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OF THE
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LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri.

The Rt. Rev. C. S. HAWKS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ Church, St. Louis.

“ Rev. JOSEPH ADDERLY, Rector of Trinity Church, Hannibal.

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

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

“ “ GEORGE P. COMINGS, Missionary, residing at the Governor Clark Mission.

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

“ “ D. GORDON ESTES, Rector of Christ Church, Boonville, and of St. Ann's Church, Brunswick.

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

“ “ S. G. GASSAWAY, Rector of St. George's Church, St. Louis.

“ “ DAVID GRIFFITH, residing near Boonville.

“ “ JOHN A. HARRISON, Missionary, and Rector of Christ Church, Lexington.

“ “ F. W. HATCH, residing in St. Louis.

“ “ E. CARTER HUTCHINSON, D. D.

“ “ WILLIAM A. LEACH, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.

“ “ JOHN McNAMARA, Missionary to St. John's Church, Weston, and Christ Church, St. Joseph.

“ “ REGINALD H. WELLER, residing in Mississippi.

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

Not Canonically Resident in the Diocese.

The Rev. DAVID CLARKSON, Chaplain U. S. Army at Fort Scott.

LIST OF THE LAY-DELEGATES

APPOINTED TO ATTEND THE

DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF MISSOURI, MAY, 1853.

From Christ Church, St. Louis—Hon. L. M. Kennett, H. A. Garland, Esq., Mr. J. P. Doan, B. B. Dayton, Esq.

From St. Paul's Church, St. Louis—Messrs. Judson Allen, Henry Pilcher, jr., R. F. Coningham, Thomas Jackson.

From Christ Church, Boonville—Messrs. H. A. Massie, A. Keuckelhan, M. D., Jas. Thompson, A. H. Thompson.

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

From St. John's Church, St. Louis—Messrs. H. I. Bodley, C. G. Mauro, Esq., Henry Hough, Maj. D. H. Vinton, U. S. A.

From Grace Church, St. Louis—Messrs. J. King, Simmonds, Ludlow, Richmond.

From St. George's Church, St. Louis—Hon. H. S. Geyer, Mr. J. P. Thompson, J. A. Kasson, Esq., Josiah Dent, Esq.

From Trinity Church, Hannibal—Messrs. John McDowell, M. D., F. A. Calhoun.

From Christ Church, Lexington—Messrs. R. N. Smith, E. C. Relf, W. K. Trigg, W. F. Kerdolff.

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

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

From St. Ann's Church, Brunswick—Messrs. Loren Bosworth, P. T. Abell, W. W. Powell, G. S. Moore.

From Prairieville Parish, Pike Co.—Mr. P. Carr.

LIST OF PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.

CHRIST CHURCH,	St. Louis.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,	"
CHRIST CHURCH,	Boonville.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,	Palmyra.
TRINITY CHURCH,	St. Charles.
GRACE CHURCH,	Jefferson City.
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,	St. Louis.
GRACE CHURCH,	"
ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,	"
TRINITY CHURCH,	Hannibal.
CHRIST CHURCH,	Lexington.
PARISH OF THE NATIVITY,	Bridgeton.
ST. MARY'S CHURCH,	Fayette.
ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,	Glasgow.
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,	Weston.
CHRIST CHURCH,	St. Joseph.
ST. ANN'S CHURCH,	Brunswick.
PRAIRIEVILLE PARISH,	Pike County.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE

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

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

Every Parish in union with this Convention is entitled to one or more Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or Congregation. (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. 18—, Messrs. ——— were duly elected Lay-delegates to represent said Church in the Convention of the Diocese of Missouri, to be held at ——— on the ——— day of ——— next; and that they are entitled to vote for Wardens and Vestrymen in said Church.*

Signed this ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.



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

Journal of the Convention.

ST. LOUIS, *May 27th*, 1853.

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, St. Louis, at 10½ o'clock A. M. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. S. Y. McMasters, of Alton, Illinois; assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. J. McNamara, Missionary to St. John's Church, Weston, and Christ Church, St. Joseph. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rt. Rev. C. S. Hawks, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. The Rev. F. J. Clerc, Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis, preached the Annual Sermon, from the text: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." (*S. Mark*, xvi. 15.) The Bishop then proceeded to administer the Holy Communion to the clergy and lay-communicants, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Dunn, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Fayette.

Services being ended, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The Secretary of the Convention, the Rev. Wm. A. Leach, being absent, the Rev. F. J. Clerc, at the request of the Bishop, called the roll of the clergy of the Diocese. Of those entitled to seats in this Convention, the following were found present with the Bishop:

The Rev. Francis J. Clerc,	Rector of St. John's Church,	St. Louis;
" " John W. Dunn,	" St. Mary's Church,	Fayette;
" " D. Gordon Estes,	" St. Ann's Church,	Brunswick;
" " S. G. Gassaway,	" St. George's Church,	St. Louis;
" " J. A. Harrison,	" Christ Church,	Lexington;
" " John McNamara,	Missionary to St. Joseph and Weston.	
" " William H. Woodward,	Rector of Grace Church,	St. Louis.

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 list of the parishes in union with the Convention was then called, and the testimonials of the lay-delegates were laid upon the Secretary's table.

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

CHRIST CHURCH, 7½ P. M.

The Convention met.

The Committee appointed to receive and report on the testimonials of lay-delegates to this Convention, reported the following gentlemen as elected by the several parishes of the Diocese, viz :

From Christ Church, St. Louis—Hon. L. M. Kennett, H. A. Garland, Esq., Mr. J. P. Doan, B. B. Dayton, Esq.

From St. Paul's Church, St. Louis—Messrs. Judson Allen, Henry Pilcher, jr., R. F. Coningham, Thomas Jackson.

From Christ Church, Boonville—Messrs. H. A. Massie, H. Keuckelhan, M. D., Jas. Thompson, A. H. Thompson.

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From St. Ann's Church, Brunswick—Messrs. Loren Bosworth, P. T. Abell, W. W. Powell, G. S. Moore.

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

Hon. L. M. Kennett, H. A. Garland, Esq., Mr. J. P. Doan, B. B. Dayton, Esq.—from Christ Church, St. Louis.

Messrs. Judson Allen, Henry Pilcher, jr., R. F. Coningham, Thos. Jackson—from St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.

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

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

Mr. H. I. Bodley, C. G. Mauro, Esq., Mr. Henry Hough, Maj. D. H. Vinton—from St. John's Church, St. Louis.

Messrs. J. King, Simmonds, and Richmond—from Grace Church, St. Louis.

Mr. J. P. Thompson, J. A. Kasson, Esq., Josiah Dent, Esq.—from St. George's Church, St. Louis.

John McDowell, M. D.—from Trinity Church, Hannibal.

Mr. P. T. Abell—from St. Ann's Church, Brunswick.

Whereupon, there being a quorum of both orders, the Bishop declared the Convention duly organized for business.

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

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

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

On the Admission of New Parishes—The Rev. Messrs. Estes and Gassaway, and Mr. R. F. Coningham.

On Constitution and Canons—The Rev. Mr. Clerc, H. A. Garland, Esq. and B. B. Dayton, Esq.

On Unfinished Business—The Rev. Messrs. Harrison and Dunn, and Maj. D. H. Vinton.

On Finance—Messrs. Massie, Allen and Hough.

On Assessments—Messrs. Doan, Bodley and Dent.

The Rev. Mr. Mayben, of Massachusetts, and the Rev. S. Y. McMasters, of Illinois, present in the Convention, were invited by the Bishop to take seats in the house, under Rule of Order No. 13.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention. The Rev. Mr. McNamara was appointed teller to receive the clerical votes, and Mr. R. F. Coningham to take the lay votes.

The balloting resulted in the choice of the Rev. Mr. Leach, the Rev. Mr. Clerc, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, Messrs. J. P. Doan and D. Hough, for the Standing Committee; and in the choice of the Rev. Mr. Harrison, the Rev. Mr. Clerc, the Rev. Mr. Estes, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, J. A.

Talbot, M. D., Mr. J. P. Doan, Mr. R. N. Smith, and Mr. H. I. Bodley, for Delegates to the General Convention.

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

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

Mr. P. T. Abell, the lay-delegate from Brunswick, was, at his own request, excused from further attendance at this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M., at morning prayer.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS,
May 28th, 1853.

The Convention met, according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. McNamara.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

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

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

“The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave respectfully to report to this Convention, for adoption, the following proposed amendment of Article V. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as agreed upon in General Convention in 1850, and submitted to the several Diocesan Conventions.

JNO. A. HARRISON, *Chairman.*”

ARTICLE V.

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

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

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

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

On motion, the amendment, as recommended, was unanimously approved.

The Bishop then read his

ADDRESS.

DEARLY BELOVED:

Our last parting was in sorrow. You will remember that in May, 1852, while attending our Convention in Fayette, a telegraphic despatch called me home to the bed-side of a sick, and, as was feared, dying member of my household—the being nearest and dearest to me in this world. God has been merciful to me—that member is still with me, though frail and feeble—my hearth is not desolate—my children are not motherless. For that great mercy that has overshadowed me, and spared me still the tenderest of all earthly ties, I have bowed myself in gratitude ; and here again would, with my flock, adore God's goodness. For that great mercy, may He give me grace fourfold to do His holy will, whether it be in life or in death.

While watching with the sick through the long summer, my hope was, that, when winter came, I might at least visit some portions of the Diocese. In this hope I was disappointed. With the approach of the cold season, I was forced, under medical advice, to seek a Southern latitude ; and consequently, on the 18th of December last, left St. Louis with my family. Our winter was spent entirely in or near Pensacola, in West Florida ; from which point I reached my home again only on the 17th of last month. Under God, a milder climate has effected something, but still my dear wife is frail and feeble. Before

starting for the South, I was able to make hurried visits to the towns of Palmyra and Hannibal, and since my return have visited only four of the parishes in St. Louis. Thus for the first time, since I was made your Bishop, I have been debarred the privilege of making my annual visitation of the Diocese. Under these circumstances, the record of my official acts, for the past year, will necessarily be brief.

The rite of Confirmation has been administered as follows:—In Christ Church, St. Louis, to 6 persons; in Trinity Church, Hannibal, to 11; in St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, to 13; in Grace Church, St. Louis, to 1; in St. George's Church, St. Louis, to 9. I may add that while in Florida, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, I confirmed 8 persons in St. John's Church, Warrington.

There are in the Diocese but two candidates for Holy Orders—the same as reported at our last Convention.

The Rev. Enoch Reed (Deacon) has been transferred to the Diocese of New Jersey; the Rev. William H. Woodward has been received from the Diocese of Wisconsin, and the Rev. Joseph Adderly from the Diocese of Illinois. Mr. Woodward is in charge of Grace Church, St. Louis, and Mr. Adderly is the Rector of Trinity Church, Hannibal.

The Rev. R. H. Weller has resigned the charge of Grace Church, Jefferson City.

On Sunday, September 26th, the Rev. Reginald H. Weller was ordained by me to the Priesthood, in Christ Church, St. Louis; the Rev. William B. Corbyn and the Rev. William A. Leach being present and assisting. I am sorry to add that since his ordination the Rev. Mr. Weller has been unable to perform any duty whatever, owing to the diseased state of his eyes. At one time I feared that this brother might become entirely blind; but in the hands of a skillful oculist, in the South, he has recovered partially, and my hope is that he will soon be completely relieved of his distressing malady.

On the 2d day of September, in the presence of a large assembly, I laid the corner-stone of St. John's Church, St. Louis. There were present with me, taking part in the services, the Rev. Messrs. Leach, Gassaway, and Woodward, of St. Louis, together with the Rev. Mr. Clerc, the Rector of the parish. This church is situated on the corner of Spruce and Sixth streets, and is now nearly completed. It is a handsome church edifice, creditable to the zeal and energy of that

young congregation and its earnest pastor. Early in July it will probably be ready for consecration.

On the 27th of the same month, accompanied by Messrs. Clerc, Woodward, and Leach, of St. Louis, I proceeded to lay the cornerstone of the new edifice for our "Orphan's Home." The numbers attending that ceremony gave gratifying evidence of the deep interest of the multitudes in that tender and touching charity, an orphan asylum. This institution, chartered by our Legislature some years since, has hitherto found a lodgment only in a hired house. You are aware that a lot of ground, in North St. Louis, was presented to the institution two years since by Mr. Robert Tyler, of Louisville: it is upon this lot that the new house is erected. This building is nearly completed, but not entirely paid for. When finished, it will enable us—not with larger heart—for heart we have always had—but with larger means, to meet the touching and pressing claims of orphanage in our city. The last report of the Orphan's Home, made on Easter Tuesday last, and now laid by me on the Secretary's table, will give you the precise position of this noble and worthy institution.

The Diocese of New York having elected to the Episcopate the Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D., D. C. L., upon the canonical call my consent was gladly given to his consecration to that office. May God's blessing be with him abundantly in his labors!

Soon after we parted last year, I was summoned to attend the trial of the Bishop of New Jersey, upon a presentment made by the Bishops of Virginia, Ohio and Maine; but the same cause which prevented me from attending to your wants, kept me from meeting that duty. Another summons has now reached me, calling me to the same painful duty, on the 1st day of September, in Camden, New Jersey.

During the past year, my beloved, the Church has passed through the deep sorrow of parting with three of her excellent prelates. The Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., of Illinois, the Rt. Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., of Rhode Island, and the Rt. Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D., of South Carolina, have gone to their rest. The first, by his indomitable energy, his untiring zeal, and his uncompromising boldness, has left his impress upon the Church throughout the land. He was born for the times, and left his mark upon the day in which he lived; but more especially in the West will his name be cherished as the bold founder of those two Church Institutions, Kenyon and Jubilee

Colleges. If men are to be judged by results as to their lives, it has been his privilege to have done a great work, and thus to have left a great name behind him;—the second will ever be remembered for his zeal and godly sincerity, and his unshrinking and undying attachment to that holiest of all causes, the cause of Missions both at home and abroad;—and when the Church would wish especially to show to her young Ministry, how modesty, purity, integrity, truthfulness and humility, with saintlike christian zeal and faith, will overrule all contradiction and opposition, and melt it into deepest respect, or strongest, tenderest love,—she will point to the name of Gadsden, the late Bishop of South Carolina. They rest from their labors and their works do follow them; and we, feeling the great loss to the Church Militant, bow reverently to the decree that has called them away, and mingle our sympathies with the Dioceses bereaved.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Chase was the senior and thus the Presiding Bishop of our Church. To this position the Rt. Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D., of Connecticut, now senior Bishop, succeeds; while, to the immediate jurisdiction of Illinois, the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., late Assistant Bishop of Illinois, is his successor. The Dioceses of Rhode Island and South Carolina are still vacant.

A deeper sorrow is with the Church as she mourns over something worse than death—the apostacy of one of her prelates. The Rt. Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, D. D., Bishop of North Carolina, has abandoned his Diocese, renounced the Protestant faith which he was sworn to defend, and given in his adherence to the Church of Rome. This extraordinary act was so startling that the Church could scarcely, at first, believe it to be true. Alas! it is too true, that one trusted with an apostleship in the Church has fallen into the hands of a wily enemy. Those who know him best, declare that his conduct is the result of a long growing insanity; but, whether insanity or moral obliquity has been the moving cause, we weep over a poor blinded and deluded brother who once had part of the ministry of the LORD JESUS. If insane, his eyes may never be opened; if not insane, how dark and wretched the delusion ensnaring him may be, he may some day see. In the meantime, while we wait for the Church to maintain her godly discipline, we should give to his deserted Diocese our deepest sympathy. In all her borders, not one traitor has been found to follow the course of her treacherous leader. For her steadfastness in the faith

we honor her, and pray that, as the memory of her first noble Bishop is dear to her, God may give her another like minded with him to watch over and lead her. She has the comfort of knowing this, that her late Bishop has done his worst, and can not harm her.

It is my painful duty to lay before you the following acts of discipline, during the year now closing :

- The Rev. Isaac Swart has been suspended by the Bishop of Florida ;
 “ “ W. P. C. Johnston has been displaced by the Bishop of Mississippi ;
 “ “ Wm. Grant Heyer do. by the Prov. Bishop of New York ;
 “ “ Peter S. Buchan do. by the Prov. Bishop of New York ;
 “ “ F. A. Pollard do. by the Bishop of Massachusetts ;
 “ “ Robert G. Hays do. by the Bishop of Mississippi ;
 “ “ William C. Lewis do. by the Bishop of Kentucky ;
 “ “ Norman C. Stoughton do. by the Bishop of Western New York.

I lay before you the Reports from the several Parishes, together with the Report of the Orphan's Home, and Trinity School, Palmyra ; stating that there are only two parishes now vacant in the Diocese, and that our Legislature, at its last session, granted, at my request, a charter for St. Paul's College. The Board, created by this charter, has not yet been able to meet since my return, and consequently there has been no organization, nor is the charter yet accepted.

Beloved, may I now bring certain thoughts before you, some of which have been before presented, and some are new ; but all of them, as I conceive, important to the interests of our Diocese ?

1st. May I urge again that parsonage houses be erected in every parish, that thereby the clergy may be sustained in their parishes, and a permanent relationship established between pastors and people. My counsel on this subject, urged some years since, has been followed in some instances I am glad to say, and has taken some root among the people. Other parishes are thinking now of erecting parsonages, and I trust that the importance of this subject will not be lost sight of.

2. Let each parish insure the life of its clergyman, as the best and only mode, in a weak Diocese, of providing a fund for the relief of the widows and children of deceased clergymen. I am pleased that my counsel on this subject has in some instances been followed, and I trust it will be followed by every parish in the Diocese. Since I first urged this thought upon you, older Dioceses have embraced it, and are now

endeavoring to act upon it. In this way, again, permanency is likely to be secured between pastors and people.

3. Let us come with strong heart and renewed zeal to the Missionary work of our Diocese. I need say nothing in behalf of this cause: you recognize its importance, and I can only pray that God may put it into our hearts, whether living or dying, to remember the cause of Missions. In Missouri, how strong is the call! The field is ample, and the harvest is, in many places, almost ripe. Without means to call in new laborers, you will remember that our last Convention passed a resolution that the resident clergy of Missouri should, under the Bishop's direction, make certain Missionary visits. When those visits have been made, how amply have we been rewarded! In St. Charles, Glasgow, Brunswick, Weston, and St. Joseph, we see results already, in the fact that each of these towns has secured, or is struggling to secure, a Church edifice. In St. Charles we have secured one, and in Brunswick, Glasgow, Weston and St. Joseph we are expecting to build this season. I am sorry to say that some of the clergy have not sufficiently heeded the late resolution. But beloved, men and brethren, if so much is done with so little effort, how much may be done by an effort of the laity, which may supply the means for bringing in among us an additional number of earnest ministers!

On this subject of Missions I would say something, especially of two features of our Missionary work.

We should, in a slave State, make provision for the instruction of the negroes. We should either have houses of worship for them, or places in our present or contemplated houses of worship. I prefer the latter plan, because it prevents any excitement—because it brings the master and servant together at the same altar: and I think it is intended that, whatever divisions there may be among men,—in the house of God “the rich and poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all.” In our houses, then, let galleries be provided for them as in many of the old churches in the Southern States; and let the children of the slaves be brought to our Sunday Schools, and taught there the truths of our holy religion.

Again as to Missionary work; if we had a Church Building Society, made up of men of means, who would lend to the struggling Churches money for erecting their buildings, to be returned in a certain time,—how much might be done while the Society thus kept its

funds active and busy in the work of Church extension! In the city, or in the country, how much might be accomplished in this way! And if, beloved, with these efforts, honestly made, we would pray for and watch for God's blessing, I have no fear of the result. May God give us all grace to do what is right in this work.

Before closing, I would express my thanks to the Rev. Mr. Clerc for his tender sympathy in my sorrows of the past year—a sympathy which prompted him, at some sacrifice, to minister to my flock in Christ Church while I wintered in a Southern latitude. That kindness from him alone enabled me to leave my home. My warm thanks are also due, and gladly given, to the people of Florida where I sojourned. I shall never forget them. With warm heart and sympathy they met me; their welcome made me feel that I was not a stranger, and I parted with them in sorrow, yet with the hope that I might some day see them again. While there, I could only repay them in the best way that I could. On every Lord's day save two, in my four months' absence, I worshipped with and preached for them; and, in their little Church edifice, was often reminded that the kinsmanship between us was more than ordinarily strong. A mural tablet in that church reminded me at every service that a faithful soldier of the Cross—who once served the parish in which we are now gathered, and whose name is still cherished as one of the early pioneers of the Church on the Missouri river—rested there from his labors. The remains of the Rev. Frederick F. Peake, formerly Rector of Christ Church, St. Louis, now sleep quietly under the chancel of Christ Church, Pensacola.

May God's Holy Spirit now guide and control you in all your deliberations!

The Standing Committee then presented the following Report:

“The Standing Committee respectfully report that they have held five meetings during the year.

“On the 10th of August the primary meeting was held, and the Committee organized by the appointment of the Rev. F. J. Clerc for President, and the Rev. Wm. A. Leach for Secretary. The Secretary was requested to correspond with several persons, under the advice of the Bishop, to secure their service as agents for the collection of a Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.

“On the 6th of November, 1852, the Committee signed testimonials.

recommending the Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D.D., D.C.L., as Provisional Bishop of New-York, and the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D., as Bishop of Rhode Island. They also adopted the following resolutions :

“Whereas the Convention of this Diocese, at its last annual session, in St. Mary’s Church, Fayette, did resolve ‘that an agent shall be appointed by the Standing Committee, with the concurrence of the Bishop, whose duty it shall be to visit the State and other places, and solicit subscriptions in money, real estate, or other securities, to be invested in a permanent fund, the interest of which shall be appropriated to the support of the Episcopate of this Diocese’ ;

“Therefore, be it Resolved by the Standing Committee,—

“1st. That, with the approbation of the Bishop, the Rev. Rector or officiating minister in each parish in the Diocese, be hereby appointed the agent therein, for the purpose above mentioned, with power to request any other such agent to act with him or in his stead.

“2d. That said agents may receive donations in money or other property; or, where the donors prefer it, they may receive notes for the amount of any proposed subscription, payable in four annual instalments. Said note to be in substance as follows: ‘For value received, I bind myself to pay to J. Parker Doan, Esq., Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Missouri, the sum of —— dollars; payable in four equal annual instalments, commencing on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three. A—— B——.’

“3d. That Messrs. J. P. Doan, D. Hough and Jno. Halsall be recommended as Trustees, to be named in all deeds of property for this endowment of the Episcopate.

“The following form of cash subscriptions was recommended for use: ‘We, the subscribers, promise to pay to the Rev. —— the sums annexed to our respective names, to be invested in a permanent fund, under the resolution of the last Convention (1852), for the permanent support of the Episcopate.’

“The Secretary was requested to furnish each agent with a copy of the above resolutions.

“On the 17th of December the Committee took measures to secure the services of an agent abroad, on the same business.

“On the 13th of May, 1853, the Committee, acting on the recommendations of the Bishop, appropriated seventy-five dollars to each of the parishes in Hannibal, Fayette and Lexington.

“On May 27th, 1853, the Committee adopted the following resolution: ‘That the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Missouri hereby recommend to the Diocesan Convention the appointment of a Committee, con-

sisting of laymen, whose duty it shall be to act under the resolutions of 1852, (Journal, p. 25,) on the Support of the Episcopate.'

F. J. CLERC,	} <i>Standing Committee.</i> "
W. A. LEACH,	
J. A. DUNN,	
J. P. DOAN,	
D. HOUGH,	

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes reported—

"That they have received and examined the papers relative to the organization of 'Prairieville Parish, Pike county, Mo.,' and have found them to be correct. They accordingly recommend that this parish be received into union with this Convention.

D. G. ESTES,	} <i>Committee.</i> "
S. G. GASSAWAY,	
R. F. CONINGHAM,	

On motion, *Resolved*, That Prairieville Parish, Pike Co., be received into union with this Convention.

The Committee on Certificates of Lay-Delegates next presented the name of Mr. P. Carr, as duly elected a lay-delegate to represent Prairieville Parish in this Convention.

Mr. Carr then took his seat.

It was moved that the next session of the Convention be held in Trinity Church, St. Charles. An amendment was offered in favor of St. Ann's Church, Brunswick; and upon the question on the amendment there was a tie. The Bishop decided the vote in the affirmative, in favor of St. Ann's Church, Brunswick. The motion thus amended was passed.

Mr. J. P. Doan reported as follows:

"The Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Bishop of this Diocese would respectfully report that the sum in his hands amounts to sixty-seven dollars, contributed by Christ Church and St. John's Church, St. Louis.

J. P. DOAN, *Treasurer.*"

Reports from agents, acting under the resolutions of the Standing Committee in aid of the Permanent Fund, having been called for, the following was presented:

"To the Rt. Rev. Bishop and Standing Committee of Missouri.

"The undersigned, specially designated by the joint action of the Standing Committee and the Bishop of Missouri, pursuant to the action of the last Diocesan Convention, to act in the parishes of Christ Church and

of St. John's Church, St. Louis, as an agent to solicit moneys, &c., for the formation of a Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, respectfully reports :

“That, owing to the efforts now making in his own parish of St. John, he has made no special exertion there, beyond one public appeal and collection taken from the two congregations of Christ Church and of St. John's, temporarily worshipping together in the former church.

“That among the congregation of Christ Church he has moved in his agency, unfolding the action and the purpose of the Convention, and calling attention to the urgent necessity that the Bishop be released from parochial engagements. This necessity, and the principle that a Bishop should be free to do the work of the Episcopate in his Diocese, seem to be everywhere recognized; and a hearty willingness to meet the duty has been evinced by some of those who would most deeply regret the severance of their own parochial relation to the Bishop. Scarcely any thing has however been subscribed as yet towards a permanent Fund; but the reason is not the want of interest, nor the lack of ability. It is rather because counsels have differed and plans have varied for the accomplishment of the same work. Your agent was early met with the expression of a hope that a temporary support might be prepared for the Bishop, securing his services to the Diocese in his Episcopal capacity almost at once; and that, at the same time, the ulterior purpose of a permanent Fund might be so prosecuted as to provide for the Bishop at the expiration of the temporary arrangement proposed.

It does not belong to your agent to report what progress has been made in that effort, although it may justly be attributed to the resolutions and action of the last Convention. But it is his firm conviction that, if the plans be duly harmonized and vigorously prosecuted, the foundation of a permanent Episcopal Fund may be solidly laid, in such manner as to secure the labors of the Diocesan in his chief and most important office.

The agent takes the liberty, therefore, of recommending that it be proposed to the next Convention to appoint a Committee of laymen, for the express purpose of collecting moneys in aid of a Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS J. CLERC.

On motion, this report and the resolution offered by the Standing Committee were referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed as that Committee, Messrs. H. A. Garland, J. P. Doan and J. Allen.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the plan of Missionary operations as re-adopted at the last Convention, (Journal 1852, p. 25; ib. 1851, p. 23,) be still continued.

The Committee on Finance reported—

“That they have examined the Treasurer’s Reports and find them generally correct, as follows :

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

Amount collected during the year \$326.00
All of which has been paid out according to Treasurer’s Report.

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

Balance on hand last year \$67.92
Amount collected on back and current Assessments to several Parishes..... 86.00

\$153.92

Of which has been paid out..... 126.90

Leaving a balance in Treasurer’s hands of \$27.02

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

Amount collected during the year on back and current Assessments to several Parishes.....\$203.00
Amount paid out to the Bishop of the Diocese..... 188.00

Leaving a balance in Treasurer’s hands of \$15.00

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

H. A. MASSIE, }
J. ALLEN, } *Committee.*
H. HOUGH, }

The Convention took a recess till 4 o’clock.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS,
May 28th, 4 o’clock P. M.

The Convention met.

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

Mr. P. Carr, lay-delegate from Prairieville Parish, Pike Co., asked leave of the Convention to make a statement in behalf of himself and fellow-churchmen in said county. Leave being granted, Mr. Carr made an appeal for Missionary aid. Whereupon the following motion was made and seconded:

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly recommend to the Rectors and Vestries of all Parishes in the Diocese, that they endeavor so to make effective the form of the Diocesan Missionary Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri, as to be able to report favorably to the next Convention.

Upon motion, this resolution was referred to a Special Committee of five. The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Clerc and Estes, and Messrs. Mauro, Dent and Dayton.

Leave of absence from the sessions of this Convention was granted to Mr. J. Orrick, lay-delegate from St. Charles.

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

CHRIST CHURCH, May 28th,
7½ o'clock P. M.

The Convention met.

The Special Committee on the subject of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate presented the following Report:

“The Select Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Standing Committee, and the report of the Agent on the subject of a Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to make the following report.

“The Committee concur in the proposition of the Standing Committee, with some modifications, and recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the Convention:

“*Resolved*, That a Committee consisting of a layman from each parish in the city of St. Louis, and of a clergyman from each parish of the Diocese out of St. Louis, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to canvass their respective parishes, and to procure as large a subscription as possible to the Episcopal Fund, in pursuance of resolutions passed by the Convention in 1852, and to be found on page 25 of their Journal.

“*Resolved*, That the narrative portions of a sermon delivered by the agent (the Rev. Mr. Clerc), in Christ Church, on the 16th day of January last, and by him furnished to the Committee at their request, be presented to the Convention as a part of this report (see Appendix)—embodying

as it does a full history of the proceedings of the Convention, in years past, on the subject of a permanent Episcopal fund.

“The Committee are pleased to report, that the importance of endowing the Episcopate, and liberating the Bishop from parochial service, that he may go forth unincumbered to the duties of his Diocese, are beginning to be duly appreciated by the Church. Such is the anxiety that this important change in the relation of the Bishop to his Diocese shall immediately take place, that a number of gentlemen, feeling the importance of relieving the Bishop from the double duty now imposed upon him, have taken on themselves to raise a fund for the support of the Episcopate for the next five years.

“This plan meets with our approbation, and we have reason to hope that it will be successful; but, at the same time, the Committee would deprecate the idea of its interfering with the objects of the Convention. The plan alluded to is temporary, and is suggested in reference to the permanent endowment contemplated by the Convention; and is intended by its projectors to be an anticipation only of that arrangement. Should the plan be successful, and the Bishop, on the faith of it, sever his connection with Christ Church and enter on the wide field of Diocesan duties, it will then become the more imperious duty of the Church to bestir itself, and to see that a permanent fund shall be provided to meet the wants of the Episcopate when the temporary one has been exhausted.

“The Committee, in conclusion, would call the attention of the clergy to the fact, that there is already in existence a canon of the Church requiring them to call the attention of their parishes, once a year, to this subject, and to appeal to them for contributions in aid of the permanent fund. While we are devising other means to accomplish the desirable end, the Committee would respectfully urge on the clergy a remembrance of that duty which has been especially assigned to them.

H. A. GARLAND, }
 J. P. DOAN, } *Committee.*
 J. ALLEN, }

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions embodied in the report were adopted.

The Bishop declined appointing the agents in the parishes of St. Louis, leaving that duty to each parish.

Mr. Dent, of the Committee on Assessments, having requested to be excused from serving, the Chair appointed in his stead the Hon. L. M. Kennett.

The Committee then presented the following Report:

“The undersigned Committee, appointed to assess the parishes of the Diocese, would respectfully report that the parishes be assessed at the same rates as in 1852; adding thereto the Parish of Prairieville, which they assess at three dollars for Convention Expenses, and three dollars for Episcopate.

J. P. DOAN,
H. I. BODLEY,
L. M. KENNETT, } *Committee.*”

Assessments for 1853-54.

Parishes Assessed.	Convention.	Episcopate.	Total.
Christ Church, St. Louis.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00
St. Paul's Church, “	5.00	15.00	20.00
Christ Church, Boonville.....	5.00	15.00	20.00
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.....	3.00	9.00	12.00
Trinity Church, St. Charles.....	3.00	9.00	12.00
Grace Church, Jefferson City.....	3.00	9.00	12.00
St. John's Church, St. Louis.....	5.00	15.00	20.00
Grace Church, “	5.00	15.00	20.00
St. George's Church, “	20.00	60.00	80.00
Trinity Church, Hannibal.....	3.00	9.00	12.00
Christ Church, Lexington.....	5.00	15.00	20.00
St. Mary's Church, Fayette.....	4.00	12.00	16.00
St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow.....	3.00	9.00	12.00
St. John's Church, Weston.....	3.00	9.00	12.00
Christ Church, St. Joseph.....	3.00	9.00	12.00
St. Ann's Church, Brunswick.....	3.00	9.00	12.00
Prairieville Parish, Pike County.....	3.00	9.00	12.00
Total of Assessments.....	\$101.00	\$303.00	\$404.00

On motion, the Convention adopted the Scale of Assessments as reported.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of the Diocesan Missionary Society was then presented.

“The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri, respectfully report that they have had the matter under consideration, and submit the accompanying resolutions for the action of the Convention.

“*Resolved*, That the Rector of each parish in the Diocese be requested to call the attention of his congregation to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri, and to take such other steps as will secure subscriptions to the same and insure the collection thereof.

“*Resolved*, That the following be the form of subscription to the funds of the Society:

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

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

“It is designed to promote the spread of the Gospel in Missouri.

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

F. J. CLERC,	} Committee.”
D. GORDON ESTES,	
C. G. MAURO,	
JOSIAH DENT,	
B. B. DAYTON,	

The resolutions were read and adopted.

On motion, the assessments for Contingent Expenses reported unpaid at the time of the last Convention, and printed upon page 43 of the Journal of 1852, were remitted to the several parishes.

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

The minutes were read and approved.

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

F. J. CLERC, *Secretary*.

Appendix.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

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

The Rector reports as follows, for the year ending May 27, 1853 :

Baptisms—Infants, 28 ; adults, 2=	30
Confirmed,	4
Marriages,	10
Communicants, about	200
Burials,	18

The weekly offerings of the Parish, during the same period, have amounted to \$1,088.94, which have been appropriated as follows :

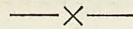
To the Diocesan Missionary Society,	\$220.00
Christ Church, St. Louis,	50.00
Grace Church, Jefferson city,	100.00
Sunday School Magazine,	7.50
Orphan's Home,	80.00
Convention assessments,	100.00
Permanent Fund for Support of the Episcopate,	67.00
A disabled Clergyman,	63.00
N. Y. Bible and Prayer Book Society,	50.00
Christ Church, Boonville,	32.00
Grace Church, North St. Louis,	20.00
Missionary at Weston and St. Joseph,	30.00
Alms to the poor,	269.44
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	\$1,088.94

In addition to this amount, large sums have been contributed by the Parish towards various Church purposes, which sums have not passed through the hands of the Rector. Thus the parishioners of Christ Church, besides contributing to the daily support of our Orphan's Home, have given largely towards the building of our orphan house in St. Louis. They have also given towards the erection of St. John's Church edifice ; but in some instances, I am sorry to say, not with the heart and liberality with which they should have met that demand. The contributions in this way, however, have more than doubled the amount of weekly offerings.

I may also remark, that there is a good cause for an apparent diminution of the weekly offerings during the past year. Owing to the sickness of

my household, I have been absent from my Parish nearly half of the year. During that absence I have been indebted to the Rev. Mr. Clerc for the supply of my pulpit. The parishioners of Christ and St. John's Churches have in this way worshipped together, and the weekly offerings have been divided between the two Parishes.

I consider that the most important duty before Christ Church, at the present time, is the erection of a new Church edifice. The ground upon which the present building stands has become exceedingly valuable; a better site may be secured at a less price, and the present edifice is old and uncomfortable. I believe that the erection of a new and proper house of worship would add greatly to the strength of the Parish both spiritually and temporally, and I trust the Parish will soon think as I do.

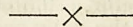


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. WM. A. LEACH, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	37
Confirmations,	13
Communicants—Number last reported,	96
Added by removal,	8
“ anew,	17
Lost by death,	8
“ removal,	11
Present number,	102
Marriages,	8
Burials,	24
Amount of offerings distributed by the Rector to the poor, \$	100.55
Offerings for Diocesan Missions,	36.00
“ Domestic Missions,	18.00
“ Trinity School, Palmyra—from Sunday School,	10.00
Weekly offerings,	155.63
Total,	\$320.18

Notwithstanding the severe losses by death and removal of some of the most influential families, the Rector takes great pleasure in stating that the Parish is still increasing and in a prosperous condition. A large *Organ* has been ordered from the firm of H. & W. Pilcher, St. Louis: the greater part of the money to pay for this has already been raised in the Parish, and it is hoped, by the kindness of our friends, the whole amount will be paid by the 1st of September, at which time an instrument suited for a new Church will be secured.



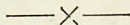
CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE.

Rev. D. G. ESTES, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	10
Adults,	2
Communicants—Number last reported,	51
Added anew,	2

Communicants—Lost by removal,	7
“ death,	4
Present number,	42
Marriages,	2
Burials,	9

The Rector was obliged, on account of ill health, to leave his charge last December. Since that time occasional services have been held by the Rev. Mr. Harrison, of Lexington, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, of Fayette, and the Rev. Mr. Hackett, of Keokuk. This Parish has suffered severely during the past year from death and removal.



GOV. CLARK MISSION, & ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PALMYRA.

Rev. WM. B. CORBYN, Rector.

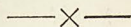
Since the last Convention I have been, as usual, occupied with the School—which has, during the past year, been chartered by the State Legislature as St. Paul's College. In connection with the congregation worshipping at the School, I have performed the following official acts :

Baptisms—Infants,	2
Adults,	3
Marriage,	1
Burials—Whites, 2; Black, 1=	3



REPORT OF THE REV. G. P. COMINGS.

For the past year I have been occupied, as far as my health would permit, in my duties at Trinity School, Palmyra.



TRINITY CHURCH, ST. CHARLES.

Rev. F. J. CLERC, Missionary.

Baptisms—Infants,	3
Confirmations—Candidates,	1
Removed and confirmed,	1
Communicants—Number last year,	7
Added anew,	1
Removed,	2
Present number,	6

The absence of a clergyman alone has prevented the additional report of marriages and burials. There has been no organization of a Sunday School as yet. The Parish has just completed the purchase of a fine lot, 64 feet front by 150 feet deep, enclosed on three sides; with a two-story brick house, used by the Methodists for public worship. They have paid \$650 for this property, which is now held by the Church ready for immediate use, and without debt. It is probable that money will be raised to make some alterations in the house, and it is possible that the services of a pastor may soon be secured for this interesting Parish. The chancel rail and fixtures and font of St. John's Church, St. Louis, have been donated to St. Charles.

GRACE CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY.

(Vacant—no report.)

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. F. J. CLERC, Rector.

The Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis, respectfully submits the following report of official acts performed in the Parish since the last annual Convention, in May, 1852.

Baptisms—Infants,	28
Adults,	1
Confirmations,	1
Communicants—Number last reported,	103
Stricken off,	1
Added anew,	2
“ by removal,	4
Lost by death,	2
“ removal,	13
Present number,	93
Marriages,	9
Burials,	27
Contributions for Parochial purposes,	\$189.18
Alms,	44.85
Incidental expenses,	2.15
Extra expenses of moving,	9.25
Sunday School,	2.20
Assessments,	20.00
Domestic Missions,	10.00
Diocesan Missions,	25.00
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	\$302.63

At the close of last June the Parish vacated its old church, erected ten years previously on leased ground, and removed the building. They were so fortunate as to obtain, through the kindness of Dr. C. A. Pope, of the St. Louis Medical University, the use of a lecture-room and then the use of a beautiful hall, in the O'Fallon Dispensary, for public religious services. The worship of the congregation was conducted thus until about the middle of December, when as an act of love and duty to our Bishop, whom the Providence of God was leading to the South for the winter, even the temporary services of the Parish were suspended, and the congregations of Christ and of St. John's Churches have ever since worshipped together in the former church. The offerings reported above are, on this account, larger than they would have been had the congregation of St. John's worshipped alone. Meanwhile the arrangements made last year and consummated this year, for the erection of a new Church edifice, have been successfully prosecuted; and, according to our previous design, a building has been erected, capable of seating 450 persons, costing \$8,400; and when completed, to be burdened with only \$1,000 debt, beside the outstanding obligation of \$2,800 for the land, which will become due in one and two years. The church will be ready for use about the 15th of

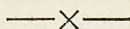
July next. In addition to the effort which they have made for a church building, the congregation have generously followed the advice which the Bishop's considerate care for the welfare of his clergy has suggested to every Parish, by insuring the life of the Rector for the benefit of his family, in the sum of \$5,000.

In the unsettled state of the Parish, the Sunday School has been for a while discontinued; and no class has been prepared for Confirmation.

The Orphan's Home has continued under my pastoral care; the annual Report of the Board is submitted herewith.

In addition to parochial work, I have been engaged for the greater part of the last two years in teaching a class of young ladies. I have also rendered occasional services in St. Paul's Church, and once have officiated at Evening Prayer in the "Boatmen's Church." During the Bishop's absence, I had temporarily the charge of Christ Church Parish. I have also paid three Missionary visits to St. Charles, as reported to the Bishop.

For much liberality shown to us, in St. Louis, to help in the erection of St. John's Church, the Rector, in behalf of the congregation, returns thanks to the donors; and he earnestly hopes that, in our new home, we may worship and serve the LORD with renewed faith, love and zeal, to the eternal welfare of our souls and bodies.



GRACE CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. W. H. WOODWARD, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	8
Confirmations,	1
Communicants—Number last reported,	32
Removed,	2
Added,	7
Present number,	37
Burials,	3
Sunday School Teachers,	7
Scholars,	60

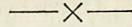
The Rt. Rev. the Bishop, in his last address, having urged "that parsonage houses be erected in every parish," and moreover being satisfied that a more eligible site could not be found than the beautiful lot of Grace Church, the Rector felt it his duty to promote the erection of a parsonage house. He has, therefore, assumed the responsibility, collected funds, and built a good house. In the present feeble state of the Parish, owing to the smallness of the population in the vicinity of the church, this undertaking has proved arduous, and sometimes disheartening; but by the blessing of God the end is accomplished, and the Rector is happy to report that his residence is now in the new building.

Cost of workmanship and materials,	\$1161.65
Contributions, proceeds of public lectures by the Rector, and a concert,	1042.50
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Remaining unpaid, \$119.15	
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The contributions for parochial purposes,	\$220.00

The Rector begs to acknowledge, among others, the following donations:

From the Rt. Rev. the Bishop,	\$20.00
Several members of Christ Church,	50.00
Several members of St. George's Church,	66.00
Easter offerings of St. George's Church,	80.00
St. Paul's Church,	36.00

The Parish is steadily improving, and the prospect for the future is encouraging.

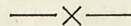


ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS.

Rev. S. G. GASSAWAY, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	28	
Adults,	2	
Confirmations,	9	
Communicants—Added,	16	
Removed,	10	
Present number,	150	
Marriages (including 2 in Lincoln county),	9	
Burials,	13	
Sunday School Teachers,	20	
Scholars,	130	
Contributions—Parochial,		\$1089.38
Extra-parochial,		487.40
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		\$1576.78

In addition to the above statistics, the Rector has the satisfaction of stating that, during the past year, the arrangements heretofore in progress for the liquidation of the debt upon the Church edifice have been consummated, and St. George's is now free from that burden. He regrets, however, to be obliged to add, that part of the purchase money for the lot, amounting to \$6,900, yet remains to be paid; which, though not due until the 1st of July, 1857, yet burdens the resources of the Church with the payment of a heavy interest. He would also add that the contributions above reported do not, by any means, include all the moneys given by members of St. George's to charitable objects during the year, but only what has come under the Rector's own cognizance. He is under the impression that nearly double the amount has been given in other ways, which did not come under his direct knowledge.



TRINITY CHURCH, HANNIBAL.

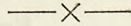
Rev. J. ADDERLY, Rector.

Congregation—Families,	16
Baptisms—Adults,	1
Infants,	5
Confirmed,	11
Communicants—Added,	22
Removed,	4
Present number,	31

Burials,	2
Public Services on Sundays,	74
other days,	16

A Sunday School was organized last autumn—Teachers, 5; Pupils, 35. Collections—Diocesan expenses, \$3; for the Episcopate, \$9—total, \$12.

A Church edifice is greatly needed, and I have no doubt, if one could be erected, it would greatly increase our congregation. At present we hold services in an upper room, which has been kindly given to us by a friend of the Church. The Vestry have a small building in contemplation, to be erected next fall, if they can obtain assistance from the churches in St. Louis.



CHRIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON.

Rev. J. NO. A. HARRISON, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants,	7
Marriages,	5
Burials,	8
Present number of Communicants,	46

The usual Divine Services have been celebrated during the past year. The weekly offertory has been in regular operation, the proceeds from which have unavoidably been almost entirely absorbed in the necessities of the Parish. The Church edifice is now entirely free from debt.

Since the last Convention, the Rector of this Parish has made four Missionary visits to Independence.

Baptisms—Infants,	4
Adults,	2
Communicants,	3

The attendance on our services in this place is always good in numbers, and respectful; but there is, as yet, but little Church feeling. Still the prospect is not without hope and encouragement.



PARISH OF THE NATIVITY, BRIDGETON.

(Vacant—no report.)



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FAYETTE.

Rev. J. W. DUNN, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult,	1
Infant,	1
Communicants—Number last reported,	23
Added by removal,	1
Lost by removal,	10
Present number,	14
Sunday School Teachers,	4
Scholars, about	30
Contributions for parochial purposes,	\$23.00

I celebrated Divine Service in Christ Church, Boonville, several times, attended one funeral, baptized one child, and solemnized a marriage.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, GLASGOW.

Rev. J. W. DUNN, Missionary.

I continue my monthly visits to this place. There are in the Parish four Communicants.

Through the liberality of a citizen of the town an eligible lot has been secured, and an amount of money has been raised sufficient to justify us in commencing the erection of a Church edifice.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WESTON.

Rev. J. McNAMARA, Minister.

Divine Service has been held, on an average, twice in each month since last fall.

Baptisms—Infants,	. . . . .	4
Communicants—Lost by removal,	. . . . .	3
Gained,	. . . . .	1
Present number,	. . . . .	7

The church lot has been entirely paid for. In addition to this, \$600 has been subscribed for building.

I have visited Fort Leavenworth but once during the past year. This visit was paid on Easter Sunday. I preached, and administered the Communion to eight persons; baptized three white and two colored children.

I have been unable to visit Platte City or Savannah during the past winter.

—X—

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH.

Rev. J. McNAMARA, Minister.

Divine Service has been held on an average of twice each month since my return last fall.

Communicants—Added by removal,	. . . . .	2
Present number,	. . . . .	7

Two beautiful lots, the gift of John Patie, of St. Joseph, have been deeded to the Church for building purposes. The Vestry do not consider them sufficiently convenient at present to justify them in deciding that their church shall be erected on them. The Vestry has therefore purchased a parcel of ground in the centre of the town. On this ground we have had fitted up, at a cost of \$200, a room 18 by 36 feet, in which to hold our services. This will relieve us of a rental of \$100 per annum.

On the same ground there is now in the course of erection a very small parsonage, at a cost of between \$300 and \$500. This expense is to be borne by a gentleman not of our communion, giving me time to pay him. When our little parsonage is completed, the entire property will be worth from \$1500 to \$1800.

—X—

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, BRUNSWICK.

Rev. D. G. ESTES, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant,	1
Communicants—Number last reported,	5
Added,	4
Present number,	9

Owing to the necessary absence of its Rector on account of ill health, this Parish has had clerical services only on three Sundays during the past conventional year. The prospects for the speedy erection of a church are very encouraging. A spacious lot, eligibly situated and beautifully wooded, has been purchased and paid for. The subscription of twelve hundred dollars is still available, and assurances have been received of moderate assistance from abroad well nigh sufficient to warrant a commencement of the proposed Church building.

There are well grounded hopes that the infant Parish of this important point will ere long occupy a respectable situation by the side of her sisters.

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PRAIRIEVILLE PARISH, PIKE COUNTY.

Report by Mr. P. CARR, Delegate.

This Parish was organized on the 15th of the present month. There are nine families in the Parish, one or other of the heads of which are members of the Episcopal Church; and there are fifteen communicants, five male and ten female. The members of the Church are willing to do all in their power to obtain the services of a minister at stated periods. If one could be settled permanently in the Parish, he would be liberally sustained to the extent of the ability of its members. We would guarantee \$400 per annum, and his board in addition if he were an unmarried man.

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REPORT OF THE REV. F. W. HATCH,

Residing in St. Louis.

According to the canonical requisitions, I beg leave to make to you this report of my sparse labors during the past year.

Being without a Parochial charge, my labors have been chiefly devoted to supplying the pulpits of such of the clergy of this city as were absent from their respective charges, and in occasional visits to the poor and their relief. I have solemnized the rites of Matrimony once, attended several funerals, visited the mourners, and baptized several children.

If I will only add, that I deeply regret, that, in the Providence of God, my labors have not been more abundant and more efficient.

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REPORT OF THE REV. DAVID GRIFFITH.

I am still residing in the vicinity of Boonville, at a place called and known by the name of Woodland. To said place I was compelled to retire several years ago, and undertake the arduous work of cultivating the soil, solely on account of bad health, and for the purpose of trying to restore it. Such a course was recommended to me by physicians of high standing,

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PARISHES.	RECTORS.	BAPTISMS.		CONFIRMATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.	MARRIAGES.	BURIALS.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
		Adults.	Infants.					
Christ Church, St. Louis	Rt. Rev. C. S. Hawks, D.D.	2	28	4	200	10	18	\$1,088.94
St. Paul's Church, "	Rev. W. A. Leach		37	13	102	8	24	320.18
Christ Church, Boonville	Rev. D. G. Estes	2	10		42	2	9	
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra	Rev. W. B. Corbyn	3	2			1	3	
Trinity Church, St. Charles	Rev. F. J. Clerc		3	1	6			650.00
Grace Church, Jefferson City	Vacant.							
St. John's Church, St. Louis	Rev. F. J. Clerc	1	28	1	93	9	27	6,352.00
Grace Church, "	Rev. W. H. Woodward		8	1	37		3	1,262.50
St. George's Church, "	Rev. S. G. Gassaway	2	28	9	150	9	13	1,576.78
Trinity Church, Hannibal	Rev. J. Adderly	1	5	11	31		2	12.00
Christ Church, Lexington	Rev. J. A. Harrison		7		46	5	8	
Parish of the Nativity, Bridgeton ..	Vacant.							
St. Mary's Church, Fayette	Rev. J. W. Dunn	1	1		14			23.00
St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow	Rev. J. W. Dunn				4			
St. John's Church, Weston	Rev. J. McNamara		4		7			6.00
Christ Church, St. Joseph	Rev. J. McNamara				7			
St. Ann's Church, Brunswick	Rev. D. G. Estes		1		9			12.00
Prairieville Parish, Pike Co.					15			
Independence	Rev. J. A. Harrison	2	4		3			
Fort Leavenworth	Rev. J. McNamara		5		8			
	Rev. F. W. Hatch					1		
		14	171	40	771	45	107	\$13,085.40

and, under the blessing of Divine Providence, it has proved beneficial, and answered a good end.
 Although I depend entirely on the labor of my hands for my livelihood, and am obliged to work as hard as any man in the county of Cooper, yet I am always ready and willing to leave for a time my present occupation, in order to perform any clerical services that I may be asked to perform. During the past year I performed none save visiting the sick.

ORPHAN'S HOME REPORT,

*Made at the Annual Meeting held on Easter Tuesday, March 29th, 1853,
in Christ Church, St. Louis.*

The Secretary of the Orphan's Home respectfully presents to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, and to the patrons and friends of the Institution, the Tenth Annual Report of the Board of Managers. We believe that we may present ourselves to you, at the close of another year, with congratulations on the measure of progressive prosperity which has attended our efforts in behalf of the fatherless and destitute. There still remains much to be accomplished in order that we may be thoroughly able to execute our high commission of christian charity and of good to man. It must be long ere we can feel that we have reached the limits of the sphere in which we move; and for many years to come, we and our successors may reasonably expect to feel the pleasure of growing stronger and richer in the service of our Master, CHRIST. We are striving to do good in our own day and generation, and, at the same time, to work for the permanence of the interest committed to our charge. We take pleasure in looking forward to the increase of our Home, till it shall number its hundreds of beneficiaries taken from the poor, whom our Saviour declared we should "have always with us, that whensoever we will, we may do them good." We imagine that the day must come when we shall be richly endowed with the treasures which christian piety shall offer; especially if we at this present time shall carefully preserve, and, by persevering, perpetuate and accumulate the gifts of faithful people. At the same time, we acknowledge that no inheritance is so valuable as the favor of the LORD; and that neither our riches nor our strength are sufficient for the accomplishment of this work. Our present hope is in the blessing of the LORD, and in the hearts of all christian people.

It is one of the occasions of our joy, that the children and inmates of the Home have continued in almost uninterrupted health. Only one child has been ill, and in that case it was deemed only a proper precaution to call for the visits of a physician. The health of Mrs. Martin, the faithful Matron of the Institution, has moreover been so completely restored as to remove all the fears which were entertained last year on her account. These blessings from the Providence of God, "in whom we live and move and have our being," call for our devoutest acknowledgments from thankful hearts. If it shall ever please our Heavenly Father, at any future period, to visit our Institution again as he has done in former years, removing several from its bounds to their appointed place, and scattering all that remained behind, we trust that we shall be found submissive to His will: for in the retrospect of the past we can now discern much good which even the awful visitation of 1849 worked for us; and we would not doubt that in all the trials by which the LORD afflicts mankind, He purposes to do them good. And yet, as in duty bound, we will ever pray "that it may please Him to save and defend and provide for our fatherless children and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed," and that He will give them the blessings of this life and of health.

The number of children, for whom we make these acknowledgments, has continued the same as at the time of our last annual report, until with-

in the past few months. Twenty-three have continued to find the shelter and nurture and care of a christian home, such as many of them, even in the life-time of their parents, had never enjoyed. And recently one more has become the inmate of our house.

This statement may to some seem to imply, that the circle of our home influence is small; that our usefulness is not sufficient to compensate for the outlay of time and of labor and of money; but a slight examination of the matter will show a very different state of things, and will warrant the assertion that few institutions have accomplished as much, in as satisfactory a manner, with as great economy, as the Home. Let it be remembered, in the first place, that we have no income from boarders. It is true there are, among the poorer members of society, many half-orphan children who have great need of protection during the necessary absence of their surviving parent from them. If they have lost their mother, they are often exposed to evil and to want while the father earns his daily bread. If they have lost their father, the mother is often hindered by the care of the children from using any means of support. In such cases, it is often possible to help both parent and child, by providing for the latter; and in some such cases it becomes easy for the parent to pay for the children's board. An institution that should thus serve, in its day and generation, might be more readily supported, and might accomplish a great deal of good; and it is possible that in our new house we may be able, in the absence of higher claims upon us, to work in this manner. But as we have been situated hitherto, without room sufficient to accommodate well even the orphans who have long depended upon us for the supply of every want, it became a fixed determination to confine ourselves strictly to the care of destitute orphans or half-orphans, and to receive no boarders at all. Accordingly, it happens that we are and have long been entirely supporting children who can claim no other protector. Seventeen of them are wholly orphans; the remaining seven may have one parent living, but they are entirely dependent upon us for love and for care; so that we feel that our charity is both wide and deep. The fifty dollars credited in the Treasurer's account, as received for boarders, offers no exception to our remarks. This small sum was received from a mother whose three children had been entirely sustained by the Home for two years. They are all now removed from our care.

The accompanying Treasurer's Report exhibits a faithful account of the receipts and expenditures of the year, and warrants our statement respecting the economy used in the charities of the Home. But, in this connection, we think it right to urge a more vigorous prosecution of the plan devised for the effectual and permanent support of the Orphan's Home. The annual subscriptions are this year, for the first time, we believe, considerably larger than either of the other sources of cash revenue; and yet there is abundant opportunity for an increase in this respect. Our capacity for usefulness will soon be very greatly increased by our removal to the new building preparing for us, and it is important that our means should expand with the occasion. While then we congratulate ourselves on the gradual growth of an income which we can count as reliable, we desire likewise to point out to them that have the ability to further our work, the great need that there is of increased subscriptions. In the new Home, to which we shall shortly remove, we shall require many fixtures for comfort and convenience. Some indebtedness will remain, and be-

sides there will be many opportunities to make profitable investments of a permanent nature. It is extremely desirable that money should be placed in our hands for these purposes. We suggest, therefore, that the example of two contributors should be followed by those who have the power to do likewise. The sum of one hundred dollars has been contributed to make Mrs. S. B. Churchill a Patron of the Home; and the sum of twenty-five dollars has also been contributed to constitute one of the earliest and truest and most devoted friends of this Institution, a Life Member of it. Although she is not among us at present, her alms have repeatedly come from a distance, to testify of her love for the orphan, and of her interest in this work. No more fitting tribute of affectionate remembrance of the services of Mrs. Ellen M. Griswold, in aid of the Orphan's Home, could have been given than this contribution. We hope that these examples may be extensively followed: the wants of the Home cannot better be supplied than by the subscriptions which may constitute persons Patrons or Life Members of the Institution.

It is exceedingly to be desired that all friends of the Orphan's Home should see for themselves, the very convenient and well arranged house which is now nearly ready for the reception of our children. It stands upon the ground deeded to the Home, a few years since, by the late Robert Tyler, of Louisville. The lot is fifty feet by one hundred and sixty on the longest side, and the house occupies the full width, facing north on the Natural Bridge Plank Road, opposite Jackson Circle, in North St. Louis, due west of Sturgeon Market. A fine cellar is underneath a large part of the house; and on the ground floor, on one side of a nine-foot hall, are a large refectory, kitchen and store-room; on the other, the laundry and servants' room. On the main floor, besides the hall as below, opening on a front porch and a rear piazza, are, on one side, the school room (forty-two by nineteen feet); and on the other; the reception room, teacher's room, nursery and bath room attached. On the second floor, we find the matron's chamber, the hospital and medicine room, and a large dark store-room, on one side of the hall; a general wardrobe over the front door, and over the school room a dormitory of equal size. In the upper story are two such dormitories and a room over the halls. In the rear are two fine piazzas, fifty feet long and ten feet wide; which, with the sheltered ground beneath them, afford a fine covered place for out-of-door exercise in rainy weather. A good cistern, a stable, and out-houses, complete the buildings thus far projected. The use of the adjoining lot of twenty-five feet front, has been secured for a term of years at a low rent, and thus the comfort of the inmates of the Home will be greatly increased. The gas-pipes are introduced into every part of the building, and the plastering of the whole is now progressing. It is hoped that the whole will be ready for use about the end of July.

The immediate vicinity of Sturgeon Market, of Grace Church, of public grounds, which will never be built up so much as to impede the free circulation of air, are advantages secured by the wise location of our Orphan's Home. Surely we have reason again to rejoice at the prospect of usefulness before us. The annexed statement from the Treasurer will give a correct view of the cost and state of this enterprise. If the liberality of such churchmen and friends of our work as have not yet contributed towards the erection of this building shall enable us to pay the remaining indebtedness of the Home, we shall soon be free from all annual rent.

But in the meantime we certainly shall be able to make a great reduction in our outlay for rent, besides obtaining the permanent comforts of such a house as is now prepared for us.

In regard to the management of the Home, we have nothing new to explain. Our system is unchanged, and our Institution is what its name imports. The public are invited to examine its operations. May the LORD prosper it, and stir up the wills of His faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Him be plenteously rewarded, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Managers.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE PAST YEAR, 1852-'53.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance on Easter Monday, 1852.....	\$ 57.63
Cash subscriptions.....	488.50
“ Christ Church offertory.....	180.00
“ Christmas offerings.....	40.00
“ Children of Christ Church.....	14.90
“ to make Mrs. Griswold a life-member.....	25.00
“ “ Mrs. Churchill a patron.....	100.00
“ St. George's Church offertory.....	14.59
“ Orphan's Ball.....	156 00
“ other donations.....	183.25
“ for boarding children.....	50 00
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	\$1,309.87

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid on rent due, 1852.....	\$ 11.00
“ “ for eleven months.....	366.66
“ house expenses.....	333.42
“ matron's salary.....	132.00
“ servants' wages.....	73.00
“ appropriated to building.....	256.09
Balance in treasury.....	137.70
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	\$1,309.87

The Treasurer further reports having received from subscriptions and donations (including amount appropriated as above) for the building now being erected for the Home, up to this present time.....	\$3,995.67
From proceeds of note given by gentlemen of the Building Committee in November last, for loan payable in November next.....	2,400.00
Interest on deposits of above with Exchange Bank of Haskell & Co.....	166.73
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	\$6,562.40
The Treasurer has paid to contractors on acc't of the building..	5,650.00
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Leaving balance remaining on deposit.....	\$ 912.40

The chairman of the Building Committee informs her that, after expending the above balance, there will be required to finish the building according to contract, the further sum of \$2,012.60; to meet which, together with the note (\$2,650, including interest) given for money borrowed as above stated, there will be received from subscriptions payable in April and May next, \$350—leaving a balance due of \$4,312.60 to be provided for by the friends of the Home.

The building is insured in the sum of \$4,000—the policy for which has been generously donated to the Association by the Secretary of the “Home Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company of St. Louis.”

Respectfully submitted.

St. Louis, Easter Monday, 1853.

S. P. CURTIS, *Treasurer*.

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EXTRACT FROM SERMON

Embodied in Report on Episcopal Fund.

In the Journal of the last Convention of Missouri (p. 25)—“The Committee to whom was referred the resolution to devise some means for the permanent support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, ask leave to make the following report.

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

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

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

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

Under the first of these resolutions, the Standing Committee of Missouri, after consultation among themselves and with the Bishop, at the Bishop's own suggestion, appointed each clergyman in his own parish the agent for the purposes named in the resolution of the Convention; and also empowered every such agent to employ, in his own parish, the services of any of the others, as he might see fit. This course was not, however, adopted until some efforts had been fruitlessly made to secure a suitable agent to go abroad. Now, it is hoped that something may be done, before the meeting of another annual Convention, by which it shall appear that progress has been made within the Diocese towards the attainment of a most important object in the Church work of Missouri. Afterwards it will be comparatively easy, if necessary, to obtain aid from abroad.

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Follow me, then, if you please, while I unfold, in brief, the nature of my errand among you to-day, and the true nature of the claim which our official connection with our Bishop imposes upon us. And first, it must be noticed that this is not a matter of favor or compliment, or simply one of affection and of respect toward our Bishop; but it is a duty which we ought not to leave undone. Here is an obligation actually existing, without being properly recognized as such. The personal claims upon us of the Episcopal incumbent might be absolutely null, and still the necessity would exist, to provide in a suitable manner for the support of the chief officer of the Church. Another fact to be observed is this: that by virtue of past contracts, still binding upon the Diocese and upon the parish of Christ Church, St. Louis, there was no imperative necessity for the action which has been taken by the Diocese in reference to this subject. The Bishop himself has been the first to call the attention of the Diocese to the subject of his connection with us, as at present arranged; and it is he who has opened the way for legislation, and subsequent Diocesan action in reference to his support as the Bishop, independent of any directly parochial engagement.

First, then, let me assure you, as it is right for me to do, that it is by the Bishop's appointment to act in his stead, as his agent in his own parish of Christ Church, that I have authority to bring this matter to your notice, and to recommend and urge it upon you for speedy action. Next, let me give you more in detail the reasons which have impelled, first the

Convention, and then the Standing Committee, to act in reference to this agency.

The Bishop's first address to the Convention of the Diocese in April, 1845, mentions "the arduous duties arising from the Rectorship of a large parish" as one of the difficulties in the way of Episcopal visitations of the Diocese.

In his second address (1846), the Bishop says: "It is idle to lament what may not now be remedied, viz., my confinement to the duties of a large parish in this city, which prevents my moving through the Diocese as frequently and fully as I desire. In God's good time I may be released, and be more able to discharge the office of a Bishop among you."

In the Convention of 1847, the necessity of the case seemed to the Bishop to require a more extended notice of the subject before us. "Could I dare hope," says he (p. 12), "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 duty would soon, we might hope, 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."

Again, in 1848, (p. 13 Jour.)—"There is one subject of which I am constrained to speak, and I speak of it with great reluctance, because it in a measure concerns myself. I allude to the support of the Episcopate. This Diocese, my beloved, has never contributed any thing towards the support of its Bishop. In the Rectorship of Christ Church, St. Louis, alone, he has found the means of living among you. But, fastened as I am in the Rectorship of that large parish, it is impossible for me to discharge fully the duties of the Episcopate. Your Bishop, in our present condition, should be your chief missionary in building up the waste places of this Diocese. Nor can we hope much for the growth of the Church among us, until the Bishop is free to discharge his duties. It is not that I disparage the work and service of our laborious and self-denying missionaries—I know their worth too well to do this—and they will join me, I think, in the desire that their Bishop may be free to act his part among them.

"Independently of the fact, that, fastened in a Rectorship, the Bishop is prevented from the full discharge of his duties, I may be pardoned for saying, also, that the labor of my position is too great for any one man, and some relief should be provided. Something should be done, and done promptly, upon this subject. I will say no more. I have spoken frankly,

and now trust with confidence this whole subject to the christian feeling and good sense of this body."

In 1849, no Convention assembled, in consequence of the then prevailing pestilence.

In 1850, nothing was said by the Bishop on this subject; for, in fact, he said all that could be deemed requisite, and legislative action had begun.

Let us therefore now glance at the attempts which have been made in the Diocese to meet the plain duty of providing for the separate maintenance of the Episcopate.

The primary Convention of this Diocese was held in Christ Church, St. Louis, in November, 1840, during the administration of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., as Provisional Bishop of Missouri. It was then resolved, "That a committee be appointed to report a plan for the establishment of a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate in the Diocese of Missouri." This committee subsequently reported progress, and requested to be continued. At their suggestion it was moved and carried, "that the chair appoint some person as receiver and treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive the moneys, gifts, donations, or legacies, for the maintenance and support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, and to keep an account with the said Fund; and generally, whose duties shall, in all things, as nearly as may be, conform to those usually performed by such officer, until further provision therefor shall have been made for that purpose; and shall hold his office until his successor shall have been duly chosen." (Jour. Prim. Conv., pp. 11 and 12, 17—19.)

In 1841, the Committee again reported progress and was continued. (Jour. p. 14.)

In 1842, the following report was submitted (Jour. pp. 23—28):

"The committee appointed by a resolution of the Convention of 1840 to report a plan for the establishment of a *permanent fund* for the maintenance of the Episcopate of this Diocese, beg leave to

"Report, that they have taken the subject into consideration; and in view of the present inauspicious aspect of the times, are enabled to lay before the Convention only the following suggestions, as the result of their deliberations.

"For the establishment of a permanent fund, your committee are of opinion, that we shall have to depend, under Providence, upon the slow operations of time. Such measures only, therefore, are here recommended as may serve to secure to the future the consummation of that desirable object, looking to the gradual increase of the Church in the Diocese, the systematic and persevering efforts of the clergy and laity, and the liberality of their fellow-churchmen throughout the Union.

"The most feasible and promising plan would seem to be, that it be recommended to the clergy canonically resident in the Diocese and in charge of parishes, that they bring the subject at stated periods before their respective congregations. That beyond this, they be requested, whenever absent from the Diocese, to present the subject to the congregations of Churchmen, and to influential individuals in the Church, and endeavor to excite their liberality to such bequests, contributions and gifts, as may secure the end in view. That a representation of the state of the Diocese, its capabilities, its wants, and its present means,

urging the importance of the object contemplated, in circular form, be drawn up by the Secretary of this Convention, and be published and circulated as well throughout the Diocese as in such other prominent quarters as he may deem advisable—through such channels of communication, in addition to the Journal of the Convention, as may be most practicable.

“Your committee are not of opinion that any direct contributions, in the way of money, should be called for from the parishes within the Diocese; although they feel it their duty to suggest, that, when it may be thought expedient by the Rector and Vestry of any particular church, a small tax might be collected from communicants in aid of the fund.

“Nothing as yet having been received by the treasurer, who was appointed in 1840, and there being but little probability of such an accumulation of funds or property in his hands intermediate the present and the next annual Convention as to require the organization of measures at present for the control and regulation of that department, your committee have therefore omitted to notice that subject, leaving it to be adjusted by a future Convention, when resources shall have so developed as to make action upon the subject necessary and proper.”

And finally in 1843, when the Convention of the Diocese and the Vestry of Christ Church, St. Louis, united in the application to the House of Bishops, for the appointment of a Bishop under the then existing canon (I. of 1838), it was with an express stipulation between the Vestry and the Convention, providing for the support of the Bishop as Rector of Christ Church, and “furnishing him ample opportunities for visiting, exploring and superintending the Diocese.” (Memorial from Mo. to Gen. Conv., Jour. 1843, p. 13.)

The application was successful, and the newly consecrated Bishop met his Convention for the first time in December, 1844.

The Bishop's language to his Convention, in the years 1845, '46, '47, on the subject of the support of the Episcopate, has already been quoted. In the Convention of 1847, the motion prevailed, referring the subject of the support of the Episcopate to a committee of three. (Journal, page 14.) The report of the Committee was as follows—(page 18): “That the Standing Committee be requested to communicate 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 whole 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.”

In 1848, the Standing Committee reported as follows:

“The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Missouri, to which the last Convention of the Diocese referred the duty of communicating 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 of the 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 report, that they have, through their late President, corresponded with the Rectors and Vestries of the several parishes, as requested, and have received pledges for the support of the Episcopate for the current year as follows, viz :

" From Christ Church, St. Louis,	- - -	\$500.00
" St. Paul's Church, "	- - -	50.00
" St. John's Church, "	- - -	50.00
" Grace Church, "	- - -	50.00
" Christ Church, Boonville,	- - -	50.00
" Christ Church, Lexington,	- - -	40.00

Making, in all, the sum of \$740.00

"That no replies were received from St. Mary's Church, Fayette; Trinity Church, Hannibal; St. Paul's Church, Palmyra; Grace Church, Jefferson City. That a letter was received from the Vestry of St. George's Church, St. Louis, stating that, as they were erecting a church during the present year, they would be unable to contribute any thing at present for the support of the Episcopate.

"In the communication received from two of the Vestries, it was stated, that it was their opinion, that inasmuch as all parishes in this State are voluntary associations, and cannot under existing laws be duly incorporated, the action taken by the present Vestries would not be binding upon their successors. This fact, which the committee believe to be true, and equally applicable to all the parishes in the Diocese, would, in their opinion, render it unsafe to rely on the voluntary pledges of the several Vestries for the support of the Episcopate.

"Under these circumstances, it was resolved by the Committee to report the facts of the case to the Convention, and to recommend the adoption of a canon which shall make it the duty of each annual Convention to assess the several parishes a certain amount for this purpose."

The recommendation of the committee was followed; a canon (the same which now stands as the XVI. in our code) was proposed and referred, and finally postponed for consideration at the next Convention. In 1849 there was no Convention. In 1850 the proposed canon was passed as follows :

"CANON XVI.—Of Support of the Episcopate.

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

And assessments were reported on a double basis—recognizing the duty of the Diocese to support its Bishop, and naming the amount (\$2,000) which ought to be raised for his income; but, at the same time, acknowledging the temporary arrangement made for his support in Christ Church Parish, and recommending that a smaller sum—viz., \$230—be raised for the purpose of meeting certain expenses incidental to the Episcopate. These assessments were made, and \$124.50 were promptly paid.

In 1851, the same partial assessment of \$230 was renewed; an increased proportion—viz., \$142.50—was paid, and a new canon was proposed. (Jour. p. 27.)

In 1852, that canon was adopted as follows: "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." An increased temporary assessment for the incidental expenses of the Episcopate, amounting to \$300, was also ordered. This year's Journal exhibits a still increased payment of \$203 thus assessed. And thus, not only has the legislation of the Diocese on this subject gone steadily and consistently onward, but its results have grown also. And at the last Convention, the agency under which I am addressing you was also set on foot. A committee of five was appointed (p. 9) to report to the same Convention a plan whereby to raise a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese. This committee, composed of laymen, afterwards submitted the report which has already been read (Jour. 1852, p. 25); and, on motion, it was resolved, "that in case of vacancy under the resolutions adopted from that report, the Standing Committee, with the consent of the Bishop, should be empowered to fill the same." The action of the Standing Committee, on the matters entrusted to them, has already been stated in part. They have appointed the agents for every part of the Diocese, and, in addition, have furnished them with forms of cash subscription papers—of promissory notes, payable in one, two, three and four years, to be used in the effort to start this fund—and they have recommended suitable persons to be named as trustees of any property that may be conveyed to the Diocese for the purpose of maintaining the Episcopate. And thus an agency, costing nothing, has been set in operation, with as much prospect of success in its applications as could have attended any other mode of attempting to raise the necessary funds.

It should be noted that in every parish of the Diocese, there must, according to the late canon, be at least one collection in every year in aid of the permanent fund; and moreover, that the contemplated contributions, and likewise "the interest annually accruing from the fund, must be vested in permanent securities, until the further order of the Convention."

The plan which the Diocese has decided to try is indeed the slower, but it is deemed the surer method of accomplishing the desired end. Once begun, if perseveringly continued, it must accomplish its result, and every year will add something to the resources of the Diocese; every step forwards will be a permanent gain, and eventually, even if it should not be in the life-time of the present Bishop, the Episcopate will be supported with propriety and with certainty. The decision of the Diocese is recorded against any merely temporary provision for the maintenance of the Episcopate. It has rejected the system of pledges for an annual support—and with reason too—inasmuch as they must be more or less unreliable, and may be of short duration. It has, moreover, recognized the broad principle, that it is bound to provide for its chief officer. There can hardly be any necessity for adducing argument in behalf of the course thus marked out by the successive Conventions of Missouri. Their tendency has been uniform, both in declining any plan for a merely temporary provision for the support of the Episcopate, and also in recommending such action as should lead to permanent results. This has been done

in accordance with the most obvious propriety and the most imperative duty. And time sufficient has elapsed since the first legislation took place, to let it be deemed the matured will of the Diocese, that its Bishop shall have a reliable, fixed and tangible income as the Bishop.

It is true that no great progress has yet been made in the matter of forming this fund; but, for two years past, the principle has been practically recognized that the Diocese owes something to its head, and a nominal payment has been made. These annual assessments might, if there were any present necessity, be very greatly increased. Mere voluntary contributions might wholly and entirely, for a time, sustain the Bishop; but there would be neither justice, nor propriety, nor honor, in leaving him to a precarious, uncertain support, insufficient to enable him cheerfully and fully to discharge the sacred duties of his office. It only remains, therefore, that the Diocese recognize in a practical way its obligations to its head—obligations that existed prior to any special legislation on the subject of the Bishop's income—obligations which were assumed on the very day when the Convention elected and sought the consecration of its Bishop. * * * * * It was a long stride on the way to success that the Church in Missouri made when she gained a Bishop. Though she was weak, a Bishop in the midst of her was a tower of strength, and, under God, if the Church proves faithful to her trust, the element of success. Let, then, the Episcopate be sustained. After nearly ten years of inaction, or of halting legislation, let us begin to act, doing in our day the work of our day, and leaving the results and the consequences unto God.

TREASURER'S REPORTS.

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

1852.			
May 25,	To Am't on hand,		\$67.92
25,	“ Rec'd from Grace Church, St. Louis,		5.00
Oct. 26,	“ “ St. John's Church, St. Louis,		5.00
Dec. 3,	“ “ Christ Church, St. Louis,		25.00
1853.			
April 8,	“ “ St. Paul's Church, St. Louis,		5.00
May 24,	“ “ Trinity Church, St. Charles,		3.00
24,	“ “ Christ Church, Lexington,		5.00
25,	“ “ Trinity Church, Hannibal,		3.00
25,	“ “ St. George's Church, St. Louis,		20.00
25,	“ “ St. Mary's Church, Fayette,		4.00
25,	“ “ St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow,		3.00
26,	“ “ St. Ann's Church, Brunswick,		3.00
27,	“ “ Christ Church, Boonville,		5.00
			\$153.92

CONTRA CREDIT.

1852.				
Nov. 26,	By Am't paid for copying Journals,	.	.	\$15.00
1853.				
Jan. 7,	"	"	Binding Journals,	1.25
May 2,	"	"	Printing Circulars,	2.50
2,	"	"	Postage on do.,	.15
24,	"	"	Republican Office, for printing Journal	
			for 1852-'53, 700 copies, 61 pages, 108.00	
27,	By Balance on hand,	.	.	27.02
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				\$ 153.92

JOHN HALSALL, *Treasurer.*

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

1852.				
May 28,	To Am't Rec'd from Grace Church, St. Louis, (1851,)			\$10.00
28,	"	"	"	10.00
Oct. 26,	"	"	St. John's Church, St. Louis,	15.00
Dec. 3,	"	"	Christ Church, St. Louis,	75.00
1853.				
April 8,	"	"	St. Paul's Church, St. Louis,	15.00
May 24,	"	"	Trinity Church, St. Charles,	9.00
24,	"	"	Christ Church, Lexington,	15.00
25,	"	"	Trinity Church, Hannibal,	9.00
25,	"	"	St. Mary's Church, Fayette,	12.00
25,	"	"	St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow,	9.00
26,	"	"	St. Ann's Church, Brunswick,	9.00
27,	"	"	Christ Church, Boonville,	15.00
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				\$ 203.00

CONTRA CREDIT.

1852.				
Dec. 3,	By Am't paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Hawks,	.	.	95.00
1853.				
May 26,	"	"	"	93.00
27,	By Balance on hand,	.	.	15.00
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				\$ 203.00

JOHN HALSALL, *Treasurer.*

**Society for Propagating the Gospel in Missouri in Account with
John Halsall, Treas'r.**

1852.				
May 12,	To Am't Rec'd from	Christ Church, St. Louis,	.	\$ 25.00
Oct. 26,	"	Miss Rutgers (subscription),	.	3.00
1853.				
April 5,	"	Miss Rutgers, per Bp. Hawks,	.	3.00
May 12,	"	Church of the Holy Communion, N. Y. (Epiphany offering),	.	100.00
12,	"	Christ Church, St. Louis (special offering),	.	125.00
12,	"	"	"	50.00
25,	"	"	"	20.00
				\$ 326.00

CONTRA CREDIT.

1852.				
Aug. 12,	By Am't paid	Missionary at Fayette,	.	\$ 25.00
1853.				
May 12,	"	Missionary Trinity Church, Hannibal,	.	75.00
12,	"	Missionary St. Mary's Church, Fayette,	.	75.00
12,	"	Missionary Christ Church, Lexington,	.	75.00
25,	"	three Missionary visits to St. Charles,	.	6.00
25,	"	Missionary St. Ann's Church, Brunswick,	.	50.00
27,	"	Mr. Dunn, Miss'y St. Mary's Ch., Fayette,	.	20.00
				\$ 326.00

JOHN HALSALL, *Treasurer.*

Abstract of Assessments remaining unpaid May 27, 1853.

Published in obedience to Canon XIV.

FOR SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE.

St. George's Church, St. Louis,	.	.	.	.	\$ 200.00
Trinity Church, Hannibal,	.	.	.	.	15.50
Grace Church, Jefferson City,	.	.	.	.	17.50
"	"	.	.	.	9.00
St. John's Church, Weston,	.	.	.	.	9.00
Christ Church, St. Joseph,	.	.	.	.	9.00
Grace Church, St. Louis,	.	.	.	.	10.00
St. Paul's Church, Palmyra,	.	.	.	.	9.00
					\$ 279.00

FOR DIOCESAN EXPENSES.

St. Paul's Church, Palmyra,	.	.	.	.	\$ 3.00
Grace Church, Jefferson City,	.	.	.	.	3.00
St. John's Church, Weston,	.	.	.	.	3.00
Christ Church, St. Joseph,	.	.	.	.	3.00
					\$ 12.00

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

CANON VIII. OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

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

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

CANON XII. OF THE DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.

Of Attending the Meetings of the Convention.

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

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

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

CANON XVI. OF THE DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.

Of Support of the Episcopate.

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

CANON XVIII. OF THE DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.

Of Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.

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

RESOLUTIONS OF THE DIOCESAN CONVENTIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of a layman from each parish in the city of St. Louis, and of a clergyman from each parish of the Diocese out of St. Louis, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to canvass their respective parishes, and to procure as large a subscription as possible to the Episcopal Fund, in pursuance of resolutions passed by the Convention in 1852, and to be found on page 25 of their Journal.

CIRCULAR TO THE CLERGY.

St. Louis, June 10, 1853.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN:

At our last annual Convention the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Resolved, that, with the assent of the Vestry, it shall be the duty of every settled minister in this Diocese, to devote one Sunday in every three months to Missionary labor, under the direction of the Bishop as to time and place."

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

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

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

The expense incurred will be met by our Diocesan Missionary Society. To carry out the resolution, it will be necessary that contributions be received by our Missionary Society in accordance with another resolution: "Resolved, that this Convention earnestly recommends to every Parish in this Diocese, to make at least two collections every year for the support of Diocesan Missions."

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

I am yours, affectionately,

C. S. HAWKS.

* The visits of the clergy will be as follows:

The Rev. F. J. Clerc will visit St. Charles, Bridgeton and Hermann.

" " J. W. Dunn will visit Columbia, Rocheport and Glasgow.

" " D. G. Estes will visit Brunswick and Georgetown.

" " S. G. Gassaway will visit Manchester.

" " J. A. Harrison will visit Independence.

" " W. A. Leach will visit Jefferson City and Fulton.

" " W. H. Woodward will visit Carondelet.

" " J. Adderly will visit Louisiana, Clarksville, Prairieville and Bowling-Green.

" " J. McNamara will visit Savannah, Platte City and Fort Leavenworth.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of the day shall be introduced with prayers.
2. The minutes of the Journal for the day preceding shall be read every morning at the opening of the Convention.
3. The President shall appoint the several committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order.
4. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.
5. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
7. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave from the House.
8. When a question has been once determined, it shall stand as the judgment of the House, and shall not again be drawn into debate, except on motion for reconsideration, which must be made by a member who had previously voted in the majority.
9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, to postpone, or to lay it upon the table; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided before the original motion.
10. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the decision.
11. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.
12. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the chair, without debate; an appeal, however, may be made from his decision, to the Convention by any member of the same.
13. The President shall, in his discretion, select within the limits of those pews allotted for the use of the members, pews for the accommodation of visiting clergymen and students of Theology, who may be invited to the same by the President, without any special application to the Convention.
14. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended, without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.
15. Immediately after the organization of the Convention, the following standing committees shall be appointed, each to be composed of three members, viz:
 - A Committee on Admission of New Parishes;
 - A Committee on Constitution and Canons;
 - A Committee on Unfinished Business;
 - A Committee on Finance.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri.

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

ART. 2. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri, on the fourth Friday in May in each year, in such place as shall be determined by the Convention. In the event of the prevalence of any epidemic disease, or for other sufficient cause, occurring after the designation of the place of 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 union with this Convention: and of lay members, consisting of one or more delegates, not exceeding four, from each church, to be chosen by the vestry or congregation. And clergymen who shall have been employed as missionaries of the Church within this Diocese, for six months preceding a Convention, and clergymen engaged as professors and instructors of youth in any college, academy, or general seminary of learning, duly incorporated, and under the control of the Protestant Episcopal Church, may be members of the Convention.

ART. 5. Every Convention shall be opened with prayers and a sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop; and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 6. In case of a vacancy of the Episcopate, or necessary absence of the Bishop, the members of the Convention shall elect a President from among the clergy.

ART. 7. In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body; and, in voting, the clergy shall vote by individuals, and the laity by congregations: and when more than one church or chapel shall be united under one vestry, the delegates of such vestry shall be entitled to a vote for each church or chapel, and a majority of votes of the two orders jointly shall be decisive; but, if in any case it be required by five votes, the two orders shall vote separately

in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In the case of electing a Bishop, the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode as prescribed.

ART. 8. A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the annual Convention, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next annual Convention, and until a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. It shall also be his duty to give due notice to each minister and vestry of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding Convention.

ART. 9. At least three clergymen and the lay-delegates from three parishes shall be necessary, as a quorum, for the 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 to be provided for that purpose alone, to preserve the originals of all letters and papers addressed to the Standing Committee, to attest their public acts, to perform such other duties as they require, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books, papers and letters relative to the concerns of the Standing Committee which may have been entrusted to him.

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

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

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

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 the 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 consid-

ered in the Convention; and, if approved of, shall lie over to the next stated Convention; and, if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting thereon separately and concurring, the change shall take place, and the constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

CANONS.

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 connection of a clergyman with a seminary of learning, duly incorporated, and under the control of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall consist, also, in the certificate of the Bishop; or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the President of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 2. The appointment of a lay-delegate to the Convention of this Diocese, shall be certified in writing by the rector of the parish of which he is a representative, or by one of the wardens, or by the secretary of the vestry of such parish; and no lay-delegate shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention unless he be entitled to vote for wardens and vestrymen of the parish which he is appointed to represent; and no candidate for holy orders in the Church shall be entitled to a seat as a lay-delegate to this Convention.

CANON III.—*Of Admission into Union with the Diocese.*

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

CANON IV.—*Of Election of Vestries.*

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

SEC. 2. From their number, the rector shall appoint a senior warden, and the vestry shall elect a junior warden; one of whom shall preside in the absence of the rector. They shall also elect a secretary, whose duty it shall be to take minutes of the proceedings of the vestry, and to perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Church which may be in his possession.

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

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

CANON V.—*Of Deputies to General Convention.*

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

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

CANON VI.—*Of Parish Registers and Parochial Reports.*

SECTION 1. The parish register, required by the canon of the General Convention, shall specify the name and time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the name of the adult baptized; the names of the parties married, and the place where the marriage was solemnized; the names of the persons buried; and also the time when each rite was performed. These registers shall be kept by the minister in a book, to be provided for that purpose, belonging to the vestry of each parish; which book shall be the parish register, and shall be pre-

served by the vestry as a part of the records of the parish. The list of communicants shall embrace all within his cure, as nearly as can be ascertained; and in his annual parochial report, he shall distinguish the additions, removals, and deaths, since the last report. He shall also keep a list of the families and adult persons in his cure, so far as practicable, and also an accurate list of persons confirmed from time to time by the Bishop.

SEC. 2. In every case where a parish is destitute of a minister, the register contemplated by this canon shall be kept by the wardens, or by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose.

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

CANON VII.—*Of the Standing Committee.*

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

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

CANON VIII.—*Of Vacant Parishes.*

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

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

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

CANON IX.—*Of Elections.*

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

CANON X.—*Of the Treasurer.*

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

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

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

CANON XI.—*Of the Secretary of the Convention.*

SECTION 1. In addition to the duties of the Secretary prescribed in the eighth article of the constitution, he shall transmit, annually, to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last House of clerical and lay-delegates in the General Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention; and shall request the last to send copies of their respective Journals in exchange. He shall also transmit a copy to each clergyman in the Diocese, and to each lay-deputy attending the Convention; and forward by mail, unless otherwise directed, ten copies to each parish in the Diocese.

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

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

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

CANON XII.—*Of attending the Meetings of the Convention.*

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

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

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

CANON XIII.—*Of the Mode of Trying Clergymen.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 7. Depositions may be taken by either party, if it be made to appear satisfactorily to the Bishop that any material witness can not be procured upon the trial; and, in every such case, the Bishop shall appoint a commissary to take the same; and the notice and proceedings shall, as near as may be, conform to the laws of the State and practice of the civil courts.

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

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

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

SEC. 11. The judgment of the court shall, in all cases, be made known in writing to the accused, and to the vestry of his parish, if he be a parochial minister.

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

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

CANON XIV.—*Of Contingent Expenses.*

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

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

CANON XV.—*Of Appointments under the Canons.*

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

CANON XVI.—*Of Support of the Episcopate.*

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

CANON XVII.—*Of Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate.*

It shall be the duty of 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.

CANON XVIII.—*Of Alterations and Amendments.*

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

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 6. No person shall be rector or minister of this church, or allowed to execute any of the functions of the same, unless he shall have had Episcopal ordination, and be in full standing with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and recognized as a minister, in good standing, of the said Church, by the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee.

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

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

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

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

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## FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION

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

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

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

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