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OF THE

## ATTENDING MEMBERS.

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### HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

- The Right Rev. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. of Pennsylvania,  
presiding Bishop.
- The Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D. of New-York.
- The Right Rev. ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD, D. D. of  
the Eastern Diocess, composed of the states of New Hamp-  
shire, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode-Island.
- The Right Rev. THEODORE DEHON, D. D. of South-Carolina.
- The Right Rev. RICHARD CHANNING MOORE, D. D. of Vir-  
ginia.
- The Right Rev. JAMES KEMP, D. D. of Maryland.
- The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. of New-Jersey.

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### HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

#### CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

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| <i>New-Hampshire,</i> | The Rev. Charles Burroughs.          |
| <i>Massachusetts,</i> | { The Rev. Thomas Carlile,           |
| <i>Vermont,</i>       | { The Rev. Titus Strong.             |
| <i>Rhode-Island,</i>  | { The Rev. Stephen Beach.            |
| <i>Connecticut,</i>   | { The Rev. Salmon Wheaton,           |
|                       | { The Rev. Nathan B. Croker.         |
|                       | { The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin,           |
|                       | { The Rev. Roger Searle,             |
|                       | { The Rev. Harry Crosswell.          |
| <i>New-York,</i>      | { The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D.      |
|                       | { The Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D.      |
|                       | { The Rev. David Butler,             |
|                       | { The Rev. William Harris, D. D.     |
| <i>New-Jersey,</i>    | { The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. |
|                       | { The Rev. John C. Rudd,             |
|                       | { The Rev. Simon Wilmer,             |
|                       | { The Rev. James Chapman             |

	{	The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D.
		The Rev. Levi Bull,
<i>Pennsylvania,</i>	{	The Rev. Jackson Kemper,
		The Rev. Joseph Clarkson;
		The Rev. James Montgomery.*
<i>Delaware,</i>	{	The Rev. William Wickes.
		The Rev. Henry L. Davis,
<i>Maryland,</i>	{	The Rev. Walter D. Addison,
		The Rev. William E. Wyatt,
		The Rev. Samuel H. Turner.
	{	The Rev. John Dunn,
<i>Virginia.</i>		The Rev. William H. Wilmer,
		The Rev. Oliver Norris.
<i>South-Carolina,</i>	{	The Rev. Andrew Fowler.

*Lay Deputies.*

	{	Hon. Benjamin Gardiner,
<i>Rhode-Island,</i>		Col. Thomas Lloyd Halsey,
		Alexander Jones, Esq.
<i>Vermont,</i>	{	Mr. Orange Ferris.
		Burrage Beach, Esq.
<i>Connecticut,</i>	{	Elijah Boardman, Esq.
		Hon. Rufus King,
<i>New-York,</i>	{	Hon. Philip S. Van Rensselaer,
		Dr. John Onderdonk,
		Mr. William Ogden.
	{	Joshua M. Wallace, Esq.
<i>New Jersey,</i>		Joseph Higbie, Esq.
		Robert Boggs, Esq.
	{	Thomas M'Euen, Esq.
<i>Pennsylvania,</i>		Plunket F. Glentworth, M. D.
		Richard Dale, Esq.
		William Meredith, Esq.
	{	Bench Tilghman, Esq.
<i>Maryland,</i>		Alexander C. Magruder, Esq.
		Francis S. Key, Esq.
		Beddingfield Hands, Esq.
<i>Virginia,</i>	{	Hon. Charles F. Mercer,
		Col. Hugh Mercer.
<i>North-Carolina,</i>	{	Mr. Moses Jarvis.

\* The Rev. Dr. BEASLEY having resigned his seat in the House, in consequence of intelligence requiring his return to his family, the Rev. Mr. MONTGOMERY, by a rule of the Convention of Pennsylvania, was appointed to fill his place—*Committee of Publication.*

The following Clergy, not members of the convention, were admitted to attend the sittings of the same.

- The Rev. George T. Chapman, of Massachusetts.
- The Rev. Daniel Burhans,
- The Rev. Joseph D. Welton,
- The Rev. Smith Miles,
- The Rev. Birdsley G. Noble,
- The Rev. David Baldwin,
- The Rev. Reuben Hubbard,
- The Rev. Reuben Sherwood,
- The Rev. Charles Smith,
- The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell,
- The Rev. William Berrian,
- The Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D.
- The Rev. John Brown,
- The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley,
- The Rev. Richard F. Cadle,
- The Rev. Orin Clark,
- The Rev. Timothy Clowes,
- The Rev. William Creighton,
- The Rev. Henry J. Feltus,
- The Rev. Seth Hart,
- The Rev. Samuel Haskill,
- The Rev. John P. K. Henshaw,
- The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis,
- The Rev. Evan M. Johnson,
- The Rev. Ravaud Kearney,
- The Rev. Thomas Lyell,
- The Rev. James Milnor,
- The Rev. David Moore,
- The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk,
- The Rev. Henri L. P. F. Pèneveyre,
- The Rev. William Powell,
- The Rev. John Reed,
- The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres,
- The Rev. Hugh Smith,
- The Rev. George Weller,
- The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard,
- The Rev. John Croes. jun.
- The Rev. George Y. Morehouse,
- The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, of Pennsylvania.

} of Connecticut.

} of New-York.

} of New-Jersey.



**JOURNAL**  
OF THE  
**HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.**

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*New York, Tuesday, May, 20, 1817.*

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, several Clerical and Lay Deputies attended in Trinity Church, at half past six o'clock P. M. and a quorum of the House being present, the Rev. Dr. Wharton was requested to take the chair *pro tempore*, and the Secretary of the House in the last Convention acted as Secretary *pro tempore*.

The House then proceeded to read the testimonials of the Clerical and Lay Deputies, which were severally approved, and the following gentlemen took their seats in the House.

*Clerical Deputies*

From New-Hampshire, Rev. Charles Burroughs.

From Massachusetts, Rev. Titus Strong, Rev. Thomas Carlile.

From Rhode-Island, Rev. Salmon Wheaton, Rev. Nathan B. Croker.

From Vermont, Rev. Stephen Beach.

From Connecticut; Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Rev. Roger Searle.

From New-York, Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D. Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D. Rev. David Butler.

From New-Jersey, Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rev. John C. Rudd, Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rev. James Chapman.

From Pennsylvania, Rev. Frederic Beasley, D. D. Rev. Joseph Clarkson, Rev. Levi Bull, Rev. Jackson Kemper.

From Delaware, Rev. William Wickes.

From Maryland, Rev. Walter D. Addison, Rev. William E. Wyatt, Rev. Samuel H. Turner, Rev. Henry L. Davis:

From Virginia, Rev. William H. Wilmer, Rev. Oliver Norris, Rev. John Duna.



*Lay Deputies.*

From Rhode-Island, Hon. Benjamin Gardiner, Alexander Jones, Esq. Col. Thomas Lloyd Halsey.

From Connecticut, Burrage Beach, Esq.

From New-York, Dr. John Onderdonk, Hon. Philip S. Van Renselear, Mr. William Ogden.

From New-Jersey, Joshua M. Wallace, Esq. Joseph Higbie, Esq. Robert Boggs, Esq.

From Pennsylvania, Thomas M'Euen, Esq. Plunket F. Glentworth, M. D. Richard Dale, Esq. William Meredith, Esq.

From Maryland, Tench Tilghman, Esq. Alexander C. Magruder, Esq. Francis S. Key, Esq. Biddingfield Hands, Esq.

From Virginia, Hon. Charles F. Mercer, Col. Hugh Mercer.

The House proceeded to the election of a President and Secretary, when it appeared that the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D. was chosen President, and the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Secretary.

On motion, Resolved, that the Rev. Mr. Rudd be requested to assist the Secretary in the duties of his office.

On motion, Resolved, that Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the City of New-York during the session of this Convention, and not members thereof, be admitted to the sittings of the same.

The Rev. Dr. How, and Rev. Mr. Butler, were appointed to inform the House of Bishops, that this House was organized, and ready to proceed to business.

The House of Bishops returned for answer, that they also were organized, and ready to proceed to business.

The following message was received from the House of Bishops:

“The House of Bishops inform the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that as they deem it proper to have the business of the Convention opened by the celebration of divine service, they propose an adjournment until to-morrow morning, at the hour publickly notified for said service.”

Whereupon, Resolved, that this House adjourn until that time.

*Wednesday, May 21, 1817.*

The House attended divine service in Trinity Church. Service was performed by the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D. and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Griswold.

After divine service, the House met.

The Rev. Andrew Fowler, a clerical deputy from South-Carolina, and Mr. Orange Ferris, a lay deputy from Vermont, appeared, produced the testimonials of their appointment, and took their seats.

The Rev. William Harris, D. D. a clerical deputy, and the Hon. Rufus King, a lay deputy from New-York, appeared and took their seats.

The following rules of order were read and adopted:

1. The morning service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. 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.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the House.

6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the House, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the House.

7. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

8. 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.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. When any question is before the House, it shall be determined before any thing new is introduced, except the question of adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the House is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave his chair.

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Right Rev. Bishop Griswold, for his appropriate sermon delivered this morning, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The Rev. Dr. Harris and the Rev. Dr. Beasley were appointed a committee to communicate the foregoing resolution to the House of Bishops.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they concurred in the vote of thanks to Bishop Griswold for his sermon, and in requesting a copy for publication, and that Bishop Griswold would comply with the request of the Convention.

On motion, Ordered, that unless otherwise directed, the hour of meeting be in future at nine o'clock A. M.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee, consisting of one member from each state represented in this Convention, be appointed to examine the Journals of the different State Conventions, Episcopal Charges, Addresses, and Pastoral Letters, which have been, or may be laid before this House during the present session; to make inquiry into the state of the Church in each diocese, and into the attention paid to the canons and rules of the Church; to draw up a view of the state of the Church, and report the same to the House, agreeably to the 45th Canon.

The following gentlemen were appointed to compose said committee.

From New-Hampshire,	Rev. Mr. Burroughs.
Vermont,	Rev. Mr. Beach.
Massachusetts,	Rev. Mr. Carlile.
Rhode-Island,	Rev. Mr. Wheaton.
Connecticut,	Rev. Mr. Searle.
New-York,	Rev. Dr. How.
New-Jersey,	Rev. Dr. Wharton.
Pennsylvania,	Rev. Dr. Beasley.
Delaware,	Rev. Mr. Wickes.
Maryland,	Rev. Mr. Addison.
Virginia,	Rev. Mr. Dunn.
South-Carolina,	Rev. Mr. Fowler.

The following documents, which had been laid before the House in conformity with the 45th Canon, were referred to the above committee.

From Vermont, a written Constitution and Journal of the Convention.

Eastern Diocess, Bishop Griswold's Pastoral Letter and Address, together with several papers and reports.

From Connecticut, printed Journals from 1813 to 1817.

From New-York, printed Journals for the years 1814, 1815, and 1816, with one Charge, a Pastoral Letter, and several Addresses by the Bishop of that Diocess.

From New-Jersey, printed Journals for 1815 and 1816, together with a written report on the state of the Church in that Diocess.

From Pennsylvania, printed Journals for 1814, 1815, 1816, and 1817.

From Delaware, printed Journals for 1810 and 1816.

From Maryland, printed Journals for 1814, 1815, 1816, and an Address to the members of the Church in that Diocess.

From Virginia, printed Journals for 1815 and 1816.

From South-Carolina, printed Journals for 1815, 1816, and 1817.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had received a communication from the Secretary of a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North-Carolina, containing a copy of the Constitution of that Diocess, and a Journal of the first Convention of the same, together with a request to be received into union with the General Convention, (all which were sent with the message,) and that the House of Bishops recognised the Protestant Episcopal Church in North-Carolina as a member of this union.

The documents accompanying the foregoing message were then read, and this House concurred with the House of Bishops in admitting the Church in North-Carolina as a member of this Convention.

Mr. Moses Jarvis, jun. a lay deputy from North-Carolina appeared, produced the testimonial of his appointment, and took his seat.

Mr. Jarvis was added to the committee on the state of the Church; and the Constitution and Journal contained in the communications from North-Carolina were referred to the said committee.

Ajourned.

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*Thursday, May 22—nine o'clock A. M.*

The House met.

Elijah Boardman, Esq. a lay deputy from the Diocess of Connecticut appeared, and took his seat.

The President of this House stated, that from his difficulty of hearing, he found it inconvenient to himself to discharge the duties of his office, and therefore offered his resignation, which was accepted.

The House then proceeded to the choice of a President, when, upon counting the ballots, it was found that the Rev. William H. Wilmer was duly elected.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd asked, and obtained leave of absence for Robert Boggs, Esq. until Saturday next.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong, Resolved, that a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of an additional number of Hymns.

The following gentlemen were appointed the committee—Rev. Mr. Strong, Rev. Mr. Searle, Rev. Dr. How. Rev. Dr. Wharton, Rev. Mr. Bull, Rev. Mr. Wickes, Rev. Mr. Davis, Rev. Mr. Norris, and Rev. Mr. Fowler.

Francis S. Key, Esq. submitted the following resolution for consideration, which was ordered to lie on the table:

“Resolved, that the Clergy of this Church be, and they are hereby enjoined to recommend sobriety of life and conversation to the professing members of their respective congregations, and that they be authorised and required to state it, as the opinion of this Convention, that conforming to the vain amusements of the world, frequenting horse races, theatres, and public balls, playing cards, or being engaged in any other kind of gaming, are inconsistent with Christian sobriety, dangerous to the morals of the members of the Church, and peculiarly unbecoming the character of communicants.”

The House adjourned to attend divine service. Service was performed by the Rev. Dr. Beasley, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop White.

After divine service, the House met.

The Rev. Dr. Wilkins was appointed a committee to unite with a committee on the part of the House of Bishops, to receive from the Right Rev. Bishop Griswold the copy of his sermon preached before the Convention yesterday morning.

The Episcopal Addresses inserted in the Journals of the several Diocesan Conventions were read, in conformity with the 45th Canon.

The Rev. Dr. Beasley stated, that he had just received information, that circumstances of a domestic nature required his immediate return to his family; he therefore resigned his seat in this House.

The Secretary presented a certificate, signed by the Clerk of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Zanesville, in the state

of Ohio; of the appointment of Dr. Horace Reed, to represent that Church in its Convention, which was read.

Whereupon, Resolved, that the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Ohio not having in Convention acceded to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal church in the States of America, Dr. Reed cannot be admitted a member of this House, but that he be allowed the privilege of an honorary seat.

The Rev. James Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, by a rule of the Convention of that Diocess, having been appointed to fill the place vacated by the resignation of Dr. Beasley, appeared, and took his seat as a member of this House.

The following resolutions were offered by the Rev. Dr. Wharton for the consideration of the House, and ordered to lie on the table:

1. Resolved, that it is expedient to provide for the better education of candidates for the ministry in the Church.

2. Resolved, that a committee, consisting of one Clergyman and one Layman from each state, be appointed to bring in a report on the best manner of carrying the above resolution into execution.

Adjourned.

*Friday, May 23—nine o'clock A. M.*

The House met.

The Rev. Harry Crosswell, a clerical deputy from Connecticut, appeared and took his seat.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of an additional number of Hymns, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, that the House of Bishops be requested to make a selection of Hymns, leaving out such of the present Hymns in the Book of Common Prayer, and adding such others as they may think proper, and report to the next General Convention;—which resolution was indefinitely postponed.

On motion, Resolved, that Mr. Key's resolution, laid on the table yesterday, be called up for the consideration of the House to-morrow morning.

The House adjourned to attend divine service. Service was performed by the Rev. William H. Wilmer, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Dehon.

After divine service, the House met.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating sundry papers and facts relative to the state of the Protestant Episcopal Church westward of the Alleghany mountains, together with certain resolutions of the House of Bishops relative to the western states, and a Canon limiting the operation of the 2d and 37th Canons.

The documents accompanying this message were then read.

The resolutions of the House of Bishops, and the Canon sent from the same House, were then considered, concurred in by this House, and information of this concurrence conveyed to the House of Bishops.

On motion, Resolved, that the list of organised parishes in the state of Ohio, which has just been read before this House be entered on the Journal.

The following is the list:

- St. Peter's Church, in Ashtabula, county of Ashtabula.
- Trinity Church, in Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga.
- St. Mark's Church, in Columbia, county of Cuyahoga.
- St. John's Church, in Liverpool, county of Medina.
- St. Paul's Church, in Medina, county of Medina.
- St. Luke's Church, in Ravenna, county of Portage.
- Grace Church, in Parkman, county of Portage.
- St. Stephen's Church, in Middlebury, county of Portage.
- St. James's Church, in Boardman, county of Trumbull.
- Christ Church, in Windsor, county of Ashtabula.
- Grace Church, in Berkshire, county of Delaware.
- St. Michael's Church, in Norton county, of Delaware.
- St. John's Church, in Worthington, county of Franklin.
- St. Paul's Church, Chilicothe.
- St. James's Church, in Zanesville, county of Muskingum.
- Church, in Cambridge, county of Guernsey.
- Church, in Morristown, county of Belmont.
- Church, in St. Clairville, county of Belmont.
- Church, in Steubenville, county of Jefferson.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman asked, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Adjourned.

*Saturday, May 24—nine o'clock A. M.*

The House met.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd asked, and obtained leave of absence for Joseph Higbie, Esq. for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Key's resolution was called up for discussion.

The House adjourned to attend divine service. Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Norris, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Moore.

After divine service, the House met, and proceeded to the further consideration of Mr. Key's resolution.

The Rev. Dr. How moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that inasmuch as ample provision is already made for the purposes of Christian discipline in the cases specified in the foregoing resolution, by the Constitution, Canons, Rubrics, Homilies, and Liturgy of the Church, it is unnecessary at this time to pass any resolution on the subject of the discipline of the Church.

On motion, Resolved, that the consideration of this subject be postponed, in order to attend to a message from the House of Bishops.

A communication from the House of Bishops was then read, on the subject of a Theological Seminary; whereupon, the resolutions offered on Thursday by the Rev. Dr. Wharton were taken up, and passed in the affirmative. A committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, was then appointed:

From New-Hampshire, Rev. Mr. Burroughs.  
Massachusetts, Rev. Mr. Carlile.  
Rhode-Island, Rev. Mr. Crocker, Col. Halsey.  
Vermont, Rev. Mr. Beach, Mr. Ferris.  
Connecticut, Rev. Harry Croswell, B. Beach, Esq.  
New York, Rev. Dr. Harris, Hon. Mr. King.  
New-Jersey, Rev. Dr. Wharton, J. M. Wallace, Esq.  
Pennsylvania, Rev. Mr. Clarkson, W. Meredith, Esq.  
Delaware, Rev. Mr. Wickes,  
Maryland, Rev. Mr. Davis, T. Tilghman, Esq.  
Virginia, Rev. Mr. Dunn, Hon. C. F. Mercer.  
North-Carolina, Mr. Moses Jarvis, jun.  
South-Carolina, Rev. Mr. Fowler.

On motion, Resolved, that the papers sent to this House from the House of Bishops, on the subject of a Theological Seminary, be referred to said committee.

A communication was read from the House of Bishops, recommending the attention of the Clergy to the 22d Canon.

The Rev. Mr. Bull, Rev. Mr. Carlile, Rev. Mr. Strong, and Mr. Ferris, asked, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The House then proceeded to consider the Rev. Dr. How's resolution, when a motion was made for an adjournment, which motion prevailed, and the House adjourned.



*Monday, May 26—nine o'clock A. M.*

The House met, and proceeded to the further consideration of the resolution offered on Saturday by the Rev. Dr. How. This subject was postponed to receive the following report of the committee on the state of the Church, which was read, accepted, and sent to the House of Bishops.

#### REPORT.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the 45th Canon, have taken a general view of the state of the Church, and offer to the House of Bishops the result of their inquiries, respectfully requesting that venerable body to draw up, and cause to be published, a Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church.

#### EASTERN DIOCESS.

##### *New-Hampshire.*

Since the last General Convention the Church in this state has greatly increased. An Episcopal congregation has been formed in the town of Concord, the seat of the state legislature; and Episcopal service is regularly performed there on Sundays by a clergyman or a lay reader. We trust that they will soon be able to erect a building for public worship. A new Church has been established at Bradford, and another at Hopkinton. An Episcopal Church has also been incorporated at Drewsville, which is a part of Walpole, and they annually derive a hundred and thirty dollars from their Church lands. St. John's Church, at Portsmouth, contains more than seventy families, and has about seventy communicants. The Church at Cornish is without a clergyman, but divine service is generally performed on Sundays by a lay reader. Union Church at Claremont, and Trinity Church at Holderness, we trust, continue to improve under the labours of their respective ministers. The necessity of the encouragement of Missionary Societies will appear, when it is suggested, that five of the few churches in this state want either the ability or the opportunity to provide themselves with pastors. We feel much pleasure in stating, that the aid and visitations of the Right Rev. Bishop of the Eastern Diocess have been, through the great goodness of the Divine Head of the Church, an essential blessing to the churches of this state.

*Massachusetts.*

In this state we are gratified to observe an increase of churches, and a growing attention to our doctrine and discipline. With but few exceptions, the congregations are regularly supplied, and a zeal is manifested among those who are not favoured with stated ministrations, to contribute as much as is in their power to obtain this desirable object. From the formation of societies for the distribution of Prayer Books and Episcopal Tracts much good has resulted. And, it is presumed, at no former time have such efforts been made for the increasing prospects of the Church—nor any been crowned with greater success.

*Vermont.*

The aspect of the Church in this state is much more pleasing than it was at the time of the sitting of the last General Convention. The question in regard to the Church lands remains yet undecided; but, it is thought, is in a way soon to be decided in favour of the Church. There are at present two clergymen only who officiate in this state. The Rev. Mr. Brunson officiates at Arlington and Manchester; his congregations are large and respectable. "Mr. Beach," says Bishop Griswold, "is now officiating at Fairfield, St. Albans, and Sheldon, in Vermont, and of his success we have the most pleasing intelligence. A very considerable number of communicants have already been added to those churches. Large congregations attend his preaching—a spirit of religious inquiry and awakened concern for the one thing needful, extensively prevails in those parts of the state where he labours; and cheering are the prospects of still greater increase, both in members and piety. At Fairfield they are erecting a house for the worship of God, and already is this pious work in great forwardness. Indeed, the number of churches which are now building, or will probably soon be commenced, is one of the best proofs of the increasing zeal amongst our people, for the service of God, and the support of his holy worship." At Bellows' Falls, also at Windsor and Middlebury, are churches now erecting: All that is wanting for the rapid growth of the Church in Vermont, is a number of zealous clergymen. O that the Lord of all would send more labourers into his harvest!

*Rhode-Island.*

The Church in Rhode-Island, through the Divine blessing, is in a flourishing condition. Since the last General

Convention a new congregation has been formed in the village of Pautucket, and a neat and spacious church edifice, nearly completed. The other churches of this state are also prosperous. It has pleased the Lord to awaken many to righteousness; so that large additions have been made to our communion, and our congregations considerably increased. Much good is expected to result from societies which have been instituted for the distribution of the Book of Common Prayer and religious Tracts.

EASTERN DIOCESS—*generally.*

Since the last Convention, there have been admitted to the order of Deacons, Silas S. Safford (since deceased), Walter Cranston, John L. Blake, Stephen Beach, Thomas Carlile, Chever Felche, George S. White, Joseph R. Andrus, George T. Chapman, Gideon W. Olney, Jonathan M. Wainwright, George Leonard, and Benjamin B. Smith, and Titus Strong, John L. Blake, Thomas Carlile, George S. White, and Joseph R. Andrus, Deacons, have been ordained Priests. The Rev. Titus Strong has been instituted Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield; and the Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector of St. Peter's Church, in Salem. Six hundred and seventy-five persons have been confirmed. There are fourteen candidates for Holy Orders.

In May, of 1815, Bishop Griswold, being invited according to the directions of the 20th Canon, visited some of the churches in Connecticut, confirmed 131 persons, and admitted Ezekiel G. Gear and Reuben Sherwood to the order of Deacons; and the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, Alpheus Gear, Harry Crosswell, and Aaron Humphrey, Deacons, to that of Priests.

*Connecticut.*

In the Diocess of Connecticut the prospects of the Church are in a high degree flattering. A rapid increase of numbers—a growing zeal—and a proportionate measure of industry and liberality, on the part of both the Clergy and Laity, are among the circumstances on which we calculate, through the blessing of God, for raising the Church from its late depressed state, and for ensuring its lasting prosperity. From the journals of the Diocesan Conventions, it appears that there has been a considerable accession of members to our communion since the last report: and as the balance of emigration is against the Diocess, it is evident that these additions

have been principally drawn from other denominations: and that the liberality of our people has been proportionate to this increase, is manifest from the great number of edifices which have been erected for the celebration of the ordinances and worship of our Church—and from the munificence displayed in the construction of these edifices. Trinity Church, in New-Haven, which was consecrated in February, 1816, is surpassed by very few, if any, in the Union, for size, convenience, or simple elegance. The Church in this Diocese has laboured under very serious inconvenience since the death of its late lamented Diocesan, Bishop Jarvis, by being in a great measure deprived of the benefit of Episcopal visitations. This inconvenience, however, is now in a considerable degree remedied, by an arrangement with the right Rev. Bishop Hobart, of New-York, who has been regularly invited by the Convention of the state, under the 20th Canon of the General Convention to take temporary charge of the Diocese; and has accordingly done so.

Under this arrangement, Bishop Hobart has visited a part of the Diocese—consecrated several churches—and administered the rite of confirmation to about 1600 persons. Still, however, the want of a resident Diocesan is much felt; and we confidently hope that the time is not far distant, when the fund for the support of a Bishop, amounting already to little less than 15,000 dollars, will be sufficient to supply this necessity, and to meet the wishes, and fulfil the most sanguine expectations of the friends of the Church throughout the Dioceses.

#### *New-York.*

We have reason to be thankful to the great Head of the Church for the degree of prosperity with which he has blessed that portion of it which forms the Diocese of New-York: Fidelity in the Clergy, and an encouraging spirit of zeal and devotion in the Laity, very generally prevail. And this fidelity, zeal, and devotion, are marked with a scrupulous adherence to the Canons, Rubrics, and edifying usages of our excellent Church. The sufficiency of her provisions to secure the influence and happy consequences of evangelical piety, has been, in some instances, most eminently displayed. In illustration of this remark, we refer to the following extract from the address of the Bishop of this Diocese to the Convention of 1816.

“ In St. Paul’s Church, Troy, 78 received confirmation, principally young persons; many of whom, at the first opportunity, came to the communion. I deem it of importance to state, that in this congregation, during a season of unusual religious excitement, its Rector did not find it necessary to deviate, in any degree, from the forms of our Church; but by more frequency in the use of them, and by greater assiduity in his parochial duties and instructions, he was happily instrumental in increasing the piety of his flock.”

Since the period embraced in the last report, twenty-nine persons have been admitted by the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, to the holy order of Deacons, viz. William B. Lacey, Harry Crosswell (since removed to Connecticut), John Brown, William Creighton, George Boyd, (since removed to Pennsylvania), Alpheus Gear, of Connecticut, Eli Wheeler, of Connecticut (since settled in this Diocess), Alanson W. Welton, of Connecticut (since settled in this Diocess), George Y. Morehouse, of New-Jersey, at Perth-Amboy, New-Jersey, where, previously to the election of a Bishop in that Diocess, Bishop Hobart was invited to hold an ordination, by the standing committee of the same; Gregory T. Bedell, William Hawley (since removed to the city of Washington), William H. Hart (since removed to Virginia), Abiel Carter (since removed to Pennsylvania), William J. Bulkley, of Connecticut, Charles W. Hamilton, Henri L. P. F. Pèneveyre (from the Protestant Church of Luzerne, in Switzerland), Henry U. Onderdonk, Thomas C. Brownell, Professor in Union College, Schenectady, Ravaud Kearney, Petrus S. Ten Broeck, George Weller, James F. Hull, of New-Orleans, Samuel Johnston, Joshua M. Rogers, Hugh Smith, Henry Anthon, Richard F. Cadle, Nathaniel Bruce, M. D. and Charles Smith, Connecticut.

Twenty Deacons have been admitted to the holy order of Priests, viz. the Rev. James Thompson, the Rev. David Huntington, the Rev. Eli Wheeler, the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, the Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, of New-Jersey, at Newark, (N. J.) where Bishop Hobart was invited prior to the election of a Bishop in that state, by the standing committee of the same, to hold an ordination; the Rev. Alanson W. Welton, the Rev. John Brown, the Rev. William B. Lacey, the Rev. Henri L. P. F. Pèneveyre, the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw (since removed to Maryland;) the Rev. James F. Hull, of New-Orleans; the Rev. Thomas C. Brownell; the Rev. Walter Cranston, of Georgia, at New-Haven, in Connecticut, in which Diocess

Bishop Hobart had been invited by the Convention of the same, agreeably to the 20th Canon of the General Convention, to perform Episcopal offices; the Rev. Evan M. Johnson, the Rev. William Creighton, the Rev. Ravaud Kearney, the Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, the Rev. George Weller, and the Rev. Reuben Sherwood.

Since the last General Convention, the following institutions have taken place in this Diocese: of the Rev. John M. Vickar to the Rectorship of St. James's Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county, of the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, to that of St. Stephen's Church, New-York; of the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, to that of St. James's Church, New-York; of the Rev. Charles Seabury, to that of Caroline Church, Brookhaven, Long-Island; of the Rev. Eli Wheeler, to that of St. John's Church, Johnstown; of the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, (since removed to Maryland,) to that of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, Long-Island; of the Rev. Parker Adams to that of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county; of the Rev. Joseph Prentice, to that of St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county; of the Rev. David Moore, to that of St. Andrew's Church, Staten-Island; of the Rev. James Milnor, to that of St. George's Church, New-York; of the Rev. William Creighton, to that of St. Mark's Church, New York; of the Rev. Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre, to that of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York—where the services of our Church are celebrated in the French language.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. has been appointed Rector; the Rev. Thomas Y. How, D. D. Assistant Rector; and the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister, of Trinity Church, New York. The Rev. Evan M. Johnson has been settled as Minister of St. James's Church, Newtown, Long-Island; the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Deacon, of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county; the Rev. John Brown, of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county; the Rev. William Powell, of St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county; the Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, of———Church, Redhook, Dutchess county; the Rev. Ravaud Kearney, of St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county; the Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, of Trinity Church, Fishkill, and St. Philip's Church, Phillipstown, Dutchess county, and St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, Putnam county; and the Rev. Daniel M. Donald, of Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The following clergymen are at present employed as Missionaries in this state, by, and under the direction of, the ec-

clesiastical authority of the Diocess; the Rev. Daniel Nash, the Rev. Samuel Fuller, the Rev. William A. Clark, the Rev. James Thompson, the Rev. William B. Lacey, the Rev. Russel Wheeler, the Rev. Alanson W. Welton, the Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, the Rev. Orin Clark, the Rev. Stephen Jewett, the Rev. Professor Thomas C. Brownell (who performs missionary services on Sundays in destitute congregations in the vicinity of Union College;) the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, the Rev. George Weller, the Rev. Samuel Johnston, Deacon, the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Deacon, and the Rev. Charles Seabury. And here it is proper to mention that, from the Missionary Fund in this Diocess, a salary is also given to Mr. Eleazar Williams, a young man of Indian extraction, who resides with the Oneida tribe in this state, and performs the very useful offices of lay reader, catechist, and school-master among his Indian brethren. His religious exercises are the services of our Church, and approved sermons, both translated into the Mohawk language. His labours have been very faithful, and promise great success.

The Church in this Diocess has experienced incalculable advantage from the faithful labours of Missionaries. Some of the best established parishes, now affording competent support to their pastors, owe their existence, under God, to these labours. They have preserved the services of the sanctuary where, from a variety of opposing causes, there was danger of their loss. They have revived them in churches long vacated; and they are now carrying their consolations and their benefits to the remotest parts of the Diocess. As their happy consequence, sacred edifices, commodious, neat, not unfrequently elegant, are fast beautifying tracts of our state, which, but lately, were an entire wilderness.

Among the changes that have taken place in this Diocess since the last General Convention, we have to notice the decease of the right Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D. the right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D. and the Rev. Elias Cooper, the late pious and useful Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers, and the oldest Presbyter in the Diocess.

The Confirmations reported by the Bishop in 1814, were \$00; in 1815—400; in 1816—1000. Total, 2200. For the administration of this ordinance, and for the discharge of other Episcopal duties, the Bishop regularly and frequently visits every parish in this extensive Diocess.

Since the last report, the following parishes have been duly organized in this Diocess, and received into union with

the Convention: St. Paul's Church, Oxford, Chenango county; Trinity Church, Conventry, Chenango county; St. Paul's Church, Preble and Tully, Courtlandt county; Trinity Church, Granville, Washington county; St. Andrew's Church, Genoa, Cayuga county; Zion Church, Onondago, Onondago county; St. Stephen's Church, Smithfield, Madison county; and St. Paul's Church, Durham, Greene county.

The following churches have been consecrated by the Bishop: St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, Otsego county; Trinity Church, Athens, Greene county; Christ Church, Manlius, Onondago county; Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany county; St. George's Church, New York, (re-built after destruction by fire;) St. James's Church, North-Salem, West-Chester county; Trinity Church, Granville, Washington county; St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county.

The whole number of organized congregations in the Diocess amounts to 115, and the number of clergy to 68.

A short time previous to the last General Convention, St. George's Church, in the city of New York, was destroyed by fire. Since that period, our brethren in that city have been again visited with the same calamity. Zion Church, belonging to a small, but respectable congregation, who, a few years since, conformed to our communion, and have uniformly evinced their strong attachment to our doctrines and worship, has been burnt. This unhappy circumstance so deranged the affairs of the parish, as to render necessary the removal of the worthy Rector, the Rev. Ralph Williston, whose useful services are now transferred to another Diocess. The re-building of this Church has progressed only in part.

It is matter of sincere felicitation to the members of our Church in this Diocess, that although peculiar circumstances have, in some measure, threatened her temporal prosperity, her members have not suffered it to decline, but have made efforts proportioned to the emergency. This has been particularly manifested in many country parishes, where unprecedented exertions have been made in building and repairing places of public worship, and meeting other parochial expenses.

Not least among the means that have been blessed to the good of the Church in this Diocess, are the voluntary associations formed by her members for the promotion of pious objects. The number of Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies has considerably increased. One established in the city of New York by young men of our Church, as auxiliary to that which was instituted in 1809, has set an unprecedented example of activity and zeal in the diffusion of reli-



gious truth. The young men of the same city have also lately distinguished themselves by forming another association, promising the most beneficial consequences. Its object is to raise funds for the support of Missionaries employed by the Bishop, and the Committee for propagating the Gospel, (appointed by the Convention,) with whom is lodged the only authority to manage the missionary concerns of the Diocess.

To conclude: although it must be confessed that much still remains to be done in this Diocess, yet, thankful for the prosperity it has heretofore enjoyed, we cherish the humble hope, that the vigilant superintendence with which it is blessed, the fidelity of its pastors, and the zeal, devotion, and liberality of its members, will be sanctified to its further increase and its instrumentality in promoting the glory of God, and the salvation of men.

#### *New Jersey.*

The state of the Church in this Diocess, through the goodness of God, continues, on the whole, to improve. Its progress is not rapid, but steady and substantial.

The churches at Newark, Elizabeth-Town, Perth Amboy, New-Brunswick, and Burlington, remain under the care of the Pastors who had the charge of them when the last report was made. They are flourishing, both in their temporal and spiritual concerns; and afford every reason for the conclusion that, with the Divine blessing, they will continue so. Within the last three years, the congregation at Perth-Amboy have erected a convenient and handsome house for the accommodation of their Rector. The same valuable object is in progress at Elizabeth-Town.

Of the churches at Shrewsbury, Middletown, and Freehold, united under the pastoral care of the clergyman formerly reported, the first named has considerably increased both in number of families and communicants. The congregation has also repaired and painted its handsome church. The other two congregations remain as before stated.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly, has also much increased. Formerly it enjoyed only part of the services of a clergyman; but, within the last two years, it has been able to give entire support to one. The Rev. George Y. Morehouse is now the Rector of that Church.

St. John's Church at Salem, vacant for more than forty years, with the exception of a few months in 1792 and 1793, has, within a short time, revived, and considerably improved.

It now enjoys, in conjunction with St. George's Penn's-Neck, which had also, for a long time, been vacant, and St. Mary's, Colestown, lately much increased, the ministrations of the Pastor formerly of St. Andrews, Mount-Holly.

The respectable Church at Swedesborough, though still large, has, since the last report, from some cause not accurately known, experienced a considerable diminution in the number of its communicants. The Rector formerly named has still the charge of it.

The churches at Jersey, Berkeley, Mullica's Hill, Glassborough, Woodbridge, Trenton, Spotswood, Newton, Knowlton, Hardwick, Piscataway, Alexandria, Amwell, Alien-Town, and Chew's Landing, still remain vacant. The first five have the benefit of divine service, performed by licensed candidates and other laymen: and the whole occasionally enjoy the ministrations of the Bishop and the neighbouring Rectors. The difficulty, for some time past, of procuring a suitable clergyman to act as a Missionary, has occasioned the state of the vacant churches generally to be less favourable than it would otherwise have been. That difficulty will, no doubt, shortly be removed, as means are in progress for obtaining one.

There is a prospect, also, that a new church will shortly be instituted at the manufacturing town of Paterson.

The Bishop of the Diocess, since his consecration in November, 1815, has visited the churches at Newark, Elizabeth-Town, Shrewsbury, Spotswood, Mount-Holly, Swedesborough, Salem, Berkeley, Mullica's Hill, and Glassborough, and administered the holy rite of Confirmation in those of them which follow: viz. at Swedesborough, Mount-Holly, Elizabeth-Town, Shrewsbury, New-Brunswick, and Newark. The number confirmed in these churches was 198.

He also admitted to the holy order of Priests, the Rev. George Y. Morehouse, who, shortly after, was instituted Rector of St. Andrew's Church, at Mount-Holly.

Samuel C. Stratton and Francis H. Cuming have been admitted candidates for holy orders since the last General Convention. Within the same time, the Rev. Lewis P. Bayard has been ordained Priest, and instituted Rector of Trinity Church, Newark.

It is with pleasure likewise stated, that the Missionary Fund, which, on the former report, was \$2307 42, has, by a report made in August last to the State Convention, increased to \$4611 4.

The Fund for the support of the widows and children of clergymen has also considerably increased.

The Permanent Fund of the Episcopal Society has advanced from \$156, the sum stated in the former report, to \$475. The Society has also distributed a considerable number of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts.

It is further stated, and with great satisfaction, that the females of the churches of Newark and Elizabeth Town, have established Bible and Prayer Book Societies, auxiliary to the Episcopal Society.

A Missionary Society has also been instituted in Trinity Church, Newark, in aid of the General Fund.

Sunday schools have likewise been established in several congregations, principally by ladies, which promise much good.

Since the last Convention, the number of officiating clergymen has increased from 8 to 9, and the instituted rectors from 6 to 8.

On an examination of the progress of the Church in this Diocese, since the termination of the revolutionary war, in 1783, it is found that it has increased, by the addition of Trinity Church, Swedesborough; St. George's Church, Penn's Neck; St. John's Church, Chew's Landing; St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough; St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey; and St. Stephen's Church, Mullica's Hill.

#### *Pennsylvania.*

The Church in this Diocese has always been small, and principally limited to the city of Philadelphia and its immediate neighbourhood. We have, however, satisfactory evidence, that it is increasing in numbers, strength, and zeal, and, we trust, in piety.

Prayer Books, and many valuable Tracts, have been distributed by the society for the Advancement of Christianity in this state. This society has likewise, by means of its Missionaries, supplied several vacant congregations with occasional services, and formed new congregations in the north-western part of the Diocese.

Since the last General Convention, two churches have been consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. The communicants of some congregations have greatly increased, and a growing attention to the best interests of the soul is evidently perceptible.

During last year a new Society was formed in this Diocese, for the express purpose of sending Missionaries into the western states. Under its direction, a young clergyman has visited, with success, many parts of Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The most gratifying intelligence from this Diocese is, that a very considerable number of young men have directed their attention to the Gospel ministry. There are, at present, twelve candidates for holy orders.

During the years 1814, 1815, and 1816, 487 persons have been confirmed.

Since the last General Convention, the following persons have received Deacon's orders: James Milnor, Samuel Phinney, George Sheets, Jacob Morgan Douglass, James Montgomery, Thomas P. May, Charles M. Dupuy, and Joseph K. Walker.

During the same period, the following have received Priest's orders: Rev. James Milnor, Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay, Rev. George Boyd, Rev. Abiel Carter, and Rev. Samuel Phinney.

The members of this Diocese have been zealous in distributing the Bible.

#### *Delaware.*

This Diocese was once an important portion of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In this small state there are the remains of eleven congregations, which, at no very distant period, were all supplied with the ministrations of the Divine Word by clergymen of our church. Owing, however, to causes of which we can now have but a very indistinct view, and which probably cannot, by any, be correctly traced, this Diocese presents a most deplorable picture of departure from its first love. There are but two of the congregations in this Diocese that are regularly supplied by ministers of our Church. From the year 1810 till 1816 there was no regular Convention held. In the last mentioned year, a Convention was called, at which some regulations were entered into, which, should they be carried into effect, it is hoped, and with some confidence expected, that, through the Divine blessing, the situation of the Church in this state will be greatly meliorated. Distressing as is the condition of the Church in this Diocese, still there is every reason to believe that her prospects are brighter than they have been for many years. Among some things which induce this belief may be reckoned this pleasing circumstance, that, within the last eighteen months, there have been admitted, as candidates for holy orders, of this state, four young men of piety and talents, of whom the most encouraging hopes are entertained. Another circumstance in the present prospects of our Church here, and which seems to offer the most effectual means of her restoration, is the establishment of an Episcopal Mis-

sionary Society in Wilmington. If the zeal of our members can be excited so as to afford sufficient pecuniary aid to this institution, we expect, both from the benefits which have already resulted from missionary exertions in one Church, and from the peculiar state of feeling on this subject in this Diocese, that, through God's grace, the Church may be raised to a degree of strength and respectability exceeding the most sanguine expectations of past years. In Wilmington efforts have been making to raise a spacious building for the service of God; but there are so many difficulties in the way of their success, and so few to contend with them, that some fear is entertained as to the final accomplishment of the object.

*Maryland.*

The members of the Church in this Diocese appear to be increasing in piety and zeal. New churches have been erected, the number of communicants has increased, greater regard is had to the discipline and form of worship of the Church, and more anxiety is discovered to keep in decent repair the houses of worship, and to provide for the comfortable support of the ministry; yet, in many parts of the Diocese, the Church is still in a low and depressed state, and its members are deprived of the ministrations of the sanctuary. If pious and zealous clergymen could be procured, there is every reason to believe that, in these parishes, the Church would flourish, and religion would prosper. Some societies have been formed for the distribution of religious Tracts; and, at the last meeting of the Convention, steps were taken to raise a fund for the support of Missionaries, and the education of young men for the ministry.

In the Convention of 1814 a Suffragan bishop was appointed in this Diocese, and its venerable bishop, (who has since, after a long life of piety and usefulness, been called away to receive the reward of his labours,) commissioned him to perform all Episcopal duties on the Eastern Shore of this state. Part of the Diocese was shortly after visited by Bishop Kemp, and the rite of Confirmation administered by him to about 330 persons before the meeting of the last Convention. The ill health of Bishop Claggett for some years before his death, prevented him from attending some of the Conventions, and communicating the Episcopal duties performed by him.

*Virginia.*

The Church here has risen from that gloom and depression which caused her friends to mourn and weep. She now is in a prosperous state. A spirit of true religion is reviving in almost every part of the Diocess; and a sincere attachment to the pure doctrine and worship of our Church is increasing among her members. In Frederickburgh a large church has been erected and consecrated. In Leesburgh a church has been built and consecrated. In several parishes, churches that were in a ruinous state have been repaired. In Warrenton a handsome church is building, and will be ready for consecration in a few weeks. In Charlestown a spacious church is building, and will be finished in the course of the present year. In Port Royal an adequate sum of money has been subscribed for building a church there. A sufficient sum of money has been subscribed for erecting a church in Lunenburgh.

In the city of Richmond there are two numerous and very respectable congregations. In Norfolk there is a large and respectable congregation. In Petersburg the church is more prosperous than formerly. In Alexandria there are two large and very respectable congregations. A Prayer Book and Tract Society has been established here. By the blessing of Almighty God, our worthy and zealous bishop has been instrumental in conducting much to the prosperity of our Zion, wherever he has visited in his Diocess.

*North Carolina.*

There is a well grounded hope, that the Church in this Diocess (now first received into union with the General Convention) will increase in strength (with divine aid) so as in a few years to be able to dispense the Word of God to a large number of souls that are now scattered over a wide tract of country, a great part of whom are almost strangers to the sound of the Gospel.

There are at present but three churches in the state that are blessed with settled pastors, those at Fayetteville, Wilmington, and Newbern.

At the first of these places the congregation has lately settled the Rev. Bethel Judd, from the Diocess of Connecticut.

At Wilmington there is a church of considerable size, and generally well attended. The congregation have evinced by their attention to the Church, a strong and ardent wish for its prosperity. They have at present the Rev. Adam Em-

pie, from the Diocese of New York, for their pastor, who is much beloved by the congregation.

At Newbern the church has lately undergone some alterations and repairs, and affords a very comfortable and decent house of worship. Since the first of last April, the Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has been the pastor of this congregation, and he has had the satisfaction of having the church numerous and respectably attended. The number of communicants on last Easter Day exceeded thirty, and there is but little doubt that this church will increase, should the present minister continue his services amongst this people, who, for about twelve months before his arrival, were destitute of a pastor.

At Edenton there is a neat church, but, unfortunately for the congregation, they have no minister, nor have they had one since the Rev. Mr. Hatch left them, about two years since.

The town of Washington, and its vicinity, has lately met with a loss in the death of the Rev. Mr. Blunt, who, for many years before his decease, was in the habit of making appointments in different parts of the county in which he resided, where he would preach, baptize children, and, at stated times, administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. These families, not a few in number, are now entirely deprived of hearing the Word of God preached, and of having the bread of life broken to them by an Episcopal minister.

#### *South Carolina.*

It is with peculiar satisfaction we report the increasing progress of the Church in this Diocese. It appears, that since the last meeting of the General Convention, some new congregations have been formed, and some new churches have been erected in this section of the Protestant Episcopal Communion; particularly a spacious and elegant church in the city of Charleston, a neat and handsome church on John's Island, a church in St. Mark's, and one in All-Saints' parish. In some other parts of this Diocese, funds have been raised, and exertions are making for rebuilding their places of public worship; and several have lately been fully completed, and the cemeteries enclosed.

It also appears that the Canons and Rules of the Church have here been observed; that the public offices of our holy religion have, with much uniformity, been performed according to the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer; and that great

harmony and love subsist between the Bishop and his Clergy, as well as among the Clergy themselves.

It furthermore appears that Mr. John Chandler, Mr. Henry Gibbs, Mr. David J. Campbell, and Mr.——Wilson, have been admitted by the Bishop as candidates for holy orders; that Mr. Morris H. Lance, Mr. Thomas Frost, and Mr. Albert Muller, natives of this Diocese, have been received into the holy order of Deacons; and that the Rev. Christian Hanckel has been advanced to the holy order of Priests.

It appears, however, that there is yet cause to lament the ruinous state of many churches, and the want of clergymen in various parts of this Diocese. "The harvest is truly great, but the labourers are few." We have also to lament, that since the last meeting of this Convention, two clergymen, viz. the Rev. James Dewar Simons, and the Rev. Joseph Warren, have been removed by death.

The Society instituted for the *Advancement of Christianity* in this Diocese has been productive of much good, and its funds and influence are rapidly increasing. The baptisms and the communicants have greatly multiplied within the last year; and the public worship of Almighty God has not only been more generally and devoutly attended, but religious knowledge and practice seem to be progressive. The visitations of the Bishop have been frequent, and the sacred rite of Confirmation has been duly administered.

From the unremitting zeal and exertions of the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese, there is reason to cherish the most flattering expectations, that the power as well as the form of religion, under the blessing of God, will continue to increase.

#### *The Western States.*

The most gratifying intelligence relative to our Church in this extensive part of the United States has been laid before this Convention. A respectable and flourishing congregation in the city of Lexington, state of Kentucky, has for several years been blessed with the regular ministrations of our Church, and the care of an active and zealous pastor. In the state of Ohio, nineteen congregations have been regularly organized; and steps taken for constituting a Diocese. The measures adopted by this Convention, added to the zeal and attachment to the Church manifested by the scattered members of our communion in these states, and the disinterested labours of a few clergymen who have been among



them, will, it is hoped, through the blessing of God, tend to their speedy enjoyment of Episcopal superintendence.

In laying the preceding statement before the House of Bishops, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies solicit their counsel, and their prayers for the blessing of Almighty God.

*Signed by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,*  
WILLIAM H. WILMER, President.

*New York, May 26, 1817.*

The House adjourned to attend divine service. Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wyatt, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Kemp.

After divine service, the House met, and resumed the consideration of the Rev. Dr. How's resolution, which was passed in the affirmative.

The Rev. Mr. S. Wilmer offered the following resolution, which was laid upon the table:

Resolved, that the next General Convention be holden at \_\_\_\_\_.

The Hon. Charles Fenton Mercer submitted the following resolution and proposed alterations of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which were read and laid upon the table:

Resolved, that it be made known to the several State Conventions of this Church, that it is proposed to consider at the next General Convention, and, if deemed expedient, finally to ratify, the following alterations of the Constitution of the Church:—

1st. To strike out from the beginning of the second Article to the end of the first period, which terminates with the word "Convention," and to insert in lieu thereof, the following provisions:—Every state or territory of the United States, may be made to constitute, of itself, or in union with the whole or certain portions of any other state or territory, one Diocess, or be divided into two or more Diocesses, by the General Convention, with the consent of the local Ecclesiastical authority or authorities affected thereby. Each Diocess shall be entitled to a representation of the clergy and laity, to consist of deputies chosen in such manner as the Convention of the Diocess may prescribe; the number of clerical deputies of each Diocess to be in the proportion of one deputy for every five ministers resident, and the number of lay deputies, of one for every ten congregations organized therein; provided, that

every Diocess shall be entitled to at least two clerical and two lay deputies, and that no Diocess shall be entitled to more than twelve clerical and eight lay deputies in the General Convention. In all questions submitted to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the decision thereupon, if required by the representation of any Diocess, shall be by orders; each order having one vote expressed by a majority of the voices therein, and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary in such case, to constitute a vote of the House.

2d. Wherever the word "State" or "States" occurs in the present Constitution or Canons of the Church, without being followed by the word "Diocess" or "Diocesses," such word shall be deemed to be supplied by the preceding amendment of the Constitution, if a just exposition of the sense of the Constitution, or Canon require it.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton, from the committee on a Theological Seminary, made the following report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

The committee appointed to consider the subject of establishing a Theological Seminary for the Protestant Episcopal Church, beg leave to report the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, that a Seminary for the better education of candidates for the ministry be established, to be called "The Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America."

2. Resolved, that the government of said Seminary be vested in a Board of Trustees, to be appointed by the General Convention of the Church; said Board to consist of twenty-two members, of whom the senior Bishop, and the Bishop of the Diocess where said Seminary shall be established, shall be two, with ten clergymen and ten laymen, and nine members shall constitute a quorum.

3. Resolved, that the appointment of the professors and other officers in said Seminary be made by the board of Trustees, who also shall make by-laws for their own government and that of the Seminary.

4. Resolved, that once every year, or oftener, the said Board of Trustees meet in the said Seminary, to take cognizance of, and regulate all matters relating to the same.

5. Resolved, that a committee be appointed to accelerate the establishment of this institution, and to enter upon this important duty, as soon as in their judgment sufficient funds, or a reasonable prospect of them, will authorize the undertaking.

6. Resolved, that the said Seminary be established at \_\_\_\_\_, in the Diocese of\_\_\_\_\_.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating two Canons for the consideration of this House, which were laid on the table.

On motion, Resolved, that when this House adjourn, it adjourn to meet this evening at six o'clock.

Adjourned.

*Monday—six o'clock P. M.*

The House met.

The report of the committee on the Theological Seminary was taken up, read, and considered by sections.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating four resolutions of that body, on the subject of a Theological Seminary, which was read.

A communication was received from the House of Bishops, on the subject of the French Prayer Book, which was laid upon the table.

The House adjourned to meet at eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

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*Tuesday, May 27—eight o'clock A. M.*

The House met.

The report of the committee on the subject of a Theological Seminary was called up, and read.

On motion, Resolved, that the further consideration of said report be postponed, for the purpose of taking up the resolutions of the House of Bishops on the same subject.

The House adjourned to attend divine service. Service was performed by the Rev. Dr Wharton, and a sermon preached by the right Rev. Bishop Croes.

After divine service, the House met, and proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions of the House of Bishops on a Theological Seminary, which after discussion, were concurred in by this House. Whereupon,

Resolved, that the resolutions offered by the committee of this House on the same subject, be indefinitely postponed.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, accompanying a Pastoral Letter.

The House adjourned to meet at half past six o'clock this evening.

*Tuesday—half past six o'clock P. M.*

The House met.

The resolutions of the House of Bishops on the subject of the French Prayer Book, were taken up, read, and concurred by this House.

A communication from the House of Bishops on the subject of amusements, was read before this House.

Two canons sent to this house yesterday by the house of bishops, one "*to govern in the case of a minister declaring that he will no longer be a minister of this church,*" and the other "*for carrying into effect the design of the second rubric before the communion service,*" were taken up, read, and concurred in by this house, and returned to the house of bishops.

The pastoral letter received from the house of bishops was then read, and returned to that house.

This house received a report of the house of bishops on the subject of a copy-right in the Book of Common Prayer, which was read, and agreed to by this house.

The house proceeded to the choice of a committee pursuant to the fourth resolution on the subject of a theological seminary. Upon counting the ballots, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected.

Of the Clergy, The Rev. Dr. Wharton,

The Rev. Dr. How,

The Rev. Dr. Harris,

Of the Laity, Hon. Rufus King,

William Meredith, Esq.

Hon. Charles F. Mercer.

The Rev. Mr. Wilmer's resolution as to the place of meeting of the next general convention, was taken up and carried, and the blank left therein filled with the word "Philadelphia."

On motion. Resolved, that the house of bishops be requested to appoint one of their own order to preach a sermon at the opening of the next general convention.

A message was received from the house of bishops, communicating the concurrence of that house in the resolution

that the next general convention be holden at Philadelphia, and informing that, with the divine permission, the Right Rev. bishop Dehon, will preach at the opening of the same.

There was laid before this house a resolution of the house of bishops, to have the blank in the 3d resolution on the subject of a theological seminary filled with the word *three*.

Resolved, that this house concur therein, and that information of this concurrence be sent to the house of bishops.

The house of bishops communicated to this house two resolutions, proposing an alteration of the first article of the constitution, so far as it regards the time of the meeting of this convention, which were read, and concurred in by this house.

A request was received from the house of bishops, that this house would appoint a committee of their own body, to unite with the Right Rev. bishop Hobart, on the part of the house of bishops, to superintend the printing of the Journals, bishop Griswold's sermon, and the pastoral letter.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. How, the Rev. Mr. Rudd, and Mr. William Ogden, were appointed the committee.

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this house be presented to the Right Rev. the bishops who have preached before this convention during the present session, and that they be requested to furnish copies of their sermons for publication.

The Rev. Mr. Searle moved the following resolution, which was read and passed in the affirmative, and sent to the house of bishops.

“Resolved, that the Right Rev. the house of bishops be respectfully requested to designate and establish some specific edition of the Old and New Testaments, without note or comment, to be considered as the authentic version or standard by which the genuineness of all copies of the Holy Scriptures used by the members of this church, is to be ascertained; thereby, to secure them against perversions, and the people of our communion from error, either in discipline or doctrine.”

The following communication was received from the house of bishops:

“The house of bishops, deeming the fulfilment of the request of the house of clerical and lay deputies on the subject of an authentic version of the Holy Bible, a matter requiring very serious attention and deliberation, have resolved, that its members will give such attention and delibera-

tion to the subject, previously to the next meeting of the general convention, and report at the said meeting.”

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this house be presented to the president, secretary, and assistant secretary, for the services rendered by them respectively during the present session.

In pursuance of a request from this house, the Right Rev. the members of the house of bishops attended in the same, for the purpose of closing the session of the convention by solemn prayer, which was performed by the Right Rev. bishop White, presiding bishop: after which the house adjourned *sine die*.

*Signed by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.*

WILLIAM H. WILMER, President.

Attested, ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

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OF THE

## HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

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*New York, Tuesday, May 20, 1817.*

This being the day prescribed by the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America for the meeting of the general convention of the same, and the city of New York having been appointed by the last convention as the place of meeting at this time, the Right Rev. William White, D. D. of the Diocese of Pennsylvania; the Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. of the Diocese of New York; the Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D. of the Eastern Diocese, (composed of the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont;) the Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. of the Diocese of South Carolina; the Right Rev. Richard Channing Moore, D. D. of the Diocese of Virginia; the Right Rev. James Kemp, D. D. of the diocese of Maryland; and the Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. of the Diocese of New Jersey; met in the vestry room of Trinity Church at half past six o'clock P. M.

Agreeably to the established rules of order of the house of Bishops, the Right Rev. Bishop White, being senior bishop, took the chair as presiding bishop in this house.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk was appointed secretary to the house.

The Rev. Dr. How, and the Rev. Mr. Butler, as a committee from the house of clerical and lay deputies, brought information that the said house was organized, and ready to proceed to business; and they were requested to state to the house of clerical and lay deputies, that the house of bishops was also ready to proceed to business.

Resolved, that the following message be transmitted by the secretary of this house, to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

The house of bishops inform the house of clerical and lay deputies, that as they deem it proper to have the business of the convention opened by the celebration of divine service, they propose an adjournment until to-morrow morning, at the hour publicly notified for said service.

The house of clerical and lay deputies agreeing to the above proposal, the house of bishops accordingly adjourned until to-morrow morning at half past ten o'clock.

*Wednesday, May 21.*

The bishops attended divine service in Trinity Church with the house of clerical and lay deputies, at half past ten o'clock A. M. Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D. of New York, president of the house of clerical and lay deputies, and a sermon, adapted to the occasion of the meeting of the convention, was delivered by the Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D. of the Eastern Diocess. The holy communion was then administered, agreeably to a resolution of the last convention, by the Right Rev. the presiding bishop, assisted by other bishops present. After divine service the house assembled in the Vestry room. Present as yesterday.

The Rev. Dr. Harris, and the Rev. Dr. Beasley, informed this house, that the house of clerical and lay deputies had passed a resolution to tender the thanks of this convention to the Right Rev. bishop Griswold, for the sermon preached by him this morning, and request a copy for publication.

Resolved, that this house concur with the house of clerical and lay deputies in the above resolution. The secretary was ordered to communicate this concurrence to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

A communication was received from the secretary of a convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of North Carolina, containing a copy of the Journal of said convention; from which it appeared that they had acceded to the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and desired to be received into union with the general convention thereof.

Whereupon, Resolved, that this convention have received with great satisfaction the aforesaid communication, and recognize the Protestant Episcopal church in the state of North Carolina as a member of this union.



Resolved, that the foregoing resolution be sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies for their concurrence; and that the documents from North Carolina be also sent to that house.

A message was received from the house of clerical and lay deputies, by the Rev. Dr. Beasley, stating, that they were ready to adjourn until nine o'clock to morrow morning.

On motion, resolved, that this house adjourn until the same time.

Adjourned accordingly.

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*Thursday, May 22.*

The house met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday. The minutes of the proceedings on Tuesday and Wednesday were read, and approved.

The following communication was received from the house of clerical and lay deputies, by the Rev. Dr. Wharton:

“The house of clerical and lay deputies concur with the house of bishops, in admitting the convention of the church in North Carolina as a member of this union.”

Resolved, that the house of clerical and lay deputies be informed that this house is ready to adjourn for the attendance of the bishops on public worship.

Adjourned accordingly.

Morning prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Frederic Beasley, D. D. of Pennsylvania; and a sermon preached by the right Rev. the presiding bishop. After which the house again met. Present as before.

The following report, with documents accompanying, was made by the presiding bishop, upon the subjects therein mentioned, which had been submitted to him by the convention.

#### REPORT.

The subscriber, the presiding bishop of this house, submits to his brethren a report, on two subjects committed to him by the general convention of 1811, and recognized by that of 1814; and on another subject, which originated in the convention the last referred to.

One of the subjects was an application from the church in the state of Vermont, to the society (in England) for propagating the Gospel. It was committed to the subscriber, to

certify to that venerable body, certain facts in favour of the application. At the time of the last general convention, he had not been furnished with the necessary documents; there having been an intended delay of the design, owing to the circumstances of the public concerns. The desire of the convention has been since complied with; and the necessary communications were sent by the honourable and reverend Mr. Stewart, lately of the province of Quebec, on his return to England.

The next subject was the taking of preparatory measures for the organizing of the church in the states, and parts of states, westward of the Alleghany mountains. The subscriber has had some correspondence on the subject; and has provided, so far as is in his power, for a comprhension of the counties of Pennsylvania westward of said mountains, under the projected organization: although on such terms as shall not destroy the unity of the church in that state. Relatively to the contemplated measure, there have been sent to the subscriber sundry documents from the western states, herewith delivered. It is understood, that there is now in this city, a lay gentleman, commissioned to confer with the convention on their contents.

The last subject referred to, is the republication of the journals, with the constitution, the canons, and the Pastoral Letters, under the superintendence of the subscriber. This has been accomplished in an octavo volume, by Mr. John Bioren, bookseller, of Philadelphia. A considerable number of the books is now for sale in this city, in the hands of Messrs. Swords, booksellers. It is to be hoped, that the members of this convention either have taken, or will take such measures in the states to which they respectively belong, as may prevent Mr. Bioren from suffering loss, and even ensure to him a gain, from this his exertion to serve the church.

WILLIAM WHITE.

Whereupon, Resolved, that the thanks of the convention be presented to the presiding bishop, for his attention to these subjects, and his communication now made concerning them.

Among the documents accompanying the above communication, were petitions from several congregations and Episcopalians inhabiting the western country, asking leave to form a convention, to include, for the present, all the western country, to be placed, provisionally, under the care of the bishop of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon, Resolved, that the general convention cherish a lively interest in the spiritual concerns of their brethren in the western country, and are exceedingly solicitous to extend among them the ministrations of our church.

Resolved, that it is expedient to enact the following canon:

*“ A Canon limiting the operation of the 2d and 37th Canons.”\**

Resolved, that it be recommended to the Episcopal congregations in the states referred to in the above communications, where conventions are not already organized, to organize conventions, which may be received into union with this convention, and, when expedient, may unite, according to the canons, in the choice of a bishop, having jurisdiction over these states; and that this convention have received with much satisfaction information of the measures which have been already adopted in the state of Ohio, for the organization of the church in that state.

Resolved, that though the measure of a convention comprising sundry states in the western country, may be a measure of temporary expediency, it cannot be authorized by this convention consistently with the general constitution of the church, which recognizes only a convention of the church in each state.

Resolved, that it be earnestly recommended to the authorities of this church, in each state respectively, to adopt measures for sending missionaries to our destitute brethren in the western states. Such missionaries to be subject to the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the state or states in which they may officiate.

Resolved, that the presiding bishop be requested to transmit the foregoing resolutions to such person or persons as he may judge proper.

The following communication from the house of clerical and lay deputies was handed to this house by the Rev. Dr. Wilkins:—

“ The Rev. Dr. Wilkins was appointed a committee, to unite with a committee on the part of the house of bishops, to receive from the right Rev. Bishop Griswold the copy of his sermon preached before the convention yesterday morning.”

The right Rev. bishop Hobart was appointed the committee of this house for the above mentioned purpose.

\* The Canon is published, with the others passed at this session, at the end of the journal.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd appeared from the house of clerical and lay deputies, with information that that body were ready to adjourn until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Resolved, that this house adjourn until the same time.

Adjourned accordingly.

*Friday, May 23.*

The house met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read, and approved.

The report of the presiding bishop, which was yesterday read, together with the documents accompanying, and the resolutions founded thereon, was transmitted to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

Resolved, that this house adjourn, for the purpose of attending divine service; and that notice of this resolution be sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

Notice was accordingly sent, and the house adjourned.

Morning prayer was celebrated by the Rev. William H. Wilmer, of Virginia, president of the house of clerical and lay deputies, and a sermon preached by the right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D. of South Carolina.

After which the house again met. Present as before.

The following communication was handed to the house by the Rev. Mr. Rudd:—

“The house of clerical and lay deputies respectfully inform the house of bishops, that they have concurred in the adoption of the ‘canon limiting the 2d and 37th canons;’ and that the house of clerical and lay deputies concur in the resolutions accompanying said canon.”

A message was received from the house of clerical and lay deputies, through the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, informing that that house was ready to adjourn until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Resolved, that this house adjourn until the same hour.

Adjourned accordingly.

*Saturday, May 24.*

The house met. Present as yesterday.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read, and approved.

Agreeably to a resolution of the last general convention, referring it to the bishops, and, where there are no bishops, to the standing committees, to inquire in the respective dioceses or states, and to consider for themselves concerning the expediency of establishing a Theological seminary, to be conducted under the authority of this church, and to report to this convention,—the bishops composing this house, rendered their respective reports.

Resolved, that this house adjourn for the purpose of attending divine service; and that information of this resolution be sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

Adjourned accordingly.

Morning prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Oliver Norris, of Virginia, and a sermon preached by the right Rev. Richard C. Moore, D. D. of the same diocess.

The house then again assembled for business.

The reports of the bishops on the subject of a Theological seminary were transmitted to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

Resolved, that a committee of this house be appointed to take into consideration the “table of kindred and affinity” on the subject of marriage, established by the civil and ecclesiastical laws of England, and to report to the next convention.

Resolved, that said committee consist of the presiding bishop and two other members of this house.

The right Rev. bishop Kemp, and the right Rev. bishop Croes, were accordingly appointed.

Resolved, that the following be entered on the journal of this house, and be communicated to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

The house of bishops, impressed with the importance of informing the youth and others in the doctrines, constitution, and liturgy of the church, deem it their duty to call the attention of the clergy to the 22d canon, which enjoins on them diligence in catechetical instruction and lectures. The bishops consider these as among the most important duties of clergymen, and among the most effectual means of promoting religious knowledge and practical piety.

Resolved, that the house adjourn until Monday morning nine o'clock; and that information of this resolution be sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

Adjourned accordingly.

*Monday, May 26.*

The house met. Present as on Saturday.

The minutes of the proceedings on Saturday were read, and approved.

The presiding bishop read a letter from Mr. A. Robertson, secretary of the American Academy of the Fine Arts, directed to the right Rev. bishop Hobart, and enclosing tickets of admission to the exhibition of the gallery of said Academy, sent by order of the president and board of directors of the same, to the members of this house, with an invitation to them to visit the gallery as often as convenient during their stay in this city.

Whereupon, Resolved, that the right Rev. bishop Hobart be requested to present, through Mr. Robertson, to the president and directors of the Academy, the acknowledgments of the members of this house; and an assurance of the pleasure it will afford them, should the business of the convention permit, to avail themselves of their polite invitation.

A canon to govern in the case of a minister declaring "that he will no longer be a minister of this church," was proposed and adopted.

Resolved, that the house adjourn for the purpose of attending divine service; and that information of this step be sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

Adjourned accordingly.

Morning prayer was celebrated by the Rev. William E. Wyatt, of Maryland, and a sermon preached by the right Rev. James Kemp, D.D. of the same diocess.

After which the house again met. Present as before.

"A canon for carrying into effect the design of the second "rubric before the communion service" was proposed and adopted.

This, together with the other canon passed *this morning*, was sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies for their concurrence.

The report of the house of clerical and lay deputies on the state of the church, sent to this house, agreeably to the requisitions of the 45th canon, was read, and committed to the right Rev. the presiding bishop, with a request that he

would draw up the pastoral letter of this house, contemplated by the said canon, and requested by the house of clerical and lay deputies.

After which, on information that the house of clerical and lay deputies had adjourned until six o'clock this evening.

Resolved, that this house adjourn until the same time.

Adjourned accordingly.

*Six o'clock, P. M.*

The house met pursuant to adjournment. Present as before.

The right Rev. bishop Hobart stated to the house, that there is in the city of New York the church du St. Esprit, which was erected in an early period of the province, by Protestant emigrants from the kingdom of France. It appears that the church is now under the superintendence of bishop Hobart—that there is still a portion of the congregation who worship in the French language—that he has lately ordained, and instituted as their rector, the Rev. Mr. Peneveyre, a native of Switzerland, and that this clergyman officiates according to a French translation of the liturgy of this church.

Whereupon, Resolved, that it be recommended to the right Rev. bishop Hobart to cause the said French liturgy to be examined, in order to ascertain how far the translation is correct; and to confirm the use thereof, with such amendments and improvements as the case may call for; and to declare it to be the liturgy which may be used by any minister of this church who may officiate in a congregation to whom the French language is familiar.

Resolved, that the above provision be extended to a translation in the French language of the book of Psalms and Hymns in metre, and of any of the offices comprehended in the worship of this church.

The above resolutions were sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies for their concurrence.

The following resolutions were then proposed and adopted:—

Resolved, that it is expedient to establish, for the better education of the candidates for holy orders in this church, a general Theological Seminary, which may have the united support of the whole church in these United States, and be under the superintendence and control of the general convention.

Resolved, that this seminary be located in the city of New York.

Resolved, that — persons be appointed by the house of bishops to visit the several parts of the United States, and solicit contributions towards funds for founding and endowing such an institution.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed, to consist of the presiding bishop, and the bishops of this church in New York and New Jersey, with three clergymen, and three laymen, to be appointed by the house of clerical and lay deputies; which committee shall be empowered to receive and manage such funds as shall be collected—to devise a plan for establishing and carrying into operation such an institution; which plan shall be communicated to the several bishops of this church—and in the event of sufficient funds being obtained, if a majority of the bishops shall have approved the plan, to carry it into immediate operation.

These resolutions were sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies for their concurrence.

And this house adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tuesday, May 27.*

The house met. Present as yesterday.

Resolved, that the following be entered on the journal of this house, and be sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies, to be read therein:—

The house of bishops, solicitous for the preservation of the purity of the church, and the piety of its members, are induced to impress upon the clergy the important duty, with a discreet but earnest zeal, of warning the people of their respective cures, of the danger of an indulgence in those worldly pleasures which may tend to withdraw the affections from spiritual things. And especially on the subject of gaming, of amusements involving cruelty to the brute creation, and of theatrical representation, to which some peculiar circumstances have called their attention,—they do not hesitate to express their unanimous opinion, that these amusements, as well from their licentious tendency, as from the strong temptations to vice which they afford, ought not to be frequented. And the bishops cannot refrain from expressing their deep regret at the information that in some of our large cities, so little respect is paid to the feelings of the members of the church, that theatrical representations are fixed for the evenings of her most solemn festivals.



A copy of the foregoing was accordingly sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

Resolved, that this house adjourn for the purpose of attending divine service; and that information of this step be sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

Adjourned accordingly.

Morning prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D.D. of New Jersey, and a sermon preached by the right Rev. John Croes, D.D. of the same diocess.

The house then again assembled. Present as before.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday, were read and approved.

The presiding bishop proposed a pastoral letter to the members of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States—which letter was unanimously adopted by this house, to be published agreeably to the provisions of the 45th Canon; and was sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

Agreeably to a reference made to the members of this house by the last general convention, to consider the propriety of granting a copy-right in the book of Common Prayer, the following report was adopted, and sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies:—

The house of bishops, on the subject referred to them by the last general convention, relatively to the granting of a copy-right in the book of Common Prayer, report as their opinion, and as the opinion prevalent in their respective diocesses, so far as they are informed, that the said measure ought not to be adopted.

The two following resolutions were adopted and ordered to be sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies:—

Resolved, that it is expedient to alter the first article of the constitution of this church, so far as it fixes the time of the meeting of the general convention thereof, by striking out the words—"third Tuesday in May, in the year of our Lord 1808, and on the third Tuesday in May;" and inserting instead thereof, the words—*First Tuesday in October, in the year of our Lord, 1823, and on the first Tuesday in October.*

Resolved, that in conformity with the 9th article of the constitution, the secretaries of this convention, after the adjournment thereof, make known the proposed alteration to the several state conventions.

It was then resolved, that this house adjourn until half past six o'clock this evening, and that information thereof be sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

*Half past six o'clock P. M.*

The house met. Present as before.

A message was received from the house of clerical and lay deputies, communicating the concurrence of that house in the resolutions of the house of bishops, on the subject of a Theological seminary—in the report of the house of bishops on the subject of a copy-right in the book of Common Prayer—and in the resolutions of the house of bishops on the subject of the book of Common Prayer in the French language.

A canon “to govern in the case of a minister declaring that he will no longer be a minister of this church;” and a canon “for carrying into effect the design of the second rubric before the Communion Service;” which were adopted yesterday in this house, and sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies, were received from that house with the concurrence of the same.

Resolved, that the blank in the third resolution on the subject of a Theological Seminary, be filled with the word THREE.

This resolution was sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies, and returned with their concurrence.

Whereupon, Resolved, that this house proceed now to the appointments contemplated by the third resolution on the subject of a Theological Seminary.

Resolved, that the Rev. Daniel Burhans, of Newtown, in Connecticut, be appointed to visit the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Connecticut;—that the Rev. Nathanael Bowen, D. D. of the city of New York, be appointed to visit the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland;—and that the Rev. William H. Wilmer, of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, be appointed to visit the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, to solicit contributions for the founding and endowing of the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America.

Resolved, that the above gentlemen be furnished by the presiding bishop each with a certificate of his appointment, and a copy of the resolutions of the convention on this subject; and further, that they be authorized to defray their expenses from the monies which they may obtain for the promotion of the business committed to them, and that they ren-

der a detailed account of their receipts and expenditures to the committee who have care of this business.

Resolved, that in the event of either of the above gentlemen declining his appointment, or being removed from opportunity to discharge its duties, by death, his place may be filled by the above mentioned committee.

Resolved, that the gentlemen hereby appointed, or substitutes which may be chosen agreeably to the last resolution, shall be subject to any instruction or advice which the committee above mentioned may deem it expedient to give.

On motion, Resolved, that the house of clerical and lay deputies be requested to appoint a committee on the part of that house, to unite with the right Rev. bishop Hobart, on the part of this house, to superintend the printing of the journal of this convention, the Pastoral Letter of the house of bishops, and the sermon of the right Rev. bishop Griswold.

This resolution was sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies, who returned for answer, that they had appointed the Rev. Dr. How, the Rev. Mr. Rudd, and Mr. William Ogden, for the purpose specified.

The following extract from the journal of the house of clerical and lay deputies was received from that house, and read:—

“On motion, resolved, that the thanks of this house be presented to the right Rev. the bishops who have preached before this convention during the present session, and that they be requested to furnish copies of their sermons for publication.”

A message was received from the house of clerical and lay deputies, communicating two resolutions—the first, that the house of bishops be requested to appoint one of their own order to preach at the opening of the next general convention,—and the second, that the next session of the general convention be holden in the city of Philadelphia.

The secretary of this house was directed to inform the house of clerical and lay deputies, that with the divine permission, the right Rev. bishop Dehon will preach at the opening of the next general convention; and that this house concur in the resolution to hold the meeting of said convention in the city of Philadelphia.

The House of clerical and lay deputies informed this house that the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Dr. How, the Rev. Dr. Harris, the Hon. Rufus King, William Meredith, Esq. and the Hon. Charles F. Mercer, had been appointed, agreeably to the provisions of the fourth resolution, on the subject of a Theological Seminary.

A message was received from the house of clerical and lay deputies, with information that that house concurred in the proposed alteration to the first article of the constitution.

The following extract from the Journal of the house of clerical and lay deputies was received by this house, and read:—

‘Resolved, that the Right Rev. the house of Bishops be respectfully requested to designate and establish some specific edition of the Old and New Testaments, without note or comment, to be considered as the authentic version or standard by which the genuineness of all copies of the Holy Scriptures used by the members of this church, is to be ascertained; thereby, to secure them against perversions, and the people of our communion from error, either in discipline or doctrine.’

Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted, and ordered to be sent to the house of clerical and lay deputies.

The house of Bishops, deeming the fulfilment of the request of the house of clerical and lay deputies, on the subject of an authentic version of the Holy Bible, a matter requiring very serious attention and deliberation, resolve, that its members will give such attention and deliberation to the subject, previously to the next meeting of the general convention, and report at the said meeting.

A message was received from the house of clerical and lay deputies, with information that that house was ready to rise, and requested the house of Bishops to unite with them in closing the session of the convention with solemn prayer.

Resolved, that this house will attend in the house of clerical and lay deputies, for the purpose specified in the above message.

The presiding bishop officiated, by the use of several appropriate prayers and collects of the liturgy; and dismissed the members of the convention with the blessing.

After which the house adjourned *sine die*.

*Signed by order of the House of Bishops.*

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.  
Presiding Bishop.

*Attested.*

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, Secretary.

# CANONS

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION, 1817.

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## CANON I.

*Limiting the Operation of the second and the thirty-seventh Canons.*

In the event of there being a bishop consecrated for any state or states westward of the Alleghany mountains, it shall be lawful for the Episcopal congregations in Pennsylvania and Virginia, westward of the said mountains, or for those of either of the said states, to place themselves, with the consent of the bishops of these states respectively, under the provisionary superintendence of the bishop the first referred to; the thirty-seventh canon to the contrary notwithstanding. Further; it shall be lawful for such congregations in Pennsylvania, and for those in Virginia, the majority in each case concurring, to unite in convention with the church in any western state or states. These provisions are to cease whenever the consent for the continuance of them on the part of the bishop of the church in Pennsylvania or in Virginia, as the case may be, with the approbation of the general convention, shall be withdrawn. In the case above referred to, the number of clergymen specified in the second canon shall not be requisite.

## CANON II.

*To govern in the case of a minister declaring that he will no longer be a minister of this church.*

If any minister of this church shall declare to the bishop of the diocess to which he belongs, or to any ecclesiastical authority for the trial of clergymen, or, where there is no bishop, to the standing committee, his renunciation of the ministry, and his design not to officiate in future in any of the offices thereof; it shall be the duty of the bishop, or, where there is no bishop, of the standing committee, to record the declaration so made. And it shall be the duty of the bishop to admonish or to suspend him, and to pronounce and record,

in the presence of two or three clergymen, that the person so declaring has been admonished, or suspended, or displaced from his grade of the ministry in this church. In any diocese in which there is no bishop, the same sentence may be pronounced by the bishop of any other diocese, invited by the standing committee to attend for that purpose. In the case of displacing from the ministry as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the bishop to give notice thereof to every bishop of this church, and to the standing committee in every diocese wherein there is no bishop.

**CANON III.**

*For carrying into effect the design of the second rubric before the communion service.*

There being the provision in the second rubric before the communion service, requiring that every minister repelling from the communion, shall give an account of the same to the ordinary; it is hereby provided, that on the information to the effect stated being laid before the ordinary, that is the bishop, it shall not be his duty to institute an inquiry, unless there be complaint made to him in writing by the expelled party. But on receiving complaint, it shall be the duty of the bishop to institute an inquiry; as may be directed by the canons of the diocese in which the event has taken place.

And the notice given as above by the minister shall be a sufficient presentation of the party expelled, for the purpose of trial.

Done in general convention, at New York, in the month of May, in the year of our Lord 1817.

*By order of the House of Bishops.*

**WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.**

Presiding Bishop.

*Attested.*

**BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, Secretary.**

*By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.*

**WILLIAM H. WILMER, President.**

*Attested.*

**ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.**

# LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

*Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.*

Delivered in, and published agreeably to the 41st Canon.

## *Eastern Diocess,*

Composed of the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode Island.

The Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D. Bishop.

## *New Hampshire.*

The Rev. Charles Burroughs, rector of St. John's church, Portsmouth.  
John H. Fowle, rector of — church, Holderness.  
Daniel Barber, rector of Union church, Clermont  
Joseph R. Andrus, missionary in Concord, Hopkinton, and Bradford.

## *Massachusetts.*

The Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Boston.  
Asa Eaton, rector of Christ church, Boston; St. Mary's, Newton; and Christ church, Cambridge.  
James Morss, rector of St. Paul's church, Newburyport.  
Amos Pardee, rector of St. Luke's church, Danversborough.  
Samuel Griswold, rector of St. James church, Great-Barrington, and — church, Lenox.  
Titus Strong, rector of St. James's church, Greenfield.  
Thomas Carlile, rector of St. Peter's church, Salem.  
George S. White, missionary in Bridgewater, and other places.  
Chever Felch, deacon, Chaplain in the navy, residing at Boston, and occasionally officiating in vacant churches  
Gideon W. Olney, deacon, minister of St. Ann's church, Gardiner.  
Benjamin B. Smith, deacon, minister of St. Andrew's church, Hanover.  
William Montague, residing at Dedham.  
James Bowers.

## *Vermont.*

The Rev. Abraham Brunson, Manchester and Arlington.  
Stephen Beach, deacon, Ferrisfield, Sheldon and St. Alban's.  
George T. Chapman, deacon, minister of Trinity church, Rutland, and Immanuel church, Bellows' Falls.  
George Leonard, deacon, officiating in the eastern parts of the state.

## *Rhode Island.*

The Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D. rector of St. Michael's church, Bristol.

**The Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, Rector of St. John's church, Providence.**  
Salmon Wheaton, rector of Trinity church, Newport.  
John L. Blake, rector of St. Paul's church, North Providence.

*Connecticut.*

**The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. of New York, performing episcopal offices under the 20th canon of the general convention, by invitation of the convention of the diocese.**

**The Rev. Richard Mansfield, D. D. rector of Christ church, Derby, and — church, Great Hill**

John Tyler, rector of Christ church, Norwich.

William Smith, D. D. residing at Milford.

Philo Shelton, rector of St. John's church, Stratfield, and Trinity church, Fairfield.

Ashbel Baldwin, rector of Christ church, Stratford.

Tillotson Brownson, D. D. principal of the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire. Chauncy Prindle, residing at Oxford.

Reuben Ives, rector of St. Peter's church, Cheshire, and officiating in the churches in Hamden, Wallingford, Southington, and Meriden.

Truman Marsh, rector of the Associated churches in Litchfield.

Daniel Burlans, rector of Trinity church, New Town.

Solomon Blakesly rector of St. James's church, New London.

Smith Miles, rector of the churches at Chatham, and Glastenbury.

Menzies Rayner, rector of the churches in Huntington.

Calvin White, assistant minister of — church, Derby.

Roger Searle, rector of St. Peter's church, Plymouth.

Asa Cornwall, assistant in the Episcopal academy, Cheshire.

Jonathan Judd, rector of the churches in Stamford and Horseneck.

Elijah G. Plumb, minister of the churches in Branford, East Haven, North Branford, and Northford.

Benjamin Benham, rector of St. John's church, New Milford, and the churches of Bridgewater and Brookfield.

David Baldwin, rector of the churches of Guilford, North Guilford, and North Bristol.

Joseph D. Welton, minister of Trinity church, Trumbull.

Isaac Jones, assistant minister of the churches in Litchfield.

Sturges Gilbert, minister of — church, Woodbury.

Nathaniel Huse, minister of the churches in Simsbury and Granby.

Frederick Holcomb, minister of the churches in Watertown and Northfield.

Birdsey G. Noble, rector of Christ church, Middletown.

Jasper D. Jones, residing at Simsbury.

Harry Crosswell, rector of Trinity church, New Haven.

Reuben Hubbard, rector of the churches in Danbury, Reading, and Ridgefield.

Reuben Sherwood, rector of St. Paul's church, Norwalk.

Aaron Humphrey, rector of the churches in Oxford.

Nathan B. Burges, residing at Litchfield.

Alpheus Gear, rector of St. John's church, Waterbury.

Jonathan M. Wainwright, deacon, minister of Trinity church, Hartford

Charles Smith, deacon, minister of — church, Wilton.

*New York.*

**The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. Bishop, and rector of Trinity church, including St. Paul's and St. John's chapels, New York.**

**The Rev. Parker Adams, rector of Trinity church, Lausburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace church, Waterford, Saratoga county.**

Henry Anthon, deacon, minister of — church, Redhook, Dutchess county.

Amos G. Baldwin, rector of Trinity church, Utica, Oneida county.



*List of the Clergy.*

- The Rev. Theodosius Bartow**, rector of Trinity church, New Rochelle, Westchester county.
- Gregory T. Bedell**, deacon, minister of Christ church, Hudson.
- William Berrian**, an assistant minister of Trinity church, New York.
- John Bowden, D. D.** professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia college, New York.
- Nathanael Bowen, D. D.** rector of Grace church, New York.
- John Brown**, minister of St. George's church, Newburgh, Orange county.
- Thomas C. Brownell**, professor of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, Union college, Schenectady.
- Nathanael F. Bruce, M. D.** deacon, minister of Christ church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county.
- Barzillai Bulkley**, rector of St. George's church, Flushing, Long Island.
- David Butler**, rector of St. Paul's church, Troy, Rensselaer county.
- Richard F. Cadle**, deacon, minister of St. Luke's church, Goshen, Orange county.
- Orin Clark**, rector of Trinity church, Geneva, Ontario county.
- William A. Clark**, missionary, Manlius, Onondaga county, and the counties adjacent.
- Timothy Clowes**, rector of St. Peter's church, Albany.
- William Creighton**, rector of St. Mark's church, New York.
- Asahel Davis**, deacon.
- N. Felch**, residing in Putnam county.
- Henry J. Feltus**, rector of St. Stephen's church, New York.
- Samuel Fuller**, missionary, Albany and Greene counties.
- Ezekiel G. Gear**, deacon, missionary, Onondaga county, and counties adjacent.
- Charles W. Hamilton**, deacon, missionary, Washington county, and parts adjacent.
- William Hammel**, residing in New York.
- William Harris, D. D.** president of Columbia college, New York.
- Seth Hart**, rector of St. George's church, Hempstead, including Christ chapel, North Hempstead, Long Island.
- Samuel Haskill**, rector of Christ church, Rye, Westchester county.
- Thomas Y. How, D. D.** assistant rector of Trinity church, New York.
- David Huntington**, Stamford, Delaware county.
- Samuel F. Jarvis**, rector of St. James's church, Hamilton Square, and minister of St. Michael's church, Bloomingdale, New York.
- Stephen Jewett**, missionary in Washington county.
- Evan Malbone Johnson**, minister of St. James's church, New Town, Long Island.
- Samuel Johnston**, deacon, missionary, Genesee and Niagara counties.
- Cave Jones**, residing in the city of New York.
- Ravaud Kearney**, minister of St. Paul's church, East Chester, West Chester county.
- William B. Lacey**, missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent.
- Thomas Lyell**, rector of Christ church, New York.
- Daniel M'Donald**, principal of the academy, Fairfield, Herkimer county, and officiating in the church there.
- John M'Vickar**, rector of St. James's church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county.
- James Milnor**, rector of St. George's church, New York.
- David Moore**, rector of St. Andrew's church, including Trinity chapel, Staten Island.
- Daniel Nash**, missionary, and rector of the churches in Otsego county.
- Samuel Nicholls**, deacon, tutor in the academy, Fairfield, Herkimer county.
- William H. Northrop**, deacon.
- George W. Norton**, deacon, Ontario county.
- Benjamin T. Onderdonk**, an assistant minister of Trinity church, New York.

- The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk**, M. D. missionary, Canandaigua, Ontario county, and parts adjacent.  
**Henri L. P. F. Péneveyre**, rector of the French church Du St. Esprit, New York.  
**Joseph Ferry**, Rector of St. James's church, Milton, and Christ church, Ballstown, Saratoga county.  
**William Powell**, minister of St. Johns's church, Yonker's, West Chester county.  
**Joseph Prentice**, rector of Trinity church, Athens, and St. Luke's church, Catskill, Greene county.  
**John Reed**, rector of Christ church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county.  
**Joshua M. Rogers**, missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent.  
**Gilbert H. Sayres**, minister of Grace church, Jamaica, Long Island.  
**Charles Seabury**, rector of Caroline church, Brookhaven, and missionary to Huntington and Islip, Long Island.  
**Hugh Smith**, deacon, officiating in Grace church, New York.  
**Cyrus Stebbins**, rector of St. George's church, Schenectady.  
**Petrus S. Ten Broeck**, minister of Trinity church, Fishkill, and St. Philip's church, Philips' Town, Dutchess county; and St. Peter's church, Peekskill, Putnam county.  
**James Thomson**, missionary. Greene and Delaware counties.  
**F. Vanhorne**, residing at Coldenham.  
**George Weller**, missionary West Chester county.  
**Alanson W. Welton**, missionary, Ontario, and adjacent counties.  
**Eli Wheeler**, rector of St. John's church, Johnstown, Montgomery county.  
**Russel Wheeler**, missionary Harmony church, Butternuts; St. Matthew's church Unadilla, Otsego county; and parts adjacent.  
**Isaac Wilkins**, D. D. rector of St. Peter's church, West Chester.  
**Joseph Willard**, residing in New York.

*New Jersey.*

- The Right Rev. John Croes**, D. D. Bishop, and rector of Christ church, New Brunswick.  
**Abraham Beach**, D. D. residing near New Brunswick.  
**Charles H. Warton**, D. D. rector of St. Mary's church, Burlington.  
**John C. Rudd**, rector of St. John's church, Elizabeth Town.  
**Simon Wilmer**, rector of Trinity church, Sweetesborough.  
**James Chapman**, rector of St. Peter's church, Perth Amboy.  
**John Croes, jun.** rector of Christ church, Shrewsbury.  
**Lewis P. Bayard**, rector of Trinity church, Newark.  
**George Y. Morehouse**, rector of St. Andrew's church, Mount Holly.  
**Daniel Higbee**, minister of St. Mary's church, Colestown; St. John's church, Salem; and St. George's church, Penn's Neck.  
**James Montgomery**, deacon, minister of St. Michael's church, Trenton.  
**Samuel C. Stratton**, deacon, missionary.

*Pennsylvania.*

- The Right Rev. William White**, D. D. bishop, senior of the American church, presiding in the house of bishops, and rector of Christ church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.  
**The Rev. Robert Blackwell**, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.  
**James Abercrombie**, D. D. senior assistant minister of Christ church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.  
**Joseph Pitmore**, D. D. rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.  
**Frederic Beasley**, D. D. provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.  
**John Campbell**, rector of — church, Carlisle.  
**Joseph Turner**, residing in Southwark, Philadelphia.

*List of the Clergy.*

- The Rev. Slaton Clay, rector of St. James's, Perkiomen, and St. Peter's, Great Valley.  
 Joseph Clarkson, rector of St. James's, Lancaster, St. John's, Pequea, and Bangor church, Church-Town.  
 James Wiltbank, one of the collegiate masters of the Latin school in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.  
 Robert Ayres, residing in Brownsville.  
 Francis Reno, officiating in the counties of Beaver and Alleghany.  
 Absalom Jones, (a coloured man) rector of the African church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia.  
 John Taylor, residing in Pittsburgh.  
 Levi Bull, rector of St. Gabriel's, Berks county, and St. Mary's, Chester county.  
 John Armstrong, rector of St. John's, York Town.  
 Jackson Kemper, assistant minister of Christ church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.  
 Richard D. Hall, rector of St. James the Greater's, Bristol.  
 George Boyd, rector of St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.  
 Abiel Carter, rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.  
 George Sheets, deacon, minister of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints, Lower Dublin.  
 Samuel Phinney, officiating at Wilkesbarre, and in the counties of Bradford and Susquehanna.  
 Jacob Morgan Douglass, deacon, residing in Philadelphia.  
 Thomas P. May, deacon, residing in Montgomery county.  
 Charles M. Dupuy, deacon, residing in Philadelphia.  
 Joseph R. Walker, deacon, residing in Philadelphia.

*Delaware.*

- The Rev. Robert Clay, rector of Emanuel church, New Castle.  
 William Wickes, rector of Trinity church, Wilmington.  
 William Fryce, residing in Wilmington.

*Maryland.*

- The Right Rev. James Kemp, D. D. bishop, and rector of St. Paul's parish, including Christ church, Baltimore.  
 The Rev. William E. Wyatt, associate minister of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.  
 John V. Bartow, rector of Trinity church, Baltimore.  
 John P. K. Henshaw, rector of St. Peter's church, Baltimore.  
 Edmund D. Barry, principal of an academy in Baltimore.  
 John Allen, teacher in Baltimore.  
 William Ninde, teacher in Baltimore.  
 Joseph Jackson, rector of St. John's, Washington county.  
 George Williams, rector of St. Mark's, Frederick.  
 Frederick W. Hatch, rector of All Saints, Frederick town.  
 Alfred Dashiell, deacon, Montgomery county.  
 Matthew Johnson, rector of St. James's, Baltimore county.  
 Daniel Stephens, rector of St. George's, Harford.  
 Nathan Wheaton, deacon.  
 Walter D. Addison, rector of St. John's, Georgetown, district of Columbia.  
 ——— Keith, assistant minister of St. John's, Georgetown, district of Columbia.  
 William Hawley, rector of St. John's church, city of Washington.  
 Andrew C. McCormick, rector of ——— church, city of Washington.  
 William Gibson, rector of Queen Anne, Prince George's.  
 Ralph Williston, rector of St. Paul's, Prince George's.  
 Noble Young, rector of ——— church, Prince George's.  
 John Weems, rector of Port Tobacco, Charles county.

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**The Rev. John Brady**, rector of William and Mary, St. Mary's county.  
**Neale H. Shaw**, rector of All Faith, St. Mary's.  
**John Bauzman**, rector of All Saints, Calvert.  
**Purnell F. Smith**, rector of Christ church, ———  
——— **Duncau**, rector of All Hallows, Anne Arundell.  
**Henry L. Davis**, rector of St. Anne's, Annapolis.  
**William Duke**, residing in Elkton.  
**Joab G. Cooper**, principal of Washington college, Chester Town.  
**George D. S. Handy**, residing in Kent county.  
**Samuel H. Turner**, rector of St. Paul's, Kent.  
**William J. Bulkley**, rector of St. Paul's, Queen Anne.  
**John Forman**.  
**Thomas Bayne**, rector of St. Peter's, Talbot.  
**William M. Stone**, rector of Strepney, Somerset.  
——— **Irvine**, teacher in Hagers' town.

*Virginia.*

**The Right Rev. Richard Channing Moore**, D. D. bishop, and rector of the Monumental church, city of Richmond.

**The Rev. John Buchanan**, D. D. rector of Henrico parish.  
**William H. Hart**, assistant minister of Henrico parish.  
**John Duan**, Shelburn parish, Loudon county.  
**Andrew Syme**, Bristol parish, Dinwiddie.  
**John Woodville**, St. Mark's parish, Culpepper.  
**William H. Wilmer**, St. Paul's church, Alexandria, district of Columbia.  
**Oliver Norris**, Christ church, Alexandria, district of Columbia.  
**William Meade**, Frederick parish, Frederick county.  
**Alexander Balmain**, D. D. Frederick parish, Frederick county.  
**Edward C. M'Guire**, deacon, St. George's parish, Fredericksburgh.  
**William King**, Stanton parish, Augusta.  
**Alexander Hay**, Antrim parish, Halifax county.  
**Hugh C. Boggs**, Berkley parish, Spotsylvania.  
**John P. Phillips**, St. Martin's parish, Hanover.  
**Thomas Hughs**, residing in Virginia.  
**Samuel Low**, Christ church, Norfolk Borough.  
**Charles Crawford**, Amherst county.  
**William Crawford**, Louisa county.  
**Armistead Smith**, Matthews county.  
**John Ravenscroft**, Mecklenburgh county.  
**John L. Bryan**, deacon, Berkley county.  
**William Steele**, Prince William.  
**Thomas Horrell**, Berkley county.  
**George Lemon**, Fauquier county.  
——— **Michlejohn**, (aged 100) Mecklenburgh.  
**Needler Robinson**, Chesterfield county.  
**John Bracken**, D. D. Williamsburgh.  
**John Hyde Saunders**, Cumberland.  
**John Seward**, Lancaster county.  
**Benjamin J. Allen**, deacon, Jefferson county.  
**Robert S. Symes**, Eastern Shore.  
**Jacob Keeling**, Nansimond.  
——— **Halsou**, residing near Norfolk.

*North Carolina.*

**The Right Rev. Richard Channing Moore**, D. D. of Virginia, performing Episcopal offices under the 20th canon of the general convention, by invitation of the convention of the diocess.

**Bethel Judd**, rector of St. John's church, Fayetteville.  
**Jehu Curtis Clay**, rector of Christ church, Newbern.  
**Adam Empie**, rector of St. James's church, Wilmington.

*List of the Clergy.**South Carolina.*

- The Right Rev. Theodore Dehon, D. D.** Bishop, and rector of St. Michael's church  
Charleston.
- Christopher Edwards Gasden, D. D.** rector of St. Philip's church,  
Charleston.
- William Percy, D. D.** rector of St. Paul's church, Charleston.
- Christian Hanckel,** rector of Trinity church, Columbia; and professor of  
Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in South Carolina college.
- Andrew Fowler,** rector of the Episcopal church on Edisto Island.
- John B. Campbell,** rector of St. Helena's church, Beaufort.
- Hugh Fraser,** rector of All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw.
- John Jacob Tschudy,** rector of St. John's, Berkley.
- Charles B. Snowden,** rector of St. Stephen's parish, and upper St. John's,  
Berkley.
- Thomas Frost,** assistant minister of St. Philip's church, Charleston.
- Maurice H. Lance,** rector of Prince George's, Winyah, Georgetown.
- Philip Matthews,** rector of St. Helena's church, on the Island of St. He-  
lena.
- Frederick Dalcho, M. D.** assistant minister of St. Paul's church, Charle-  
ston.
- Thomas Gates, D. D.** residing in St. George's parish, Dorchester:
- Thomas Mills, D. D.** residing in the upper part of the state, without a  
cure.
- Paul T. Gervais,** residing in St. John's parish, Colleton.
- Milward Pogson,** residing in St. James's parish, Goose creek.
- Albert Muller,** deacon, Charleston.

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*The next general convention will be held in the city of Phila-  
delphia, on the third Tuesday in May, A. D. 1820.*