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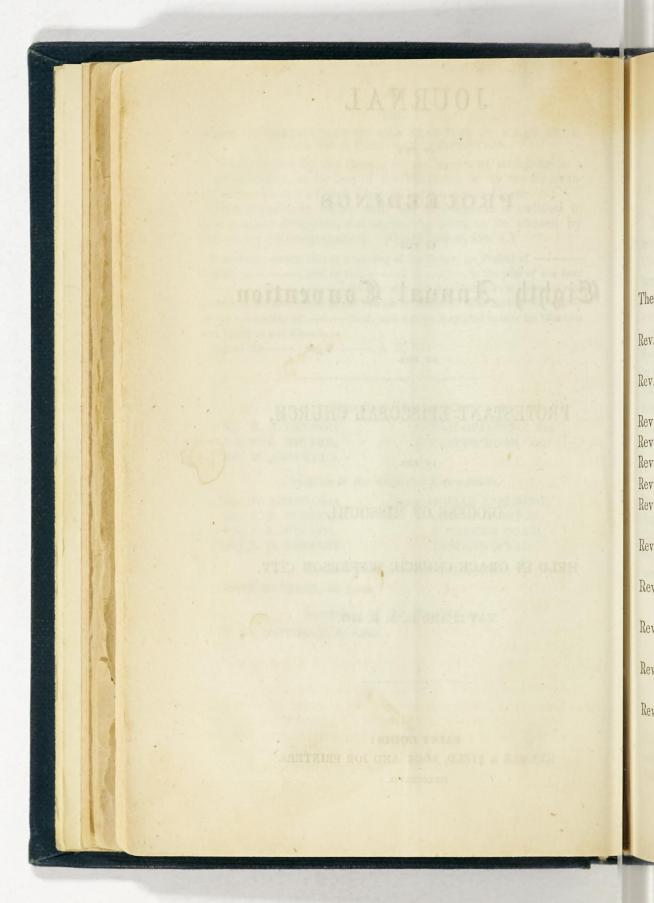
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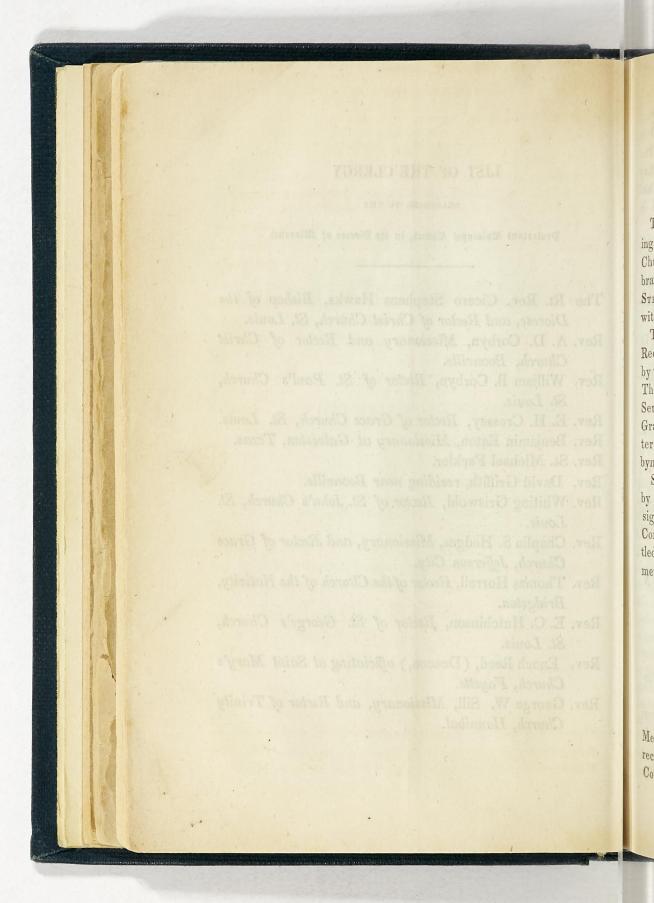
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LIST OF THE CLERGY

BELONGING TO THE

Protestant Spiscopal Church, in the Diocese of Missouri.



GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY, May 12, 1847.

This being the day and place duly appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Missouri, Divine service was celebrated at half past 10 o'clock, A. M., the Rt. Rev. CICERO STEPHENS HAWKS, the Bishop of the Diocese, being present, with several of his Clergy and Laity.

The Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. W. Griswold, Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis, and the Lessons read by the Rev. A. D. Corbyn, Rector of Christ Church, Boonville. The Ante-Communion service was read by the Bishop, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. E. H. Cressey, Rector of Grace Church, St. Louis. Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. A. D. Corbyn and Griswold.

Services being ended, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The Secretary of the Convention having resigned, the Rev. W. Griswold, Secretary of the Standing Committee, then proceeded to call the list of the Clergy entitled to seats in Convention, whereupon, the following gentlemen answered to their names :

Rev. A. D. Corbyn,

- " W. B. Corbyn,
- " E. H. Cressey,
- " Whiting Griswold,
- " C. S. Hedges,
- " Enoch Reed,
- " George W. Sill.

A quorum of the Clerical order being present, the Rev. Messrs. Cressey and Hedges were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the credentials of the Lay Delegates. The Convention then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY, May 12, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The Committee appointed to examine the credentials of the Lay Delegates, reported that the following named gentlemen had been duly elected to represent their respective Parishes in the Convention:

Christ Church, St. Louis-Josiah Spalding, J. P. Doan, George R. Clark, Edward Mead.

St Paul's Church, St. Louis-R. P. Williams, J. N. Bailey. St. John's Church, St. Louis-A. H. M'Kinstry, B. Dikeman, H. A Turner, Charles Mauro.

Grace Church, St. Louis-Calvin Case, P. Salisbury, D. W. Dixon, C. W. Schaumburg.

Christ Church, Boonville—George W. Morton, H. A. Massie, H. Fields, A. Kuekelhan, M. D.

Christ Church, Lexington-Robert N. Smith.

Trinity Church, Hannibal—Humphrey Peake, M. D., J. M'Dowell, M. D., T. J. Ayres, C. D. Bourne.

Grace Church, Jefferson City-Wm. M. Davison, M. D., Daniel Lysle, Presley Cordell, Charles Stuart.

The list of Lay Delegates was then called by the acting Secretary, and the following gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats as members:

Christ Church, St. Louis-J. P. Doan.

St. Paul's Church, St. Louis-R. P. Williams and J. N. Bailey.

St. John's Church, St. Louis-B. Dikeman.

Christ Church, Boonville-H. A. Massie.

Christ Church, Lexington-R. N. Smith.

Grace Church, Jefferson City-Daniel Lysle, Presley Cordell and Charles Stuart.

The Bishop having announced that there was a quorum of both orders present, the Convention then proceeded to business.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention,

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amended, by striking out the 15th Rule, were adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. A. D. Corbyn, it was unanimously resolved, that the ballot be dispensed with, in the election of Secretary, and, on motion of the Rev. W. Griswold, the Rev. E. H. Cressey was elected Secretary.

In compliance with the Rules of Order, the following Standing Committees were appointed by the Bishop:

On admission of New Parishes-Rev. W. Griswold, Messrs. Williams and Smith.

On Constitution and Canons-Rev. Messrs. Cressey, and A. D. Corbyn, and Mr. Bailey.

On Unfinished Business-Rev. Messrs. Hedges and Sill, and Mr. Dikeman.

On Finance-Messrs. Doan, Massie and Stuart. The Bishop then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

My BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :---

With the band of soldiers who have passed through a campaign of struggle, and have met to meditate upon new struggles that are before them, the first impulse should be that of gratitude to Gon, the giver of every good gift, for their own preservation ; the second, that of an affectionate remembrance of the dead who have fallen. Since we last met, it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise Providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, the Rev. PETER R. MINARD, late Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis. He was the first, and, to the time of his death, the only Rector of that parish. In our last convention, he was with us, but his feeble and emaciated aspect, told plainly that his pilgrimage was well nigh over. Consumption had long been devouring him, and its work was finished in the month of August last. His life was known to his brethren, and his death was witnessed by myself. Called with others to minister to him in his last sickness, it was my privilege to grasp his hand, as he quietly, calmly and peacefully took his departure. His ashes lie buried in the quiet cemetery of Christ Church, St. Louis .---"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the spirit, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them !"

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The excellent Missionary Bishop, who lately had charge of your Diocese, together with this departed brother, were those who were entrusted by you, with the delicate commission of bearing to me those wishes, which ultimately made me your Bishop. His departure, therefore, was the more keenly felt by myself. I feel that the first link in that chain which brought me to my present home, was broken. It may serve to mitigate the pain of this bereavement to know that the place of his ministry is filled by an earnest, zealous, and devoted brother. The Rev. Wm. B. Corbyn, having brought letters, dimissory from the Bishop of Connecticut, and been received by me, has become the Rector of St. Paul's Parish. May Gop bless him abundantly in his labors ! May the dews of the blessed spirit descend richly upon him and his flock !

This mournful record being made, I proceed, in compliance with duty, to lay before you my official acts for the past year, together with such other considerations as may properly interest you.

Since we last met, I have visited St. Paul's Church, Palmyra; Trinity Church, Hannibal; Christ Church, Boonville; St. Mary's Church, Fayette; St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, ; St. John's Church, St. Louis, and Grace Church, St. Louis. Other parishes in the Diocese would have been visited by me, had official duty called me, or had health and pressing duties in my own large parish permitted.

The rite of Confirmation was administered in St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, to two persons—in Christ Church, Boonville, to fifteen persons—in St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, to eleven persons, and in St. John's Church, St. Louis, to seventeen persons.

One Church edifice has been consecrated. The citizens of Boonville having completed their Church edifice for the Parish of Christ Church in that city, said building was, in the month of September last, consecrated by me to the service of ALMIGHTY GOD, the FATHER, SON and HOLV GHOST, according to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States. There were present of the Clergy upon that interesting occasion, the Rev. Messrs. Griswold, Hedges, Griffith, and the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. A. D. Corbyn. The edifice is neat and commodious, and I again congratulate the brethren at Boonville, that they are in possession of a home, set apart and made sacred to the solemn services of the Church. Years of struggle have, by Gon's merey, been crowned with success, and the example of Boonville should

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prompt other feeble Parishes to struggle with the like patience and trust, hoping for the like reward.

There are, at present, *twelve* organized Parishes in this Diocese. In six of them, there are Church edifices. Three new Church edifices are now in process of erection, viz: One for St. George's Parish, St. Louis—one for Grace Church, St. Louis, and one for the Parish of the Nativity, at Bridgeton. The edifice for Grace Church, St. Louis, will be ready for consecration in a few weeks, and that for St. George's, probably in a few months. At Lexington, a lot has been purchased for the Parish of Christ Church, in that town, and the sum of \$1200 raised towards the erection of a Church building. At Fayette, the sum of \$900 has been raised for the Parish of St. Mary's, in that village, towards erecting a Church building. My hope is that edifices, for both these Parishes, may be reared before we meet in Convention again.

There are at present, *twelve* clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, besides your Bishop, of whom ten are actual residents.

Last year, I reported to you *three* candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese. One of these, Mr. L. Wilson Davis, was transferred by me, at his own request, in the month of November last, to the jurisdiction of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. The others, Mr. John W. Dunn and Mr. E. W. Dorr, are still candidates in Missouri, though at present residing in Florida.

I have been gratified, during the past year, with encouraging tidings for the Church from some of our interior towns, where thus far we have made no efforts. From the town of Weston, especially, I received such letters as lead me to hope that in that place they can not long be without the services of the Church. They have secured a support for a Clergyman, and will gladly receive him.

I am sorry to say, that the Rev. St. Michael Fackler, has resigned ed his Missionary station at Lexington, and is now travelling for his health. The Rev. Enoch Reed has, also, notified me that his feeble health must force him shortly to leave his Parish. Thus Lexington is now without a pastor—Weston waiting to receive one, and Fayette will soon be without Ministerial services. These fields offer such fair prospects to faithful husbandmen that I can not think they will long be vacant. Besides these, there are two or three points in Missouri where we might readily establish the Church, if we had men and means for their support.

There are two special subjects to which I would affectionately and

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earnestly call your attention, my brethren, though they have been introduced upon former occasions. They are, however, subjects of such importance to us, that it is right they should be kept before you. These are our Diocesan Missionary Society, and the Gov. Clark Mission.

For two years after I became your Bishop, the appropriation of the General Missionary Society to the Diocese of Missouri, was \$1,900 per annum. For the third and current year, the appropriation is \$1000 per annum. This was all that could be bestowed by that Society, and this sum is divided equally to the Missionaries at four points, viz: Lexington, Boonville, Jefferson City, and Hannibal. The larger appropriation was not sufficient to meet the wants of the Diocese-the present appropriation is still more deficient in meeting those wants; nor do I anticipate, that, for the next year, we shall receive any increase of bounty. The duty, therefore, rests upon us, of exerting ourselves strenuously at home, if we would enter as we should upon the Missionary field of Missouri. In anticipation of the constant demand for Missionary labor in this new and large Diocese, and of the inability of meeting that demand fully, except by organized and concentrated action among ourselves, our own Diocesan Missionary Society was formed. It has now been in existence two years. One year's report has been laid before you by its Treasurer, and his second report will be laid before this Convention. You will perceive that it has entirely sustained one Missionary, and that other Missionary points have been aided. Without this Society, our work must, in some instances, have entirely ceased. What it has done already, is something-what it will and may do for this region, who can estimate, if all the members of CHRIST's body will do their duty? The Society was so framed, that rich and poor might alike meet with their offerings to the LORD; and, if every member of the Church in Missouri would co-operate with that Society, how rapidly might the Church of the blessed REPEEMER be extended in this region ? The Constitution of the Society is simple-the existence of the Society is indispensable to our wants-its demand upon each of us is small indeed. Brethren, what rich man among us can refuse his mite-what poor man among us may not gladly meet the claim ? I urge you to consider the claims of this Society as a duty to which you are called-nay, better than this : I urge you to the holy privilege and joy of aiding in extending the Church of our blessed SAVIOUR. My desire is, that every Clergyman in the Diocese should bring the claims of this Society

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before his flock, and that none of us will rest satisfied until every member of the Church in Missouri, is doing his part in the work of this Society. Beloved, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "Whoso giveth unto the poor, lendeth unto the LORD," and if the most blessed of all gifts is the Gospel of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, let us all give gladly, and have the comfortable joy of knowing, that, to the poor among us, the Gospel is preached. May GoD's blessing rest upon this young and all-important institution to the Church in Missouri!

Next, I would speak of the Gov. Clark Mission. Its property consists, as you know, of 333 acres of land, in Montgomery County, in this State, presented by Mr. George R. Clark, of Christ Church, St. Louis, and the sum of \$778, presented by generous individuals elsewhere. When your attention was first called to this gift of land, the subject was left, by Convention, in the hands of the Bishop and Standing Committee, with a request, that they would make known the design and plan of the Mission intended, and urge its claims upon the Church at large. This request of your body has not thus far been complied with. The perilous condition of Kemper College, at that time, forbade obedience to your wishes. We were unwilling to bring a new subject of appeal before the Church, thereby jeopardizing the prospects of a more important institution. The disastrous fate of that institution since-a fate ever to be lamented-leaves us the Clark Mission, as something to be cherished as the basis of Church education in this Diocese. That Mission, therefore, should now be in operation as early as possible. Its endowment, as you perceive, is small. To give it power and efficiency funds are necessary in its commencement. No large sum of money is requisite. The land has been given at home-such funds as are in possession have been presented abroad. May I not hope, that both abroad and at home, not being disheartened by past misfortune, but trusting in GoD, still, we may remember this Mission-that our prayers and our alms may be gladly given to it, and that, with prudence and self-denial on our part, it will become, what surely it may become, the most promising Church effort in Missouri. In this Mission, I conceive that much of our hope for the Church in this Diocese is bound up. Cherish it, then, my beloved brethren, and let not the hope die, because we will not cultivate it in obedience and faith. A small gift from every member of the Church in Missouri, would, at once, place this Mission upon a firm foundation.

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From inquiry, I learn, that the land bestowed for the enterprise is not so eligibly situated as I could desire. The Donor, however, allows us to sell, and place the Mission elsewhere. I have thought that the Mission would be well situated if carried higher up the river, and located near Fayette, Boonville or Lexington, or even carried up to the neighborhood of Weston. If some friend of the Church, near either of these points, could aid us by a gift of land, or otherwise, towards the establishment of this Mission, what better service could he do at this time to the Church in this desolate region? May Gop put it into our hearts to think and to do the thing that is right !

In obedience to former instruction, the plan and purpose of this Mission will soon be laid before the brethren here, and elsewhere.

I beg leave to repeat to you a portion of my last address, the importance of which I feel as deeply now as then. It is as follows: "Let me recommend earnestly to the Parishes already in existence, and to others that may hereafter, by Gon's blessing, grow up among us, to provide suitable parsonage houses for the residences of the Clergy. By so doing, they will secure their services most usefully to the Parish; and, in some instances, they can be secured in no other way. It is very questionable as to our Missionary stations, whether they are not on a more promising and certain foundation, by securing, first of all, a home for their Minister, as preparatory to erecting a Church edifice. I would entreat my brethren of the Laity, too, to secure punctuality in the payment of the stipulated salaries of the Clergy by their Parishes. No man can work well in the discharge of a spiritual vocation, when he is daily harassed by temporal anxieties; and few things are more galling to a sensitive mind than pecuniary perplexities. In speaking of these subjects, I throw myself upon the judgment and Christian feeling of the Convention; not doubting that they will receive the suggestions kindly. They are made in frankness, and with a sincere desire to do my duty."

Could I dare hope, my brethren, that the Diocese had strength at present to meet the demand, I would speak fully of the necessity of making a suitable support among us for the Episcopate. Your Bishop is forced to be the Rector of a large Parish, and is thereby prevented from discharging freely and fully the office of a Bishop among you. In Missouri, your Bishop should now, and for a long time to come, be the chief Missionary in this region. He should be free to move at all times in any direction over the large field of his jurisdiction. This life of laborious Missionary labor, would soon, we might hope,

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plant the Church in places, where she must long, under present circumstances, remain unknown. Necessity, however, has, in my case, thus far debarred me from the privilege of this Missionary duty; yet, my hope is, that if in my day this embarrassment must necessarily continue, such incipient steps may be taken by your body as will, at least, enable any future Bishop of your Diocese to be exempt from the joint duties of the Episcopate, and a parochial cure. Submitting, however, to present necessities, and hoping for better opportunities for the service of the Episcopate among you, I leave this subject for your consideration."

It is right that I should add, for your information, the following list of displacements from the Ministry, which have reached me during the past year, viz: Rev. Edwin Wilson Wiltbank, displaced by the Bishop of Connecticut; Rev. Sabin Hough, displaced by the Bishop of Ohio; Rev. Edward C. Hodgkin, displaced by the Bishop of Michigan; Rev. Wm. Henry Hoyt, displaced by the Bishop of Vermont; Rev. Edward J. Darkin, displaced by the Bishop of Illinois; Rev. Henry Major, displaced by the Bishop of Pennsylvania; Rev. Matthew Matthews, displaced by the Bishop of New Jersey; Rev. James Jay O'Kill, displaced by the Bishop of Western New York; Rev. Reuben E. Taylor, displaced by the Bishop of Massachusetts.

I have only to beg, in conclusion, my brethren, that you will remember the precise position which we occupy. We are a feeble band of soldiers, marching under the banner of CHRIST Crucified. The world, opposed to the spirit of Christianity, in every way, is opposing us. The Church of Rome, with her corruptions, is arrayed against us, and multitudes, under the banners of latitudinarian heresy in this age of unbelief and distraction, are struggling to thrust us from our pathway. What, then, are we to do? We trust in Gon-we walk by faith, and not by sight. If we believe in one Catholic and Apostolic Church-if we believe that it is our comfort to rest in the bosom of that Church, then must we feel that the promises of GoD are with us. What, though masses assail us? We know that they that are with us, are more than they that are against us. What, though at times, our feeble band seems well nigh prostrate before the storm-we know that GOD shall help us, and that right early. His promise is with his Holy Church. He will be with her to the end of the world. We may die in the struggle of our day, but the Church of the REDEEMER shall live forever.

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Let us, then, remember, that we walk in the old and well-beaten paths—not turning to the right hand or to the left—let us hold fast to that which is primitive and pure—let us rest upon the old teaching, "quod semper, quod ubique, quod ab omnibus"—teaching embodied continually in the voice of the multitudes, who, worshiping with us, respond to the faith of Christ as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end! Let us in practice look to the example of our LORD and SAVIOUR. "Jesus said unto him, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." With primitive truth and holy practice, who shall harm us?

May Gop guide us in our present deliberations, and so control every thought, word, and action of this body—that your labors may redound to the honor and glory of the Church, purchased at a sacrifice no less than the blood of our blessed SAVIOUR.

On motion of the Rev. A. D. Corbyn, it was *Resolved*, that so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the support of the Episcopate, be referred to a committee of three.

The Rev. A. D. Corbyn, and Messrs. Smith and Doan were appointed said Committee.

On motion of the Secretary, the following Canons were proposed and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

CANON XV.

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 form 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, whic tion.

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which report shall be entered upon the journal of the Convention.

CANON XVI.

Of Appointments under the Canons.

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

The Articles of Association of the Parish of St. Mary's Church, Fayette, were presented, and referred to the Committee on admission of new Parishes.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri, were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on new Parishes made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution appended thereto adopted.

Report:

The Committee on the admission of new Parishes, respectfully report, that they have examined the Articles of Association of the Parish of St. Mary's Church, Fayette, Howard county, and find them in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Missouri. They have also had before them the certificate of the Bishop, required by the Canons, that he received notice of the organization of said Parish, three months before the meeting of this Convention, and of his approval of the same. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Parish of St. Mary's Church, Fayette, Howard county, be admitted into union with the Convention of this Diocese.

No other applications were before the Committee. Respectfully submitted,

May 12, 1847. W. GRISWOLD, Chairman.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was accepted.

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The Committee on Unfinished Business report, that on examination of the Journal of the last Convention, they find the following record, on page 22, which is all the unfinished business requiring the action of this Convention:

"On motion, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to ascertain what number of Trustees to the General Theological Seminary, this Diocese is entitled to, and report to the next Annual Convention."

"Rev. W. Griswold, Messrs. Spalding and Dent, were appointed said Committee."

The Rev. Mr. Griswold presented the following report, which was accepted:

Report:

The Committee appointed by the Convention of the Diocese of Missouri, in May, 1846, "to ascertain what number of Trustees to the General Theological Seminary, this Diocese is entitled to, and report to the next Annual Convention," respectfully Report:

That, by the Act of Incorporation of the General Theological Seminary, the Board of Trustees consists of all the Bishops of the Church, *ex-officio*; one Trustee from each Diocese, and one additional for every eight clergyman in the same; one more additional for every two thousand dollars of money contributed, until the same amounts to ten thousand dollars, then an additional Trustee for every ten thousand dollars.

There are now in the Diocese *eleven* clergymen, nine of whom are settled over Parishes. The Committee are not aware that any money has been contributed by the Diocese to the funds of the Seminary.

The Diocese is then entitled to two Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted.

W. GRISWOLD, Chairman.

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May 10, 1847.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect Delegates to the General Convention, and the Standing Committee of the Diocese. On balloting according to the Canons, the following elections were declared to be duly made:

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For Delegates to the General Convention. The Rev. W. Griswold,

A. D. Corbyn, E. H. Cressey, George W. Sill, Messrs. Josiah Spalding, J. Parker Doan, George W. Morton, and Edward Mead. For the Standing Committee. The Rev. E. H. Cressey, W. Griswold, W. B. Corbyn,

Messrs. J. P. Doan, Daniel Hough.

On motion of the Rev. W. B. Corbyn, *Resolved*, that the Committee on Constitution and Canons, be requested to report to this Convention any alterations and additions to the Canons of this Diocese that they may deem necessary.

The Rev. A. D. Corbyn offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held at Christ Church, Boonville.

A motion to amend, by substituting St. Louis for Boonville, was made and lost.

The original resolution was then adopted.

The following named gentlemen were nominated to the General Convention, as Trustees from this Diocese, of the General Theological Seminary, viz: The Rev. Whiting Griswold, and Josiah Spalding, Esq.

On motion, *Resolved*, that when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet immediately after Divine service, this evening.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Griswold, *Resolved*, that the reading of the Parochial Reports be dispensed with, and that they be appended to the Journal.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was accepted, and the Treasurer's Report ordered to be appended to the Journal.

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The Committee on Finance report, that it appears from the Report of the Treasurer, that there is due for printing the Journal of the Convention of 1846, the sum of forty-seven dollars, the collections for that purpose having been exhausted in paying for printing previous Journals. They have examined the accounts and vouchers and find them correct.

Collections were received in accordance with a rosolution of the Convention, from all the Parishes in the Diocese, except St. George's, St. Louis, Grace, Jefferson City, and the Nativity, Bridgeton. J. P. DOAN, *Chairman*.

May 12, 1847.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY, May 12, 9 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was called to order, the Bishop presiding. The Committee on Finance made the following Report:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri, and the several vouchers thereof, and find them correct. The sum of 467 dollars and 64 cents has been received in the past year, and the sum of 388 dollars and 25 cents has been expended.— They offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the above accounts of the Treasurer be appended to the Journal.

J. P. DOAN, Chairman.

May 12, 1847.

The Report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the ballot be dispensed with, and that the Convention proceed to the election of Treasurer; whereupon, Mr. John Halsall was nominated and unanimously re-elected.

The Rev. A. D. Corbyn, in behalf of the Committee, made the following

Report:

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to the support of the Episcopate, beg leave to make the following report: That the Standing Committee be requested to communicate with and selve may bled Or adeq payn

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with the Rector and Vestry of each Parish in the Diocese, and ascertain what amount they will severally pledge themselves to pay for the support of the Bishop, in order that he may be free from Parochial duties and cares, and thus enabled to devote his attention to the whole Diocese.

Or, in case that a sufficient sum may not be pledged for the adequate support of the Episcopate, to obtain such annual payments as they shall be able, as aforesaid, to be placed in a fund to accumulate for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

A. D. CORBYN, R. N. SMITH, J. P. DOAN,

May 12, 1847.

Committee.

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The report was accepted.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons made the following

Report:

The Committee on Constitution and Canons beg leave respectfully to report: They recommend the following amendments and additions to the Canons of the Diocese:

1. The substitution of the word "*Parish*" for "*Church*" in the following places, Canon II., Sec. 1, line 2; Sec. 2, lines 4 and 7; Canon III., lines 1 and 4; Canon IV., Sec. 1, line 2; Sec. 4, line 2; Canon VII., Sec. 1, lines 9 and 11; Sec. 3, line 6; Canon IX., in Title, Sec. 1, line 1; Sec. 2, line 5; Canon XII., Sec. 1, line 11; Canon XIV., Sec. 11, line 3.

2. Canon II., Sec. 1, line 4, after the words "compliance with," insert "the Canons of this Diocese, and."

Canon IV., Sec. 4, line 3, substitute the words "to provide," for the words "to make arrangements," and omit all after "Rector," in line 4.

Canon V., Sec. 2, substitute the following for that which follows the word "wherupon," in line 4, viz: "the Bishop, or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee may fill the vacancy or vacancies so created."

3. Canon VI., omit this Canon, it being superseded by Sec. 5, of Canon VIII, of the General Convention of 1841, and number the succeeding ones accordingly.

4. Canon IX., add a new section, as follows: "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 permission of the Bishop, or in

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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 permission of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee. And every violation of this Canon shall constitute an offence, for which a Clergyman may be tried under the Canon providing for the trial of Clergymen."

5. Canon XIV., Sec. 1, line 2, substitute the word "particulars," for the word "instances ;" Sec. 3, substitute the word "constitute," for the words "be constituted ;" Sec. 7, line 4, substitute "Commissary," for "Commissioner ;" Sec. 9, line 3, substitute "communicants," for "members ;" Sec. 10, line 2, substitute "recommended," for "prescribed," and in line 4, insert the word "so," before the word "recommended".

6. The Committee also recommend the adoption of the two new Canons proposed to the Convention, "Of Contingent Expenses, and of Appointments under the Canons."

Respectfully submitted. E. H. CRESSEY, Chairman.

Jefferson City, May 12, 1847.

The proposed amendments to the Canons were then taken up and considered. On motion of the Rev. A. D. Corbyn, *Resolved*, that the word "*Church*" be changed to "*Parish*," in the several instances recommended.

2. The amendments to Canon 2, Sec. 1, were adopted; Cannon 4, Sec. 4, line 3, was adopted. On motion of Mr. Doan, the proposed alteration of the last part of the section was amended so as to read, "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." The whole amendment was then adopted. The proposed amendment of Canon V., Sec. 2, was rejected.

3. The recommendation of the Committee as to Canon VI. was adopted.

4. On motion of the Rev. Mr. Griswold, the proposed addition of Sec. 3, to Canon IX., was divided, and the question taken on the first part. The Rev. Mr. Hedges called for the ayes and noes, and the addition adopted, as follows: CLERI-CAL VOTE—Ayes, the Rev. Messrs. A. D. Corbyn, W. B. Corbyn, Cressey, Griswold, Reed, and Sill. Noes, the Rev. Mr. Jeffe T with lows C W. Lou St.J Jeff 5. 6 and C ame T und Me Hee ado 7

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Hedges. LAY VOTE-Ayes, Christ Church, St. Louis, St. Paul's, St. Louis, St. John's, St. Louis, Christ Church, Boonville, Christ Church, Lexington. Noes, Grace Church, Jefferson City.

The question was then taken on the last part, beginning with the words, "And every violation," and resulted as follows:

CLERICAL VOTE—Ayes, the Rev. Messrs. A. D. Corbyn, W. B. Corbyn, Cressey. Noes, the Rev. Messrs. Griswold, Hedges, Reed, Sill. LAY VOTE—Ayes, Christ Church, St. Louis, St. Paul's, St. Louis, Christ Church, Boonville. Noes, St. John's, St. Louis, Christ Church, Lexington, Grace Church, Jefferson City. The amendment was therefore lost.

5. The amendments to Canon XIV., were adopted.

6. The two proposed Canons, "Of Contingent Expenses," and of Appointments under the Canons," were adopted.

On motion of R. N. Smith, *Resolved*, that the Canons so amended, be adopted and appended to the Journal.

The following were appointed the Committee of Assessment, under the new Canon "Of Contingent Expenses:" the Rev. Messrs. A. D. Corbyn, W. B. Corbyn, Cressey, Griswold, Hedges, and Sill, and Messrs. Doan and Smith.

The Committee made the following report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

Report:

The Committee on Assessment for the Contingent Expenses of the Diocese, report, that they have apportioned the amount necessary to be raised for the present year, among the several Parishes, as follows:

Christ Church, St.	Louis	5,	-		-		-		\$	35	00	
St. Paul's,	do.			-				-		5	00	
St. John's,	do.				-		-			5	00	
Grace,	do.	-		-		-		-		5	00	
St. George's,	do.		*		**		-			25	00	
Christ, Boonville,		-				-		-		5	00	1
Grace, Jefferson (City,		-		-		-		8	5	00	
Trinity, Hannibal,		-		-		-		-		5	00	
Christ, Lexington,			-		~		-			5	00	
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On motion, it was *Resolved*, that 500 copies of the Journal, with the Appendix, be printed and distributed under the direction of the Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the thanks of the members of the Convention are tendered to the citizens of Jefferson City, for their hospitalities, and that they be communicated through the Rector of Grace Church.

The Convention then adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY, May 13, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention was called to order, the Bishop presiding. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The Rev. A. D. Corbyn offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the *Second*. *Article* of the Constitution be so altered, that the day of the Annual Meeting of the Convention be the *fourth Friday*, instead of the second Wednesday in May.

The resolution being adopted, lies over for final action to the next stated Convention.

The chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, proposed the following new Canon, which was adopted:

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.

On motion of R. N. Smith, the Convention, after Divine service, adjourned, *sine die*.

> C. S. HAWKS, Bishop of Missouri.

Attest:

E. H. CRESSEY, Secretary.

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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

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

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Marriages,	-	-		-	-	-	-		- 1	-	100	20	
Burials, -		-	-	-		-	- 7	-	-	line -	100	20	

While thankful for the good that may have been done during the past year, the Rector feels that this Parish can not be in the prosperous condition that is desirable, until it shall have the undivided services of a Rector. The joint duties of the Episcopate, and a large parochial cure being laid upon him, the present Rector finds himself unable fully to meet the duties of either. He regrets that he has not yet succeeded in procuring an assistant Minister to the Parish.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. WILLIAM B. CORBYN, Rector.

The distracted condition of this Parish, consequent upon the illness and death of its late Rector, prevents any accurate report of the number of families and of communicants:

Baptismschildren, 18-catechumens, 5-total	23
Confirmed,	11
Communicants-added by removal,	3
By first communion,	12
Lost by death,	1
Present number about	60
Marriages,	2
Burials,	4
Number of children catechised,	50
Offerings, (since Advent,) for pious and charitable uses, \$82	2 50

I took the charge of St. Paul's Parish, on the first Sunday in Advent, since which time, Divine service has been regularly celebrated twice on Sundays with the daily services during Lent, and prayers on all other Holy days.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

W. GRISWOLD, Rector.

Baptisms-adults, 15-children, 27-total	42
Confirmed,	17
Communicants-added by removal, 11-new, 17, -	28
Lost by removal, 10-withdrawn, 5-died, 2,	17
Present number,	103
Marriages,	11
Burials,	21
Children catechised, about	60

Divine Service is celebrated, regularly, on every Sunday morning and evening—on the morning of the Festivals and Fasts of the Church—daily during Lent, and twice each day during Passion-week. The children are catechised "openly in the Church," every Sunday. On the evening of each communion Sunday, this exercise takes the place of the sermon.

The "Orphan's Home," supported by the ladies of the several Parishes, but placed by the Bishop under my parochial care, continues to be prosperous. Its course has been "in quietness," its strength "in confidence," and the Divine blessing has evidently rested upon it. The present number of destitute children, supported by it, is *sixteen—five* of whom have been received within the past year. Two entire orphans have been adopted into highly respectable families—one into the family of the Rev. Mr. Giddings. By the zealous efforts, and economical management of its officers and matron, its income annually exceeds its expenditures, while nothing is wanting in the comfort of the inmates. Its success has convinced me, that a similar institution might be sustained by the Church in every city and large town in the country, and I trust the time is not far distant. when the Church, the kind mother of us all, will see the necessity and discharge the duty of providing for her own orphan and destitute children.

The Parochial School of St. John's Church, is held in one room of the Orphan's Home, and is now more prosperous than it ever has been before. Here, under the eye of the Pastor, equally of the lambs as of the sheep of his flock, children are trained in the paths which lead not only to usefulness in this life, but to happiness in the world to come.

In every respect, the members of this Parish have reason to thank GoD for His past blessings, and to "go forward" in dependence upon Him, in their efforts for the cause of "CHRIST and His Church."

GRACE CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. E. H. CRESSEY, Rector.

Baptisms-Adults, 4-children, 6,		-		-	-	10	
-	-		-	-		5	
Marriages,						5	
Burials,		-		-		188	
Catechumens-whole number registered,	-		-	-			
Average attendants,		-		-	75	to 100	

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DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated twice on the Lord's day—once on Wednesdays and Fridays, and the Festivals and Fasts of the Church. The regular system, in this respect, has been interrupted during the past year, in consequence of having no Church edifice.

The CHURCH EDIFICE is now near completion. It is of the Gothic style of architecture, small, and not costly; but in every way, Church-like in its arrangements and appearance.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.—Through the liberality of the Parish, a school room has been built, and a Parochial school commenced, under the charge of a very competent and excellent teacher. The prospect of success is encouraging, and we hope the experiment may demonstrate to the Diocese the practicability of providing and sustaining such institutions, in which the young may be trained up "in the nurture and admonition of the LORD."

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Sunday School Scholars, - - 60 This congregation is now building a commodious edifice, which will be completed sometime in the coming fall.

CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE.

			Rev.	A. D.	CORBYN,	Rector.
Baptisms-Adults, 5-	-children.	,2, -	in and	Gill lo	hogen de	7
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Divine Service has been regularly celebrated on the Lord's day. The Festivals and Fasts of the Church, have been strictly kept. During Lent, daily, morning and evening service, and during Passion-week, Divine service has been celebrated three times each day. A lecture or sermon every day throughout he Lenten Fast.

I have visited Fayette several times during the past year, and celebrated Divine service, and preached. Also, during this year, a house has been completid in this Parish, and consecrated to the worship of Almighty God.

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TRINITY CHURCH, HANNIBAL. Rev. G. W. SILL, Missionary. - - - - 3 Baptisms-infants, - -Communicants added by removal, - - - 3 Transferred from St. Paul's Church, Pal., - - -8 . 22 Present number, - - - - -ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PALMYRA. Rev. G. W. SILL, Missionary. 7 Baptisms-infants, -2 Confirmations, -Communicants, Lost by removal, 3-by death, 1-Transferred to Trinity Church, Han., 8-total, - -12 1 Marriages, - - - - - - -2 Burials, - - -20 Sunday School Scholars, - - - - -- - - -5 Teachers,

Hannibal, being a commercial and rapidly growing city, presenting a wider, and much more useful field to the Missionary, than Palmyra. Considered in reference to its future growth and prosperity, there are few points in the great Valley of the Mississippi, at which it is more important that a Missionary should labor with untiring assiduity and undivided zeal; I have, therefore, the present spring, with the concurrence and advice of my Diocesan, removed to Hannibal, and, shall, hereafter devote my entire labors to this place. The vestry of St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, in parting with me, with most disinterested and commendable generosity, placed at my disposal their Sunday School Library-a valuable collection of books, purchased the past year-to be used for the benefit of the Church in Hannibal. I regard it as one of my most efficient auxiliaries, in the latter place, in building up the Church, especially, since we should not have been able to have purchased such a collection for two or three years. On Whit-Sunday, I purpose to organize the Sunday School, and from the report of the committee, who have, as yet, but partially visited the place in search of scholars, I have no doubt we shall have a large, flourishing school. May the GREAT HEAD of the Church smile upon this humble department of Christian labor, and render it one ofo ur most efficient intrument alities, in planting the Church here upon primitive and permanent foundation.

GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY.

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The prospects of this Parish have gradually improved during the past year. We are indebted to a pious Lady, of St. Louis, for the gift of a Baptismal Font, which now beautifies our chancel. There are three candidates for confirmation.

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I have, for eight or nine months past, devoted a portion of the afternoon of each Sunday, to the religious instruction of the convicts, in the State Penitentiary. This labor has been crowned with much success. I have baptized fifteen of their number, and admitted, after mature probation and instruction, eighteen to the communion. Their Christian lives give strong evidence of a change of heart. There are sixteen candidates for confirmation.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON.-VACANT.

The Missionary at this station having resigned, the Wardens of the Parish report that there are in the Parish, 18 communicants.

The Parish has purchased a suitable lot for a Church edifice, and, raised thus far for the edifice, over \$1300. They hope to erect their Church building in the course of the summer. They beg, that the Bishop will send them a Missionary as soon as possible.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, BRIDGETON.

Rev. THOMAS HORRELL, Rector.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, my ministrations have been continued in the Parish of the Nativity, and at a school house on the Manchester road, on alternate Sundays, as often as my health, and the state of the weather would permit, until the setting in of winter; since which, they have been suspended, in consequence of my ill health.

The congregation of the Nativity, made quite a spirited effort to erect a Church, the last season, and succeeded so far as to enclose the building, but some sources from which aid was expected, having failed them, the edifice remains unfinished, with a debt of about \$300 hanging over them ; and, unless they can obtain aid from some quarter, there is great danger that the property, and money already paid, will be lost to them. I have signified to the vestry, through the Senior Warden, my desire to withdraw from the Rectorship as soon as they can obtain a Minister, which, I fear, they will not be able to do, unless they can be assisted in supporting him.

Three members have been added to the communion, but have removed from the Parish. Present number about 10. One marriage has been celebrated. In the congregation, on the Manchester road, there are about six communicants.

I have, through the winter and spring, when my health admitted of it, officiated occasionally for the congregation of St. George's Church, in this city, in the absence of their Rector.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FAYETTE.

Rev. E. REED, Minister.

I commenced my labors in this place, on the 10th of May, 1846. We had no place of our own to hold service in. The Baptists and Reformers kindly offered us their houses, which we gladly accepted, until we procured an upper room in the Court House, where we hold Divine service, at present.

A Parish has been organized, and application will be made, to be received into union with the Diocese.

We have raised three-fourths of the money, necessary to build a Church, such as will be suitable for the place.

I have baptised two infants and three adults, and have attended ten burials. I have held service, generally, twice every Sunday.

The congregation has been good, and attentive. There are several who wish the Apostolic rite of confirmation, and, also, to partake of the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Upon the whole, the prospects of the Church are encouraging, and, it is confidently believed, that, as soon as a house of worship is finished, which may be done this year, the Church will be established upon a firm basis.

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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, adddress 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.

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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.

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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.
Do.	on	the Constitution and Canons.
Do.	on	Unfinished Business.
Do.	on	Finance.

(C) CONSTITUTION OF

The Protestant Episcopal Church,

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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 Second Wednesday* 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, under the direction of this Convention, 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

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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

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 last 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 transaction 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 thereonseparately, the change shall take place, and he Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

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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.

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CANON IV.

Of Election of Vestries.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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 baptized; the names of the parties married, and the place where the marriage was solemnized; the names of the persons buried; and also the time when each rite was performed. These registers shall be kept by the minister in a book, to be provided for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Parish; which book shall be the Parish Register, and shall be preserved by the Vestry, as a part of the Records of the Parish. The list of communicants shall embrace all within his cure, as nearly as can be ascertained, and in his Annual Parochial Report, he shall distinguish the additions, removals, and deaths, since the last report. He shall also keep a list of the families and adult persons in his cure, so far as practicable, and also an accurate list of persons confirmed from time to time by the Bishop.

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

SEC. 3.—Whenever a Clergyman shall perform any service in a Parish, of which he has not the charge, the records required by the Canons of the General Convention, shall be made in the Register of that Parish. But if the acts performed be beyond the limits of any Parish where there is a Book of Records, then they shall be recorded in the Register of the Parish of which he has charge, and the Record shall state where the acts were performed; and if the acts perfored 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 this C

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Of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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.

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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.

SEc. 1 .- In addition to the duties of the Secretary, prescribed in the eighth article of the Constitution, he shall transmit annually, to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last house of Clerical and Lay Delegates in the General Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention; and shall request the last to send copies of their respective Journals in exchange. He shall also transmit a copy to each Clergyman in the Diocese, and to each Lay Deputy attending the Convention, and forward by mail, unless otherwse 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 thet Seminary and also a like contificate of the empiritment of Clerical and 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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 day's 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.

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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.

In all cases, be commutantically approves of the judgment, he shall, within thirty 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 thereof, 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 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 additon 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 tor 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 of 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

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 twothirds 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 recognised 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 case what-

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

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

FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION,

TO THE SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL IN MISSOURI.

The subscribers agree to pay the sum of 6 1-4 cents per week, making 25 centsper month, or \$3 per annum, which will be called for weekly, monthly, or annually, as they may direct.

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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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