms for the poor	508 60
	$1396 55

Besides the regular offerings presented in the parish on every Lord's day, there are many offerings made by parishioners of which the Rector can give no account. They have been made by different parishioners to different applicants for many good purposes, and amount to several hundred dollars.

In addition to the Sunday services, the church is open for daily prayers every day throughout the year. These daily services, the Rector is sorry to say, are not attended as they should

be, and he feels that they may stand hereafter as fearful memorials before God against the undutiful members of this parish.

On every Lord's day the children of the parish are catechised by the Rev. Mr. Leach, who is still with me in the parish, and, having now been ordained to the Priesthood, is enabled to render more efficient service than formerly.

The usual Spring Confirmation in this parish was postponed owing to unavoidable circumstances.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. D. P. Sanford, *Rector*,

Would respectfully report as follows:

Baptisms—infants		14
Confirmations		7
Communicants—No. last reported		45
	Added by removal	28
	" anew	7
	Lost by death	4
	Present No.	76
Marriages		7
Burials		16
Sunday School—Teachers		7
	Scholars	about 50

Amount of Weekly Offertory $314.20—of which $162.65 were applied to the current expenses of the parish; $17.25 to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri; $10 (from S. School) to the Clark Mission; $7.50 to the General Board of Dom. Missions; $8 to the Orphan's Home; $7.50 for Communion Set for Grace Church; $4.50 Minnesota Mission; the remainder to charitable purposes within the parish.

The present condition of the parish affords much ground for hope. For the first time since its organization it is entirely free from debt. It has an ample lot for the erection of a permanent Church, in place of the present temporary structure. The parishioners show a commendable liberality, and, as no parish is better fulfilling the great Christian Mission of preaching the Gospel to the poor, we may well confide in the Lord of the harvest for the fulfilment of his gracious promises.

CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE.

Rev. A. D. CORBYN, *Rector.*

Baptisms—8 adults, 20 infants—total	28
Confirmed	10
Communicants	50
Marriages	2
Died (of Communicants)	1
Removed	2
Added	1
Burials	4
Children catechised	20

Divine Service is celebrated regularly on every Sunday morning and evening. Daily Morning Prayers throughout the year; and during Lent, Prayers morning and evening, with frequent Lectures suitable for the season. The Rector was absent a few weeks last Fall, while in attendance upon the General Convention; during most of this time services were held by the Rev. David Griffith, and Rev. Mr. Harrison of Lexington.

REPORT OF THE REV. WILLIAM B. CORBYN,

Missionary in Marion County.

To the Rt. Rev. Diocesan.

Since the last Convention I have been engaged in the duties of the Mission School, aided as heretofore by the Rev. G. P. Comings and my brother, Mr. Joseph I. Corbyn. I submit the following statement of its affairs.

We have at present 21 boys in the family and 18 day scholars—in all 39. During the three years and a half now ending, the receipts and expenditures have been as follows:

Received from General Fund	$125 00
Gifts to the Mission in Cash, through the Rev. Wm. B. Corbyn	121 90
Received for Tuition, Board and Books, from Boarding and Day Scholars	6440 22
Rents of grounds	47 55
Sale of cows, &c.	50 00
Total	$6784 67

Expenses of Household, including servants' wages and clothing	$5619 58
Incidental Expenses for Boys	442 05
Expended on Buildings and Furniture	1324 36
Total	$7385 99
	6784 67
Excess of Expenditures over Receipts	$601 32

The Institution has afforded gratis, in whole or in part, tuition, boarding and books to 33 boarding and day scholars. The sums due from such, varying from $5 to $500, and which are to be considered as given to them, amount to $3454.70.

This sum is equal to more than half the total receipts for the whole period; so that for every two boys that pay, we are able to support one at the charge of the Institution.

It will be seen that the receipts fall short of the expenditures $601.32. This deficiency has been supplied all along from the private resources of the Rector and his coadjutors, so that the Institution has been all along, and is now, free from debt.

This account does not embrace the sums expended from the general fund upon the buildings, nor the inconsiderable amount spent upon the outfit. There were also sundry bills paid by the Treasurer in St. Louis, amounting (it is thought) to some $150; but as these are not noted either in our receipts or expenses, the general result is the same.

It may not be improper to add here, that the Institution, begun in great weakness and contempt, and working in silence and faith, may be said now to have fairly won the respect even of its enemies, and very generally the confidence of the community in which it has been planted.

I have continued also the regular ministration of God's Word and Sacraments in the Parish of St. Paul's, in the village of Palmyra. We have celebrated and administered the Holy Communion, when circumstances permitted, upon every Sunday and Holy Day.

Baptisms—adult 1, colored 1; infants 4—total	6
Confirmations	4
Marriage	1
Burial	1
Communicants	about 30

The children and youth, including the boys in the School, are catechised every Sunday evening in the Church.

TRINITY CHURCH, ST. CHARLES.

(Vacant parish—no report.)

GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY.

Rev. R. H. WELLER, *Minister.*

To the Rt. Rev. C. S. Hawks, D. D., Bishop of Missouri.

Having entered upon the charge of this parish as late as the beginning of the present month, I am unable to make any report as to its present condition.

I find on the Records the following official acts, by the Rev. Mr. Stephenson, since last report:

Baptisms 6
Burials 2

Since the re-opening of the Church, the services have been well attended.

I have officiated twice in Fulton, 20 miles distant from this place, where I found a large congregation in attendance, and the few members of the Church resident there anxious to have the ministrations of the Church renewed among them.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. F. J. CLERC, *Rector.*

The Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis, respectfully submits to the Rt. Rev. Diocesan the following report of his official acts performed in this parish during the past year.

Number of persons Baptized 44.
" " Confirmed 8.
" " Buried 31.
" Marriages solemnized 4.
" Communicants last reported 70
added anew 9, by removal 18—total 27
lost by death 2, by removal 3—total 5
— 22

Present number of actual Communicants 92

Besides these, who have all communed in this parish within the year, the Rector reports 11 others, whose names stand recorded

on his Register as Communicants, though, for different reasons, they have not come near to the Lord's Table within that time. Some of them may yet be subjected to the discipline of a suspension from the Communion. Some of those who are reported as having been added by removal, are undoubtedly old members of this parish, whose names were not registered until this year, and some have joined the Church from other communions. The number of children in attendance at the Sunday School has been, on an average, 100; and the constant number of Teachers assisting me has been 13 or 14, besides the Librarian. Weekly collections, in pursuance of the plan recommended by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, are taken up in the parish as heretofore; and a system of appropriations has recently been adopted by the Rector, acting with the advice of the Wardens. The system is this. On the 2d Sunday in the month, and whensoever else the Holy Communion is administered, the alms are of course devoted to the relief of poor and distressed members of the household of faith. On the 1st and 3d Sundays of the month, the contributions are appropriated to meet the contingent expenses of the parish; on the 4th Sunday, in aid of Missions either Domestic or Diocesan; and on the 5th, whenever it occurs, for the payment of Diocesan assessments on the parish. This system has been found on trial to be productive of good results, and, being well understood in the parish, it enables and almost obliges every member to exercise such discrimination and thought in the apportionment of their alms, as must tend to their own edification and increase in charity. The contributions of the parish have been as follows: Alms for the poor, $80.35; Orphan's Home, $50.65; Sunday School library and instruction books, $22.70; contingent assessments, $11.55; Episcopal assessment, $10; incidental parish expenses, $15.30; sundries, $1.20; Domestic Missions, $39.50; Diocesan Missions, $15.30. Total, $246.55.

St. John's Church has been open for religious services on all Sundays, excepting only one or two during the session of the General Convention last fall, and also on all the festivals and special days marked by the Church for our observance. During Lent, in particular, the attendance on week days was very gratifying. Wednesdays and Fridays have been marked by some special service throughout the year. The Orphan's Home continues to be under the pastoral care of the Rector of St. John's; and the annual report, submitted to the Bishop on

Easter Tuesday last, furnished all the details respecting the last year. The enterprise of building on the site selected by the late Pastor of St. John's, has been abandoned this year, and the future arrangements of the parish in reference to its permanent location, are not yet determined. Meanwhile the prospects of the parish are full of encouragement to persevere in doing whatsoever can be done heartily as to the LORD and not unto men; knowing that of the LORD we shall receive the reward of the inheritance, if we serve the LORD CHRIST. (Col. iii. 23, 24.)

GRACE CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. R. H. WELLER, *Minister.*

Up to Easter, 1851.

Baptisms—infants 8, adults 4—total	12
Confirmed	6
Communicants	34
Marriages	1
Burials	8

Offerings of the parish, $46.65.

The Minister would take this opportunity of tendering the thanks of the parish to our brethren of St. Paul's Church, for the present of a Communion Set, by the hands of their Rector.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. E. C. HUTCHINSON, D. D., *Rector.*
Rev. S. G. GASSAWAY, *Associate Rector.*

(No report.)

TRINITY CHURCH, HANNIBAL.

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

From the last Convention till July, near the close of the term at the Mission School, I continued to hold regular service at Hannibal. I then left and was absent East about three months. On my return, the increased duties of the School, and the ill health of Mr. Corbyn, induced us, at the advice of our physician, to omit the regular service at Hannibal. I have, however, been there to perform occasional necessary services, and have

held service there one Sunday. The statistics of the parish are as follows:

Baptisms—adults 2, infants 4; total....6
Burials 2
Communicants.....about 20

The remainder of my time and labor has been devoted to my duties at the Mission School.

Palmyra, May 19, 1851.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON.

Rev. J. A. Harrison, *Rector.*

The Rector of Christ Church, Lexington, respectfully reports to his Diocesan the following abstract from his Parish Register, for the year ending May 23d, 1851:

Baptisms—infants 6
Confirmations 11
Communicants—Added 5
Removed 12
Present No. 46
Marriages 2
Burials 7
Sunday School children 20

The usual Divine services continue to be celebrated in this parish. The weekly offertory has been established, and is in successful operation. The Church edifice has been enclosed by a neat fence. Through the kind assistance of friends in St. Louis and elsewhere, an excellent organ has been procured, and also a very handsome Communion service. We thank God and take courage.

The Rector further reports, that, in the month of December last, he was in Weston, in this State; at which time he celebrated Divine service and preached four times, administered the Holy Communion (once) to three persons, baptized five infants, and solemnized one marriage.

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY, BRIDGETON.

(Vacant—no report.)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FAYETTE.

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

Baptisms—adults 3, children 6—total.. 9
Confirmed 10
Communicants—Added 10—total 15
Burials 1
Children catechised 30

Divine service is celebrated, regularly, on every Sunday morning and evening, except one Sunday in each month; twice a week during Lent, and daily in Passion Week. During the past year the Church edifice in this parish has been consecrated to the worship of Almighty GOD. Though the progress of the Church has not been great, it has been steady and sure; our influence is beginning to be felt beyond the circuit of our little village, and the Missionary believes that by patient and continued efforts the Church will gain a firm foothold in this county, and become the home of many who already are seeking for something more substantial and enduring than they have heretofore known.

At Glasgow, 13 miles from Fayette, the Missionary holds services one Sunday in each month, The work at first was discouraging, there not being a single member of the Church in the place; we now have three members. There seems to be much good feeling and interest felt towards the Church, and the Missionary hopes soon to have a parish organized and a Church edifice erected in this town.

REPORT OF THE REV. DAVID GRIFFITH,

Residing near Boonville.

Since the Convention met at Palmyra, in June, 1850, I have preached twice, and read the Burial Service once, in Christ Church, Boonville; also, attended one funeral, and solemnized one marriage, in my own vicinity.

REPORTS OF CLERGYMEN IN MISSOURI,

But not Canonically Resident.

REPORT OF THE REV. JOHN McCARTY,

Post Chaplain at Jefferson Barracks.

I send the following report of my official acts at this post, and in some few instances in this neighborhood, from the 5th of November, A. D. 1848, to the 6th of June, 1851, viz.:

Baptisms—infants 27, adults 2—total..29
Marriages 14
Funerals.....149

REPORT OF THE REV. DAVID CLARKSON,

Chaplain U. S. A. at Fort Scott.

Since my arrival at this place, on the 20th of July last, I have officiated regularly every Sunday, and taught school during the week.

Baptisms—infants 6, adult 1—total 7
Burials 1

(B.)

ORPHANS' HOME REPORT,

Made at the Annual Meeting of the Orphan's Home, held on Easter Tuesday, April 22d, in Christ Church, St. Louis.

The Board of Managers of the Orphan's Home respectfully present to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, and to the patrons and friends of the Institution, their Eighth Annual Report of its condition and affairs. During the year which has just closed, their business has been conducted very much as heretofore, but with a more general and increased interest in the work. The

resignation of several ladies who were elected at the last annual meeting, caused vacancies in our Board which were promptly filled, and, so far as was possible, by the choice of other ladies, who have actively engaged in the duties of their office. It is hoped that our present experience will enable us to select at this time only such persons as will take pleasure in discharging the duties of Managers.

The Board, with a deep sense of the responsibilities which are devolved upon it, desires to make its annual statement of the affairs of the Home, so full and so clear, as to awaken the interest of all regular members of the Corporation, of all who have hitherto been the friends of the Institution, and of the community in which it is placed. With the same desire we now urge the more vigorous prosecution of the plan proposed by the Bishop at the last annual meeting, for securing more general and more liberal subscriptions in the several parishes of the city. These annual pledges, if made payable and if collected quarterly, will make a very reliable source of income for the support of the Home, and will relieve us from the constant fear of want. Such fears, we believe, do not imply any distrust of that kind Providence which has hitherto provided most bountifully for the supply of our wants; for we know that it is the love of CHRIST which has constrained many to give so liberally of their time, of their substance, of their labors and of their prayers to the support of these orphan children; and we should not dare to look for the blessing of GOD if we did not labor and seek to provide the surest means for their maintenance. The subscriptions in the various parishes during the past thirteen months have amounted to no more than $370. The expenses for the same time have amounted to $1,037.85, viz: for house rent, $390; matron's salary, $130; teacher's do., $130; funeral expenses, $17.50; house expenses, $280.35; servant, $90. The difference between this income and these expenditures has been met by very liberal donations in cash, amounting in all to $1,077.11. From this sum $765.46 have been taken to meet the current expenses of the Home; while the additional sum of $311.65, the amount of Miss Lind's and of Mr. Barnum's donation, have been added to the monies already collected in aid of the new building. To Miss Lind and to Mr. Barnum, and also to all persons who have taken an interest in procuring aid for the Home, we owe our hearty thanks in acknowledgment of their kindness. We desire at the same time to record our thanks to the others who have given us the benefit

of their liberality, and particularly to the members of Mr. Wyman's School, to the proprietors of the Panorama, and to Mr. Fleming. Many donations of most useful and necessary articles have also been received during the past year, and for these we return our very hearty acknowledgments to the several donors.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of $97.61 in the treasury. In addition to her report, she desires through us to acknowledge the receipt of $14.85 from Mrs. Major Maclin, of Ft. Leavenworth, and of $2.50 from Mrs. Maclin little son; and also the additional subscriptions and donations of $15.15. Total, $130.11, now in the Treasurer's hands.

The Board are happy to express their thanks to Mr. Robert Tyler, of Louisville, for the handsome donation of a building lot in North St. Louis. This gift was made early enough in the year just past, to be acknowledged on the cover of our last annual report, but we desire now to add our more formal acknowledgment with no less gratitude than before; and we are happy to state that the sum of $2,186.17 (exclusive of Miss Lind's and Mr. Barnum's donation of $311.61, which has been appropriated by us to the same object) has been subscribed towards the erection of the new building upon the proposed site; total $2,497.78, of which $1,000 has already been collected and deposited in bank, subject to our order. Plans of the building have been submitted, and a building committee of three gentlemen, who have uniformly manifested much interest in our welfare has been elected, and has consented to give us its aid. We suppose that we shall need $5,000 in order to carry out any plan which can secure our present comfort, and still leave facilities for increased usefulness in future. But we have sufficient confidence in our prospects of success to urge the immediate action of the friends of the Home in the prosecution of this work, for it is one which is absolutely necessary to our permanence, and to any increase in our powers to do good. This will appear from the statistics of the past year. We reported, at its opening, twenty-five children as inmates of the Home. That is our present number. But not all the children are under our care that were reported last Easter. Our Heavenly Father has taken two to His Home, provided for the disciples till CHRIST our Lord shall come again and receive them unto Himself. Two have been adopted out of the Home, and three have been removed by their friends. Seven children, therefore, are all that have been admitted during

the past year—for our present house will not allow of any addition to the present number of children; and so long as we continue in it, we must be at a stand still in this respect. But this circumstance, disadvantageous as it is in one respect, has been an advantage in another. By it, it has been possible for the Home to have very much the character implied in its name. It has been of the nature of a permanent settled family, where the relations of the mother and her children have been as closely and as carefully sustained as they possibly could be. We have endeavored to supply, as nearly as possible, the most urgent wants of all children, by restoring, as nearly as possible, to each orphan under our care, a mother's love and nursing protection. Our indefatigable matron deserves our warmest praise for the energy and affection with which she has served the children of her family—watching over them by night and by day, in sickness and in health, and even in death; preserving a wholesome discipline and good order in every department committed to her care, and disbursing with great economy the monies appropriated by us to meet the necessary household expenses. She has been faithfully aided, during the whole year, by a female teacher, under whom the children have made creditable proficiency in reading, spelling and writing, while their religious instruction has been such as a family would ordinarily afford. The prayers, and catechism, and hymns of the Church have been regularly studied and committed to memory; and the Holy Scriptures have been read by the children daily. Some of them have begun the study of arithmetic, history and geography; but a more complete supply of the necessary books must be given them before they can make all the progress that is to be desired. And a more thorough course of instruction can then be pursued, if the general health of the inmates of the Home should continue as good as it has been during the past year, when (beside the two that died) only two of the children suffered from severe and protracted sickness. To the goodness of God we owe it that so few serious disturbances have come near the dwelling of our orphans; and we desire nothing more heartily than the continuance of God's love, favor and protection.

The physicians who have constantly visited our Home in sickness, will please receive our warmest thanks for their kindness and assistance—Drs. Moses, E. F. Smith, and Webb.

The family relation is by God designed to be so sacred, that

He condescends Himself to promise that He will be a father to His people, and that He "will preserve their children alive," when father and mother forsake or "leave" them. (*Jer.* 49, 11.) Blessed as our own children are by being adopted into His Family, the Church, we feel that we are bound to extend these privileges to the orphan, also; and that we are called upon to obey the precepts of the Holy Scriptures, in "relieving them when oppressed; in "judging" or doing justice to "the fatherless," and in "pleading for the widow." We deem it our bounden duty to "defend the poor and fatherless; to do justice to the afflicted and needy; to deliver the poor and needy, and to rid them out of the hand of the wicked." And we appeal to all people, to all right-minded and honorable men, who love truth and equity, to help us in this work which we have undertaken for the glory of God and the good of men. We invite them to lend their aid in rescuing little children, fatherless and motherless, from the hands of those who would abuse, neglect or prostitute them to the vilest purposes; and in protecting them, if need be, from the unrighteousness which would oppress and rob them of patrimony or of right. We call upon every good citizen to assist in procuring a shelter and a home for as many as possible of those whose natural guardians and protectors are no more. And we invite the examination of the public into our Institution and its regulations, that they may see whether we have any claims to their confidence and assistance in this work of love to those whom Our Blessed Lord pronounced to be such as enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We appeal upon Christian grounds to all men to provide that which the Jew was not allowed to neglect, viz: food and raiment, and a home, with means and opportunities for religious instruction and worship to the fatherless within our own gates, and in our own borders.

(C.)

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.

(D.)

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 worshiping ALMIGHTY GOD according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Missouri, and of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have formed a congregation at....., in this Diocese; they, therefore, declare the following to be their Articles of Association:

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

ART. 2. This Parish acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to, the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America; and as such, it accedes to, recognizes and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly. Any member who shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the said authority shall not be elected, or vote in the election

of Vestrymen, Rector or Minister, or exercise any office or function in, concerning or connected with the said Parish or Association.

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

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

(E.)

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 desigued 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.

(F.)

DIOCESE OF MISSOURI in Acc't with J. HALSALL, Treas.

1850. FOR DIOCESAN EXPENSES.

June 10,	To Am't on hand	$8	92
Sept. 27,	" " Rec'd St. Paul's Church, Palmyra	5	00
	" " " Trinity Church, Hannibal	5	00
Nov. 7,	" " " Christ Church, St. Louis	35	00
	" " " St. John's Church, St. Louis	5	00
1851.]	" " " St. George's Church, "	35	00
Jan. 6,	" " " Christ Church, Boonville	5	00
	" " " Christ Church, Lexington	5	00
April 28,	" " " St. Paul's Church, St. Louis	5	00
		$108	92

1850. CONTRA CREDIT.

Oct. 15,	By Am't paid Expenses Gen. Convent'n, '50,	14	00
Nov. 16,	" " " Printing 500 Journals of Diocesan Convention, 1850	53	00
	Balance on hand, $41 92.	$67	00

JOHN HALSALL, *Treasurer.*

Support of the Episcopate in Acc't with J. Halsall, Treas.

1850.

Sept. 27,	To Am't Rec'd St. Paul's Church, Palmyra	10	00
	" " " Trinity Church, Hannibal	4	50
1851.]	" " " St. John's Church, St. Louis	10	00
Jan. 20,	" " " Christ Church, Boonville	10	00
	" " " Christ Church, Lexington	10	00
April 1,	" " " Christ Church, St. Louis	70	00
28,	" " " St. Paul's Church, St. Louis	10	00
		$124	50

1851. CONTRA CREDIT.

Feb. 11,	By Am't paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Hawks	$44	50
1,	" " " " "	70	00
Ap. 28,	" " " " "	10	00
		$124	50

JOHN HALSALL, *Treasurer.*

Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri in Acc't with J. Halsall, Treas.

1850.		
June 15,	To Balance on hand	$5 82
24,	" J. Spalding's subscription, 1850 to '51	18 00
1851.		
Ap. 16,	" Am't collection in St. Paul's Ch., St. L.	17 25
May 3,	" " " " St. John's " "	10 45
5,	" " Miss Rutgers' subscrip., '50 to '51	3 00
		$54 52

CONTRA CREDIT.

1851.		
May 19,	To Amount paid Rev. John W. Dunn, Missionary at Fayette	40 00
	Balance on hand,	$14 52

JOHN HALSALL, *Treasurer.*

[See Note at the bottom of page 26.]

Abstract of Assessments, for A. D. 1850--51, remaining unpaid May 24, 1851.

FOR SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE.

St. George's Church, St. Louis	$70 00	
Grace Church, North St. Louis	10 00	
Grace Church, Jefferson city	10 00	
Trinity Church, Hannibal....balance due	5 50	
*St. Mary's Church, Fayette	10 00	
		$105 50

FOR DIOCESAN EXPENSES.

Grace Church, North St. Louis	$5 00	
Grace Church, Jefferson city	5 00	
*St. Mary's Church, Fayette	5 00	
		$15 00

* This parish has since paid these assessments.