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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 Diocese, comprising the states of Maine, New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode Island.
The Right Rev. *Richard Channing Moore*, D. D. of Virginia.
The Right Rev. James Kemp, D. D. of Maryland.
The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. of New-Jersey.
The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. of South-Carolina.
The Right Rev. *Philander Chase*, D. D. of Ohio.
The Right Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D. LL. D. of Connecticut.
The Right Rev. John Stark Ravenscroft, of North-Carolina.
N. B. Those whose names are in Italics, were prevented from attending.



HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

N. B. The deputies whose names are in Italics, were not present.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

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| <i>Vermont.</i> | { | The Rev. <i>Abraham Bronson</i> , |
| | | The Rev. George Leonard, |
| | | The Rev. Carlton Chase, |
| | | The Rev. <i>Joel Clapp</i> . |
| <i>Massachusetts.</i> | { | The Rev. <i>John S. J. Gardiner</i> , D. D. |
| | | The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D. |
| | | The Rev. <i>Asa Eaton</i> , |
| | | The Rev. <i>James Morss</i> . |
| <i>Rhode-Island.</i> | { | The Rev. Salmon Wheaton, |
| | | The Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, |
| | | The Rev. Jasper Adams, |
| | | The Rev. <i>Lemuel Burge</i> . |

<i>Connecticut.</i>	{	The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, The Rev. Daniel Burhans, The Rev. Harry Croswell, The Rev. Truman Marsh.
<i>New-York.</i>	{	The Rev. David Butler, The Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D. The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, The Rev. Orin Clark.
<i>New-Jersey.</i>	{	The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. The Rev. John C. Rudd, The Rev. John Croes, Jun. The Rev. George Y. Morehouse.
<i>Pennsylvania.</i>	{	The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. The Rev. Jackson Kemper, The Rev. William A. Muhlenberg. The Rev. Levi Bull.
<i>Delaware.</i>	{	The Rev. Ralph Williston, The Rev. Robert Clay, The Rev. Daniel Higbie.
<i>Maryland.</i>	{	The Rev. John Johns, The Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, The Rev. George Weller, The Rev. William Hawley.*
<i>Virginia.</i>	{	The Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. The Rev. William Meade, The Rev. Edward C. McGuire, The Rev. Oliver Norris.
<i>North-Carolina.</i>	{	The Rev. John Avery, The Rev. William Hooper, The Rev. Richard S. Mason, The Rev. William M. Green.
<i>South-Carolina.</i>	{	The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. The Rev. Milward Pogson.
<i>Georgia.</i>	{	The Rev. <i>Edmund Mathews,</i> The Rev. <i>Abiel Carter,</i> The Rev. Hugh Smith.

* The following note was handed to the Committee of Publication, with a request that it might appear attached to the List of Members. The Rev. Mr. Hawley, of the western shore, was unanimously appointed by the delegation from the Diocese of Maryland, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the absence of the Rev. Mr. Wickes, because there was no Clerical gentleman attending from the eastern shore of that diocese.

LAY DEPUTIES.

<i>Vermont.</i>	{ <i>Joshua Isham,</i> <i>George Cleaveland,</i> <i>Alexander Fleming,</i> <i>Joshua Sheldon.</i>
<i>Massachusetts.</i>	{ <i>Gardiner Green,</i> <i>Joseph Head,</i> <i>William Appleton,</i> <i>George Sullivan.</i>
<i>Rhode-Island.</i>	{ <i>Thomas Lloyd Halsey,</i> <i>Alexander Jones,</i> <i>Stephen T. Northam,</i> <i>Samuel Slater.</i>
<i>Connecticut.</i>	<i>Oliver Coles.</i>
<i>New-York.</i>	{ <i>Philip S. Van Rensselaer,</i> <i>Richard Harison,</i> <i>Morris S. Miller,</i> <i>John Wells.</i>
<i>New-Jersey.</i>	{ <i>Peter Kean,</i> <i>Plunket F. Glentworth,</i> <i>Josceph V. Clark,</i> <i>George C. Thomas.*</i>
<i>Pennsylvania.</i>	{ <i>Samuel Sitgreaves,</i> <i>William Meredith,</i> <i>John Read,</i> <i>Edward J. Stiles.</i>
<i>Delaware.</i>	{ <i>Nicholas Ridgely,</i> <i>Kensey Johns,</i> <i>Daniel Rodney.</i>
<i>Maryland.</i>	{ <i>Tench Tilghman,</i> <i>John C. Herbert,</i> <i>Francis S. Key,</i> <i>Robert H. Goldsborough†.</i>
<i>Virginia.</i>	{ <i>William Mayo,</i> <i>Hugh Mercer,</i> <i>John Nelson,</i> <i>Robert Lewis.</i>
<i>North-Carolina.</i>	{ <i>John A. Cameron,</i> <i>Josiah Collins,</i> <i>Moses Jarvis,</i> <i>Alexander Caldcleugh.</i>

* Appointed agreeably to regulations of Convention in their respective states, providing in case of absence in the elected delegation. *Committee of Publication.*

South-Carolina. Gouverneur M. Wilkins.

Georgia. { George Jones,
Anthony Barclay,
William W. Hazard.

Clergy who attended the sittings of the Convention.

The Rev. Henry Anthon,	}	<i>New-York.</i>
The Rev. William Barlow,		
The Rev. Thomas Breintnall,		
The Rev. George W. Doane,		
The Rev. Manton Eastburn,		
The Rev. James Milnor, D. D.		
The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, M. D.		
The Rev. Henri L. P. F. Pèneveyre,		
The Rev. William Richmond,		
The Rev. Lucius Smith,		
The Rev. Samuel H. Turner, D. D.	}	<i>New-Jersey.</i>
The Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright,		
The Rev. Richard F. Cadle,		
The Rev. John M. Ward,		
The Rev. William L. Johnson,	}	<i>Pennsylvania.</i>
The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass,		
The Rev. Benjamin Allen,		
The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D.		
The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell,		
The Rev. George Boyd,		
The Rev. Samuel C. Brinkle,		
The Rev. Jehu C. Clay,		
The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy,		
The Rev. Joseph Hatchins, D. D.		
The Rev. Joseph Jaquett,	}	<i>Maryland.</i>
The Rev. Richard U. Morgan,		
The Rev. Norman Nash,		
The Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.		
The Rev. John Rodney,		
The Rev. William Thompson,		
The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D.		
The Rev. James Wiltbank,		
The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D.		
The Rev. George M'Ellinney,		
The Rev. Charles P. M'Ilvaine,	}	<i>Virginia.</i>
The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng,		
The Rev. Edward R. Lippit,		

Students of the General Theological Seminary.

Robert B. Croes, Matthew Matthews, William T. Potter, William Shelton,	} First Class.
Isaac Low, George A. Smith, James L. Yvonnet,	} Second Class.
Danforth Billings, Charles P. Elliott, Philip Gadsden,	} Third Class.

Henry M. Mason, Candidate for Holy Orders in Pennsylvania.

JOURNAL

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

Philadelphia, May 20th, 1823.

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 St. Peter's Church, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, and a sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Croes.

After Divine Service, the Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. was requested to take the Chair, and the Secretaries of the last Convention acted as Secretaries pro tem.

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 Vermont.	{	The Rev. George Leonard, The Rev. Carlton Chase.
Massachusetts.		The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D.
Rhode-Island.	{	The Rev. Salmon Wheaton, The Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, The Rev. Jasper Adams.
Connecticut.	{	The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, The Rev. Daniel Burhans, The Rev. Harry Croswell, The Rev. Truman Marsh.
New-York.	{	The Rev. David Butler, The Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D. The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk.

From New-Jersey.	{	The Rev. John C. Rudd, The Rev. John Croes, jun. The Rev. George Y. Morehouse.
Pennsylvania.	{	The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. The Rev. Jackson Kemper, The Rev. William A. Muhlenberg.
Delaware.	{	The Rev. Ralph Williston, The Rev. Daniel Higbie.
Maryland,		The Rev. John Johns.
Virginia.	{	The Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. The Rev. William Mead, The Rev. Edward C. M'Guire, The Rev. Oliver Norris.
North-Carolina.	{	The Rev. William Hooper, The Rev. Richard S. Mason, The Rev. William M. Green.
South-Carolina.	{	The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. The Rev. Milward Pogson.

LAY DEPUTIES.

From Rhode-Island.	{	Thomas Lloyd Halsey, Alexander Jones.
Connecticut.		Oliver Coles.
New-York.		Morris S. Miller.
New-Jersey.	{	Peter Kean, Plunket F. Glentworth, George C. Thomas, Joseph V. Clark.
Pennsylvania.	{	Edward J. Stiles, Samuel Sitgreaves, William Meredith, John Read.
Maryland.	{	Francis S. Key, Tench Tilghman, Robert H. Goldsborough.
Virginia.	{	William Mayo, Hugh Mercer, John Nelson, Robert Lewis.

The House proceeded to the election of a President, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, when it appeared that the Rev. William H. Wilmer was chosen President; the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Secretary; and the Rev. John C. Rudd, Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Baldwin offered his resignation as Secretary, which was accepted; whereupon, *resolved*, that the thanks of this House be given to the Rev. Mr. Baldwin for his long and faithful services as Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Abercrombie and Mr. Meredith were appointed a Committee 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 were also organized and ready to proceed to business, and that they had chosen the Rev. William H. De Lancey their Secretary.

A Journal of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Georgia was presented to this House, with an application of the Church in that State, to be received into union with the General Convention.

It appearing to the satisfaction of this House, that the Convention of Georgia had acceded to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, *Resolved*, if the House of Bishops concur therein, that the Church in the State of Georgia, be received into union with the General Convention.

This resolution, with the Journal and application of the Church in Georgia, was sent to the House of Bishops, who returned for answer, that they concurred in receiving the Church in Georgia into union with the General Convention.

The Rev. Hugh Smith, a Clerical Deputy, and Mr. George Jones, a Lay Deputy, from Georgia, presented certificates of their appointment, which were read and approved, and they took their seats in the House.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church who may be in the City of Philadelphia during the session of the General Convention, the Professors of the General Theological Seminary, Students of Theology, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to the sittings of this House.

Certain documents relative to the election of the Rev. John S. Ravenscroft as Bishop of North-Carolina, were laid before this House, with a request for the House to grant the testimonial required by the third Canon of 1808, in relation to the consecration of a Bishop elect.

The documents appearing satisfactory, the House resolved to grant the testimonial required, which was accordingly signed

by all the members present, and sent to the House of Bishops, who returned for answer, that they would take the subject into consideration, and communicate to this House.

On motion, *resolved*, that a list of the members of this House be published.

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, and Pastoral Letters, which have been, or which 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 Rubrics and Canons; to draw up a view of the state of the Church, and to report the same to this House, agreeably to the 45th Canon of 1808.

The following gentlemen were appointed to compose said Committee, viz.

Vermont,	The Rev. George Leonard.
Massachusetts,	The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D.
Rhode-Island,	The Rev. Nathan B. Crocker.
Connecticut,	The Rev. Harry Croswell.
New-York,	The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk.
New-Jersey,	The Rev. John C. Rudd.
Pennsylvania,	The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D.
Delaware,	The Rev. Daniel Higbie.
Maryland,	The Rev. John Johns.
Virginia,	The Rev. William Meade.
North-Carolina,	The Rev. Richard S. Mason.
South-Carolina,	The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D.
Georgia,	The Rev. Hugh Smith.

The rules of order in the General Convention of 1820, were adopted as the rules of this House.

On motion, *resolved*, that the hours of business of this House, during the present session, shall be from 9 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M. each day.

This resolution was sent to the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to examine the Journal of the last General Convention, and report the unfinished business, if any. The Rev. Mr. Butler, the Rev. Mr. Wheaton, and Mr. Halsey, were appointed the Committee.

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, May 21, 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met.

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

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The House proceeded to the choice of Secretary and Assistant Secretary, when it appeared that the Rev. John C. Rudd was chosen Secretary, and the Rev. James Montgomery Assistant Secretary.

The following gentlemen, whose testimonials had been read and approved, appeared and took their seats, viz. The Rev. Levi Bull, a clerical deputy from Pennsylvania; Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, and the Rev. George Weller, clerical deputies from Maryland; the Rev. John Avery, a clerical deputy from North-Carolina; Gouverneur M. Wilkins, a lay deputy from South-Carolina; Kensey Johns, a lay deputy from Delaware; John C. Herbert, a lay deputy from Maryland; and Samuel Slater, a lay deputy from Rhode-Island.

On motion, *resolved*, that two Standing Committees be appointed, one upon the General Theological Seminary, and the other upon the General Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, and Mr. Meredith, were appointed the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

On the Missionary Society, the Rev. Mr. Kemper, the Rev. Mr. Croes, and Mr. Mercer, were appointed the Committee.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, with certain documents from South-Carolina, relative to the General Theological Seminary, which were read, and referred to the Committee on that subject.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Committee on the state of the Church be requested to ascertain, as nearly as they can, the number of candidates for the ministry in the several dioceses, and embody the result in their report.

The Committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last General Convention, reported as unfinished business, The alteration of the first article of the Constitution proposed in 1820; the resolution on the subject of establishing a College, to be under the superintendence of the General Convention; and the reports of two committees, one on the subject of raising a fund for the General Convention, and the other for the Constitution and Canons as adopted in 1789, with subsequent amendments and alterations.

The Rev. Mr. Kemper laid before the House the Consti-

tution of the Missionary Society, with proposed alterations, which were referred to the Missionary Committee.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had examined the testimonials of the election of the Rev. John S. Ravenscroft to the Episcopate of North-Carolina; and that they had agreed to proceed to his consecration to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Kean called up the subject of the proposed alteration of the first article of the Constitution, relative to the time and place of meeting of the General Convention. The question being taken by states, was decided as follows.

	Clergy.	Laiety.
Vermont,	No.	
Massachusetts,	Aye.	
Rhode-Island,	No.	No.
Connecticut,	Aye.	Aye.
New-York,	Aye.	Aye.
New-Jersey,	Aye.	Aye.
Pennsylvania,	Aye.	Aye.
Delaware,	Aye.	Aye.
Maryland,	No.	No.
Virginia,	Aye.	Aye.
North-Carolina,	Aye.	
South-Carolina,	Aye.	Aye.
Georgia,	Aye.	Aye.

So the proposed alteration was adopted, and notice thereof sent to the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Pew on the right of the Chair be appropriated to the use of the Bishops, when they may be disposed to attend the sittings of this House. This resolution was sent to the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, that the delegation from each State be called upon for their respective nominations of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; whereupon, such nominations were laid upon the table, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The following documents, which had been laid before the House, agreeably to the 45th Canon of 1808, were referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.

From Vermont, Printed Journal for 1822, with the Constitution of the Church in that State, and abstracts of the Journals for 1820 and 1821.

Rhode-Island, Written Journals for 1821 and 1822.

New-York, Printed Journals for 1820, 1821, and 1822, and a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of the Diocese.

From New-Jersey, Printed Journals for 1820, 1821, and 1822, and an abstract of the Proceedings of the Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergymen.

Pennsylvania, Printed Journals for 1821 and 1822.

Delaware, Printed Journal for 1822.

Maryland, Printed Journal for 1822.

North-Carolina, Printed Journals for 1821, 1822, 1823, and a Sermon by the Right Rev. Bishop Moore.

South-Carolina, Printed Journals for 1821, 1822, and 1823.

Georgia, Printed Constitution of the Church in that state, and the Journal of the first Convention for 1823.

The House adjourned.

Thursday, May 22, 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Robert Clay, a Clerical Deputy from Delaware, and the Rev. William Hawley, a Clerical Deputy from Maryland, having produced testimonials of their appointment, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. Dr. Lyell asked, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Secretary of this House be, and he is hereby, directed to obtain a proper record book, and that he therein record the proceedings of this session of this House, and that said book be preserved as the record book of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, wherein to record all future proceedings of this House.

Notice of this resolution was sent to the House of Bishops.

The House adjourned to St. Paul's Church, to attend the consecration of the Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, Bishop elect of North-Carolina. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Green, and a sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Griswold.

2 o'clock P. M.

After divine service, the House met.

The Rev. Orin Clark, a Clerical Deputy from New-York, having presented his testimonials, appeared and took his seat.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, accom-

panied with a portion of a letter from the Right Rev. Bishop Chase, relative to the situation of the Church in the Diocese of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.

Messrs. Mayo and Nelson asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The House adjourned.

Friday, May 23, 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in adopting the proposed alteration of the first article of the Constitution.

The House adjourned to attend divine service, and hear the sermon directed to be preached this day before the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, and the sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Bishop White, President of the Society.

12 o'clock noon.

The House reassembled for business.

Mr. Alexander Caldcleugh, a Lay Deputy from North-Carolina, having presented his testimonials, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, *resolved*, if the House of Bishops concur therein, 1. That a joint Committee be appointed to consider, and report to the next General Convention, whether any, and if any, what, alterations it is proper to make in, or additions to, the Book of Psalms and Hymns in metre, now allowed to be used in this Church; 2. That the said Committee consist of three Bishops, to be appointed by the House of Bishops, and seven Clergymen, and seven Laymen, to be appointed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; 3. That seven members of this Committee be a quorum for transacting business, provided there are included at least one Bishop, two Clergymen, and two Laymen; and that the concurrence of the three orders shall be necessary to constitute a decision of the Committee.

The foregoing resolutions were sent to the House of Bishops.

The Committee appointed at the last General Convention to report, the Constitution as adopted in 1789, with alterations, &c. made a report, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The joint Committee of the last General Convention on the subject of a standard copy of the Book of Common Prayer, made a report, which was read and accepted. [See Appendix No. 1.]

A message was received from the House of Bishops, on the subject of proposed alterations of the Constitution of the Missionary Society, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Missionary Society.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, with a report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary. Ordered to lie on the table.

The Rev. Mr. Burhans, the Rev. Mr. Higbie, and Mr. Thomas, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following report :

The Committee on the State of the Church regret that the too general non-compliance with the requisitions of the 45th Canon of 1808, has prevented as full a view of the subject referred to them as they would wish to present. That Canon makes it "the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese or State, or of the person or persons with whom the Journals or other ecclesiastical papers are lodged, to forward to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, at every General Convention, the Journals of the different State Conventions since the last General Convention, together with such other papers, viz. Episcopal Charges, Addresses, and Pastoral Letters, as may tend to throw light on the State of Church."

These requisitions have been but very partially complied with. From such sources, however, as were within their reach, the Committee have drawn up the following report, which they propose for the adoption of this House, as the report required by the 45th Canon of 1808, to be sent to the House of Bishops.

Signed,

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, *Chairman.*

The proposed report on the State of the Church was then read in part, when the House adjourned.

Saturday, May 24th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met.*

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Smith.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Slater asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The reading of the proposed report on the State of the Church was now resumed and finished, and the said report adopted as the report of this House, and after being signed by the President, was sent to the House of Bishops.

REPORT.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the 45th Canon of 1808, have taken a general view of the State of the Church, and send the same, as required by the said Canon, to the House of Bishops.

Vermont.

There has been a gradual and steady advancement of the Church in this State, since the last meeting of the triennial Convention. By a late decision of the supreme court of the United States, a large amount of landed property is expected to come into the possession of the Church, which will afford a permanent revenue for the support of the clergy, for which the gratitude of Episcopalians is due to that venerable society, which was the first in those exertions for the promotion of Christianity, that so peculiarly distinguish the present period, which has done, and is still doing so much for extending the influence of pure and undefiled religion, on this and on the other continent—the Society in England for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts. Since the last report of the general state of the Church, a church has been consecrated at Manchester; the church at Windsor has been finished and consecrated, a work that does great credit to the zeal and liberality of the Episcopalians of that town, especially to the munificence of one individual; the contribution of the Hon. Jonathan H. Hubbard, in the land on which it is built, and in money to build it, amounting to more than two thousand dollars; a church is now ready for consecration in the town of Berkshire, and another has been commenced this season in the town of Bethel. The number of communicants has very considerably increased during the three years last past; but our clergy have suffered a diminution by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Beach, and by the untimely and lamented death of the Rev. Mr.

Gray, who was successfully officiating in Berkshire and the adjacent towns. A missionary society was organized in this State in 1821, which, small as are its means, has already been attended with some good effects. They are employing a missionary, the Rev. Mr. Brainard, lately ordained a Deacon, in the northern parts of the State, who gives a favourable account of his mission. Still there is much more to be done, which we hope, through that grace, without which nothing is strong, nothing is holy, to see in due time accomplished.

Massachusetts.

The Church in this Diocese may justly be represented as flourishing, if we take into view the difficulties and trials which it has had to encounter. Notwithstanding the political and religious prejudices which operated here with peculiar hostility, there were 17 churches founded in Massachusetts proper, between the years 1679 and 1774. During the revolution two Clergymen only continued the exercise of their public ministrations; yet of the 17 thus founded, 15 have been preserved to this day, through evil report and good report; and though most of them are small, they are still united and striving together for the faith of the Gospel. The Churches here enumerated, are Trinity Church and Christ Church, Boston; St. Peter's, Salem; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. Paul's, Newburyport; Christ Church, Cambridge; St. Paul's, Dedham; St. Andrew's, Hanover; Trinity, Marshfield; Trinity, Bridgewater; , Taunton; Christ Church, Quincy; , Hopkinton; St. James's, Great-Barrington; and St. Luke's, Lanesborough.

Trinity Church and Christ Church, Boston, are full and flourishing. The churches at Newburyport, Great-Barrington, and Lanesborough, are also thriving. The church at Salem has lately become vacant, and is consequently suffering; but when again supplied, will doubtless regain, and probably increase, its former strength. The churches at Hanover and Marshfield have been for some years united under the rectorship of the Rev. Mr. Wolcott, and are increasing. Those of Bridgewater and Hopkinton are stationary for the want of missionaries, having been vacant most of the time since the revolution, and kept alive only by the occasional services of visiting ministers. The Rev. Isaac Boyle has been settled, within the last year, at Dedham, where the prospects of the increase of the church are encouraging. Such also is the case with the church at Quincy, where the Rev. Mr. Cutler is officiating.—During the present year an attempt has been made to alter the charter of the Epis-

copal parish at Marblehead, so as to convert it into an Independent or Congregational Society. The attempt was occasioned by the declining state of this once prosperous church, which has never recovered from the blow it received at the revolution. Through the merciful Providence of God, this design was defeated, and what was meant as an occasion of its falling, has been the means of increasing its strength. A missionary is now established there, and the scattered remnant of the flock are returning to the fold. At Taunton public service has been suspended in consequence of the accidental demolition of the small and inconveniently situated church which was erected there in 1767. The members of that congregation have of late, however, expressed a wish to build in a more favourable position. In case this measure is accomplished, they will be supplied with a missionary. The church at Cambridge, founded the year 1761, but deserted and almost destroyed during the revolution, has languished ever since, having been chiefly supplied by lay readers, who were resident graduates at Harvard University. It is now in so ruinous a state, that it was thought necessary to suspend public worship in it in December last, since which time it has not been opened. The Episcopal students at the University have amounted, for a series of years, to one seventh of the whole number; and this year there are 45, most of whom are from the middle and southern states. The students are not allowed to come to Boston to attend divine service; and the Episcopalians, their own church being closed, are required to attend constantly at the College chapel. It is due, however, to the President of the College to state, that he has expressed a desire to have the church repaired; and provided with a suitable minister, as a mean of providing for the accommodation of those students who profess to be Episcopalians. If the influence of impressions made on the minds of these young men during the interesting period of collegiate life is properly considered, the state of this church will produce a feeling of anxious solicitude in the bosom of every parent in our communion, who wishes to have his children enjoy the advantages which that distinguished and richly endowed University offers. The church at Cambridge is therefore to be considered as a chapel for Episcopal students, and as such, a subject of general interest.

Such is the state of the churches formed previously to the revolution. Since that event, eight new congregations have been organized, and seven of these within the last ten years. These are St. Paul's and St. Matthew's Churches, in Boston; St. James's Church, Greenfield; Trinity Church, Montague; St. John's, Ashfield; St. Mary's, Newton; St. Paul's, Lenox; and Church, Springfield.

It is remarkable that the churches formed since the revolution are, generally speaking, more vigorous than those which existed previously to that event. The fact is doubtless to be accounted for from the absence of those political prejudices which were then excited, from the supposed inseparable connexion of episcopacy with monarchy. Shortly after the session of the last General Convention, St. Paul's Church, Boston, which had been built in the preceding year, was consecrated to the service of Almighty God; and it is now nearly, if not quite, equal in numbers to Trinity Church. What renders this increase a subject of greater thankfulness, is the fact that it has taken place without weakening in any respect the previously existing churches. On the contrary, both Trinity and Christ Church are as full, if not fuller, than they were before the erection of St. Paul's. St. Matthew's was unhappily built in South-Boston, a new part of the city, connected with it by a toll-bridge, and in which there are few inhabitants, most of whom are labourers, and a great many of them Irish Roman Catholics. It is under the care of a lay reader, and is slowly increasing, but is not likely to have a full and permanent congregation for many years.

St. James's, Greenfield on Connecticut river, is of very few years standing, but having been blest by the constant services of a zealous and faithful pastor, it has become one of the most flourishing parishes in the State. By his ministrations, the two congregations at Ashfield and Montague have been recently organized. The former is especially flourishing, and is the most promising field for missionary labours in the whole State.

The church at Springfield, on Connecticut river, was organized, and for a short time enjoyed the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Rutledge, of South-Carolina. Since he left it there has been, it is believed, no service there, excepting when they have been visited by the Bishop, or Mr. Strong, the rector of the church at Greenfield, who is the only one near them. The want of clergymen to act as missionaries, is sensibly felt by this little flock.

It is not so with the church at Newton. This zealous congregation have, with the aid of occasional missionary labours, for the few years since their church was built, and by the constant use of the Liturgy, built themselves up so, that, during the past year, they have elected their first rector, and now support him without depending on any other than their own exertions.

The church at Lenox, which, though mentioned last, was the first formed after the revolution, is in a very flourishing

state, and is quite equal, if not superior in numbers to the old parish of Lanesborough, with which it is connected, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Aaron Humphries.

These twenty-three churches are all which are at present organized. It is impossible to state the aggregate amount of their parochial reports, as these have not been given with sufficient accuracy to warrant any thing more than a conjectural estimate.

A Missionary Society for Foreign and Domestic Purposes, was incorporated in the year 1815, with a provision enabling them to distribute Bibles, Prayer Books, Tracts, and volumes of a religious and moral character. This society, which had remained inactive, and without funds, was revived in 1822, and has commenced its operations with a prospect of considerable success. The want of missionaries, however, has been the chief obstacle with which it has had to contend. Employment might be given at once to five or six, and the society have but two.—The increase of manufactures in Massachusetts has, within the last few years, been uncommonly great, and this has attracted to that part of our country a large number of English families, most of whom were educated in the principles of our common faith, and are attached, from habit at least, if not from higher motives, to the externals of our worship. These are scattered over the whole State, and if exertions are not speedily made to supply their wants, they must inevitably be lost from our communion. In addition to this, it may be remarked, that there is every where visible a growing respect for our Liturgy, and for the Episcopal office and ministry. It may, therefore, be said, without exaggeration, that no part of our country presents to the faithful and diligent minister, who would gladly spend, and be spent in his Master's service, a greater field of usefulness.

The number of clergy in Massachusetts is 20, of whom three only are in Deacon's orders. One is connected with Harvard University, two have private schools, two are at present chaplains in the navy, and three are without cures.

Since the last Convention, the Bishop has admitted, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee of this State, Messrs. Alfred Bairy, Silas Blaisdell, Stephen H. Tyng, Benjamin Clark Cutler, and Lot Jones, to the order of Deacons; and the Rev. Isaac Boyle, and the Rev. Alfred Bairy to that of Priests. Mr. Tyng removed soon after his ordination to the Diocese of Maryland. The institutions, since the last Convention, have been the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D. to the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Boston; and the Rev. Isaac Boyle, to the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Dedham. The

Rev. John L. Blake has lately removed from Concord, in New-Hampshire, to Boston, where he has opened a boarding school for the education of young ladies.

There are at present, recommended by the same Standing Committee, six candidates for orders:—William T. Potter, Joseph Muencher, Thomas S. W. Mott, Benjamin C. C. Parker, James Everett, and Theodore Edson. One of these is a student of the General Theological Seminary, two at Andover, and three, from the want of means of support at New-York, are obliged to pursue their studies in private.

Rhode-Island.

No material change has taken place in the Church of Rhode-Island during the last three years. The several congregations are in a state of continued prosperity. The Rev. George Taft has recently been settled in North-Providence, under very auspicious circumstances. The Rev. Mr. Alden is employed as a missionary in the State, and measures were adopted, at the last meeting of the Convention, to increase the contributions for missionary purposes, which promise to be successful. Sunday schools are established in all the congregations; and a proper regard is paid to the canons and rules of the Church. There are two candidates for the ministry, and three preparing to become candidates.—Number of baptisms 151—communicants 619.

Connecticut.

The state of the Church in the Diocese of Connecticut has been steadily improving since the last triennial report; and now generally appears under prosperous circumstances. In some instances, the increase of communicants has been altogether unprecedented; and in every parish, where the ministrations of the word and ordinances are regularly enjoyed, the congregations are advancing in number, zeal, and respectability.

The following churches have been finished and consecrated, viz.—St. Paul's, Sharon; St. John's, Kent; St. Paul's, Ripton; St. John's, Washington; St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Woodbury; and Grace Church, Hamden. These are all new, spacious, and commodious edifices, reflecting great credit on the zeal and liberality of the respective parishes. St. Andrew's Church, in Northford, raised before the revolutionary war, having been completely refitted and finished, has also been consecrated. The churches in Hartford and Bridgeport, in consequence of the increasing demand for seats, have been

so altered as to accommodate their growing congregations. Three other churches are now building in the Diocese.

The following persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons:—Edward Rutledge, since removed to South-Carolina; Daniel Somers, since removed to Maryland; Beardsley Northrup, lately a minister of the Methodist connexion; David Botsford, since deceased; Bennet Glover; Thomas Warner, late of the Associate Reformed Church in New-York; Moses P. Bennet, since removed to Pennsylvania; Seth B. Paddock; Palmer Dyer, since removed to New-York; John M. Garfield; Lemuel B. Hull; William Jarvis; and Ransom Warner.

The following Deacons have been admitted to the holy order of Priests:—The Rev. Peter G. Clarke; the Rev. Origen P. Hoicomb; the Rev. George B. Andrews; the Rev. Thomas Warner, since removed to the island of St. Croix, West-Indies; the Rev. Beardsley Northrup; and the Rev. Seth B. Paddock.

The following Clergymen have been removed by death—The Rev. Richard Mansfield, D. D. at the age of 97; the Rev. John Tyler, also at a very advanced age; the Rev. William Smith, D. D. and the Rev. David Botsford, Deacon.

The Rev. Solomon Blakesley has removed to the Eastern Diocese, and the Rev. Jonathan Judd to Maryland; and the following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese:—The Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, and the Rev. Stephen Jewett, from New-York; the Rev. William J. Bulkley, and the Rev. Henry R. Judah, from Maryland; and the Rev. Stephen Beach, from Vermont, employed as a missionary.

The Clergy of the Diocese consist at present of the Bishop, forty Presbyters, and four Deacons: and the following persons are candidates for holy orders:—William Shelton, George Shelton, — Todd, Edward Ives, Hector Humphreys, Enoch Huntington.

The rite of confirmation has been administered to rising of 1600 persons.

For the purpose of preserving that strict regard to the canons and rubrics of the Church, which is one of the characteristics of the Diocese, the convocations of the Clergy have been employed in settling an uniform practice throughout the respective parishes; and it is believed that departures from the established rules of the Church seldom or never occur.

The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, having determined to devote its receipts for the present to the support of missionaries within the Diocese, has been enabled, by the annual collections in the several parishes, and by the aid of auxiliary societies established in many of them, to em-

ploy two or three active missionaries, whose labours have been already crowned with the most flattering success.

The agent for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society has visited a few of the larger parishes in the Diocese, for the purpose of making collections, and his success has been such as to afford an earnest that the claims of that society will not be neglected in Connecticut.

The Episcopal Fund, partly through the munificence of the state administration, and partly by the liberality of the respective parishes in the Diocese, now amounts to a sum nearly sufficient to give to the Bishop an adequate support.

Sunday schools are generally established throughout the Diocese; and by the adoption of measures for pursuing a systematic course of instruction, are becoming highly beneficial to the interests of the Church.

A memorial is now before the state legislature, praying for the charter of a college, to be located either in Hartford, Middletown, or New-Haven, and to be under the patronage and direction of Episcopalians.

Amid the general prosperity of the Church in Connecticut, however, it is not to be disguised that there are some circumstances of an unfavourable tendency. Many of the parishes are still small and depressed; and in consequence of the frequent emigrations from the state, are sometimes deprived of their most active members. These are only partially supplied; as, in many cases, one Clergyman has the care of two, three, or more parishes; and even with this laborious charge, it too frequently happens that his support is altogether disproportioned to his labours. But a hope is indulged, that through the instrumentality of missionary exertions, the Lord will cause the waste places to be repaired, and the whole Diocese to become a flourishing portion of his vineyard.

New-York.

The Diocese of New-York contains eighty-nine Clergymen, (viz.—The Bishop, sixty-nine Presbyters, and nineteen Deacons,) and 127 congregations.

Since the last stated General Convention, the following persons have been ordained Deacons, viz.—Benjamin Dorr, Ambrose S. Todd, (since removed to Connecticut,) Henry P. Powers, (since removed to New-Jersey,) Moses Burt, Peter Williams, jun. (a coloured man,) James P. F. Clarke, William Thompson, (since removed to Pennsylvania,) George W. Doane, Lawson Carter, Ezra B. Kellogg, (since removed to Ohio,) Phineas L. Whipple, William B. Thomas, Algernon S.

Hollister, Alonzo P. Potter, Manton Eastburn, Thomas K. Peck, Levi S. Ives, William S. Irving, Richard Bury, William L. Johnson, (since removed to New-Jersey,) Seth W. Beardsley, Burton H. Hecox, John Sellon, and Augustus L. Converse.—Total 24.

The following Deacons have been ordained Priests, viz.—The Rev. George Upfold, M. D. the Rev. Alexis P. Proal, the Rev. Charles M'Cabe, the Rev. Leverett Bush, the Rev. Henry M. Shaw, (since removed to Maryland,) the Rev. William Barlow, the Rev. John Grigg, the Rev. Francis H. Cuming, the Rev. Deodatus Babcock, the Rev. Marcus A. Perry, the Rev. William Richmond, the Rev. William H. De Lancey (since removed to Pennsylvania,) the Rev. Lawson Carter, the Rev. James P. F. Clarke, and the Rev. Benjamin Dorr.—Total 15.

The institution of the following Clergymen to their respective Rectorships has taken place, viz.—The Rev. William A. Clark, to that of Christ Church, Balston-Spa, Saratoga county; the Rev. Cyrus Stebbius, to that of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county; the Rev. Parker Adams, from South-Carolina, to that of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county; the Rev. Alexis P. Proal, to that of St. George's Church, Schenectady; and the Rev. Henry Anthon, to that of Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county.

The following Clergymen have also been settled in their respective stations, viz.—The Rev. David Huntington, Rector of St. Paul's and St. Mary's Churches, Charlton, Saratoga county; the Rev. John V. E. Thorn, from Pennsylvania, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county; the Rev. William Richmond, from Pennsylvania, Rector of St. Michael's and St. James's Churches, New-York; the Rev. Peter Williams, jun. (a coloured man,) Deacon, Minister of St. Philip's Church, New-York, of which the congregation is composed of coloured persons; the Rev. George Upfold, M. D. Rector of St. Luke's Church, New-York; the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county; the Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, Rector of Grace Church, New-York; the Rev. George W. Doane, Deacon, a temporary Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-York; the Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, from New-Jersey, Rector of Trinity Church, New-Rochelle, Westchester county; the Rev. Samuel Phinney, Rector of St. John's Church, Ithaca, Tompkins county; the Rev. William B. Thomas, Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county; the Rev. William S. Irving, Deacon, Minister of St. Mark's Church, Le Roy, Genesee county;

the Rev. Seth W. Beardsley, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Sackett's Harbour, Jefferson county; the Rev. James P. F. Clarke, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county; the Rev. Richard Bury, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county; the Rev. Manton Eastburn, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, New-York.

The Rev. John Sellon, Deacon, officiates to a congregation which occupies the building formerly the parish church of the parish of Christ Church; which congregation, it is expected, will soon be organized.

Twenty Missionaries are at present employed in this Diocese; of whom the following have entered on their duties since the last stated General Convention:—The Rev. Marcus A. Perry, from the Eastern Diocese; the Rev. Algernon S. Hollister, Deacon; the Rev. Thomas K. Peck, Deacon; the Rev. Levi S. Ives, Deacon; the Rev. Palmer Dyer, Deacon, from Connecticut; the Rev. Lawson Carter; the Rev. Phineas L. Whipple, Deacon; the Rev. Moses Burt, Deacon; the Rev. Frederick T. Tiffany, Deacon; and the Rev. David Brown.

The following persons are candidates for orders:—George M. Robinson, Eleazar Williams, Samuel R. Johnson, Augustus G. Danby, David Osborne, Henry N. Hotchkiss, Richard Salmon, Orsimus H. Smith, Marvin Cady, W. W. Botswick, Edward K. Fowler, W. C. Meade, Samuel Merce, Edward Neufville, jun. Cornelius R. Duffie, Lewis Bixley, William R. Whittingham, Danforth Billings, James L. Yvonnet, Benjamin Holmes, Isaac Low, Henry J. Whitehouse, Charles P. Elliot, John Duer.—24.

It has pleased the Divine Head of the Church to preserve this Diocese from any loss of its Clergy by death. It is painful, however, to be obliged to notice that the Rev. James P. Cotter, a Presbyterian, and the Rev. Asahel Davis, a Deacon, of the Diocese, have been displaced from their respective grades in the ministry, under the seventh Canon of the General Convention of 1820.

The following Churches have been duly organized, and received into union with the Convention of this Diocese:—St. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, St. Lawrence county; Zion Church, Russel, St. Lawrence county; St. Mary's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county; St. Luke's Church, New-York; St. John's Church, Ithaca, Tompkins county; Trinity Church, Fredonia, Chatauque county; Trinity Church, Cherry Valley, Otsego county.—Total 7.

The following Churches have been consecrated by the Bishop:—St. Luke's Church, Rochester, Monroe county;

St. Paul's Church, Buffalo, Erie county; St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county; St. Luke's Church, New-York; Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county; St. Philip's Church, New-York, (rebuilt after destruction by fire;) Christ Church, Binghamton, Broome county; Christ Church, New-York.—8.

The Churches at Flushing and Jamaica have been erected in the place of former edifices, which had gone to decay. Christ Church, New-York, has been built by the old parish of that name, who have disposed of their former Church; the present situation of which is noticed above.

Again—the third time in less than eight years—the members of our communion in the city of New-York, have lost a Church by fire. In December, 1821, St. Philip's was destroyed. It is highly creditable, however, to the prudence of the vestry of that Church, which is composed of coloured persons, that the building was insured. This circumstance enabled them to erect, on the same spot, the very neat edifice which was consecrated in December last.

The Missionary and Parochial reports for the last three years, furnish the following aggregate:—Baptisms (Adults 529, Infants 2713, not specified 1282,) 4524—Marriages 1112—Funerals 3488.

The number of communicants reported at the last Convention, is 4722.

The number of persons reported by the Bishop as confirmed, since the last stated General Convention, is 1797.

The collections for the Missionary Fund, reported at the last three Conventions, amount to \$ 4603 25½; and for the Episcopal Fund, to \$ 1866 83¼.

Missionary labours continue to receive much attention, and to be very usefully prosecuted. The appointment and charge of the Missionaries rest solely with the ecclesiastical authority. There are a number of Missionary Societies; but their only object is to collect funds to be placed at the disposal of the Committee for Propagating the Gospel, which is appointed by the Convention, and of which the Bishop is, *ex officio*, chairman. As an important portion of our western country is included within the bounds of New-York, and the rapid increase of its population renders obvious the duty of extending to it proportionable means for the diffusion of the principles and practice of the Gospel, it is gratifying to find this section of our Church bestowing its efforts in this way. There are annually raised, in various ways, within the Diocese, and devoted to this object, about \$ 2500. The reports of the Missionaries afford the gratifying hope that much good to religion and the Church is thus effecting.

Besides these missionary exertions at home, the members of the Church in this Diocese lent a willing ear to the late earnest and affecting appeal of the Bishop of Ohio for assistance to the Missionary Society of that Diocese, from the more favoured sections of the Church in the Atlantic States. It appears by the returns of the agent of the Ohio Society, that of the \$ 2911 9, raised by him, \$ 1339 17, were from the Diocese of New-York.

The several Societies of the Church in this Diocese continue their beneficial operations. Under their auspices, Bibles, Common Prayer Books, and Religious Tracts, are distributed in considerable numbers, funds are raised for missionary purposes, and the benefits of gratuitous Sunday instruction extended to a large number of children and others. As connected with this latter branch of religious charity, may be mentioned the existence and successful operation, in the city of New-York, of an Episcopal Charity School, originally established, long before the revolution, but lately enlarged and organized on Dr. Bell's system, extending daily instruction to 250 poor children, and particularly devoted to their improvement in Christian knowledge and piety.

It appears by the address of the Bishop to the last Convention, that there is now a fair prospect of securing, at Geneva, in this Diocese, what has been so long a desideratum in our Church—a College, to be under the management and direction of her members. Should the efforts to this end prove successful, as there is every reason to hope they will, very essential benefit to the cause of our church and religion, may be anticipated.

To this notice of matters relating to the outward State of the Church in this Diocese, it is gratifying to be able to add, that there is reason to hope, that in the much more essential point of spiritual prosperity, the divine blessing continues to rest upon it; and that in the enjoyment of this, very satisfactory evidence is afforded of the natural tendency of the institutions of our Church, and of conscientious adherence to her primitive and evangelical order, to promote the interests of true Gospel piety, and with them, the glory of the Saviour, and the spiritual and eternal good of his people.

New-Jersey.

In New-Jersey the Church continues gradually to improve. The number of Clergymen is thirteen; the Bishop, nine Presbyters, and three Deacons. The number of congregations is twenty-eight; eighteen of which have the enjoyment of regular

service; the remainder, of occasional service by a Missionary. The number of Churches is twenty-five, which, with one exception, are in excellent repair. A new one, of considerable size, to be constructed of stone, is in progress in Newton, in Sussex county, in which place no Episcopal Church has ever been erected.

Since the last stated General Convention, the Bishop of the Diocese has admitted to Deacons' orders, John Mortimer Ward; and the following Deacons, viz. the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, and the Rev. Henry P. Powers, to Priests' orders.

Within the same period, the Rev. Lewis P. Bayard has removed to the Diocese of New York; the Rev. Simon Wilmer, to the Diocese of Virginia; the Rev. Augustus Fitch, Deacon, to the Diocese of New-York; the Rev. Daniel Higbie, to the Diocese of Delaware; the Rev. George H. Woodruff, (since deceased,) to the Diocese of Pennsylvania; and the Rev. Abiel Carter, to Savannah, in Georgia.

The Bishop has also, within that time, instituted the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, to the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Salem; the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, to the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Swedesborough; and the Rev. Henry P. Powers, to the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Newark.

The Rev. John M. Ward has taken charge of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and St. Peter's, Freehold; and the Rev. William L. Johnson, late of the Diocese of New-York, of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

Robert B. Croes is at present the only candidate for holy orders.

The number of baptisms reported to the last three Diocesan Conventions, is four hundred and twenty-three. The number of persons who have been confirmed, is two hundred and eleven. The communicants in the Diocese amount to about seven hundred and forty.* Attention is generally paid to the Canons and Rubrics of the Church, and her authority is respected in the Diocese.

The Sunday Schools are flourishing, and promise much good. Very considerable benefit is derived from the Missionary fund, which is gradually increasing. It has already been the means, under the Divine blessing, of preserving and rescuing several Churches from impending ruin, and of fostering and improving the condition of others.

The fund of the *Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergymen*, is likewise in a very prosperous state; upwards of \$ 8000 of which are now at interest.

* In the last report there was an error in the calculation, it should have been seven not eight hundred.

The Episcopal Society of this Diocese, for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge and Piety, which was instituted principally for the distribution of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, has succeeded beyond calculation. Its support is derived chiefly from four or five congregations; yet it has been able, through the smiles of Providence, to distribute, and almost altogether gratuitously, upwards of two thousand Prayer Books, besides a large number of Bibles, and more than five thousand Tracts. Its permanent fund also exceeds \$ 1000.

The congregations, with an occasional exception of one or two, are visited yearly by the Bishop.

From all these circumstances, it is evident that the Church in this Diocese is regularly improving, both in its temporal and spiritual concerns. May it, under the blessing of its Divine Founder and Head, still progress, and become instrumental, in a higher degree, to the promotion of his glory, and the best interests of men.

Pennsylvania.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania consists at present of the Bishop, twenty-nine Presbyters, four Deacons, and forty-four congregations.

Since the last stated General Convention, the following persons have been admitted by the Bishop of this Diocese, to the holy order of Deacons:— Charles P. McIlvaine, (since removed to the Diocese of Maryland,) Joseph Jaquett, Thomas H. Taylor, (under letters dimissory from the Bishop of South-Carolina,) Peter Van Pelt, jun. (since removed to South-Carolina,) and Richard U. Morgan.—5.

Within the same period, the following Deacons have been ordered Priests:—The Rev. Charles G. Snowden, the Rev. John Rodney, jun. the Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, the Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, the Rev. Manning B. Roche, the Rev. William Thompson, the Rev. Peter Van Pelt, jun. (under letters dimissory from the Bishop of South-Carolina,) and the Rev. Joseph Jaquett.—8.

The following Clergymen have taken charge of the parishes annexed to their respective names:—The Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, associate Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, and St. John's, Pequea; the Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of St. James's, Perkiomen, and St. John's, Norristown; the Rev. Benjamin Allen, from Virginia, Rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia; the Rev. William Thompson, from New-York, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg; the Rev. William H. De Lancey, from New-York, an Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St.

Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia; the Rev. Moses P. Bennet, from Connecticut, Minister of Christ Church, Greenburg; the Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves, jun. Minister of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarré; the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of St. Paul's, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; the Rev. Joseph Jaquett, Minister of St. James's, Bristol; the Rev. Joseph Spencer, Rector of St. John's, Carlisle; the Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of St. Stephen's, Philadelphia; the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Rector of St. Andrew's, Philadelphia; and the Rev. John P. Bausman, jun. from Maryland, Minister of the Churches in Fayette county.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Hutchins has returned from Barbadoes, and resides in Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. Wilson is Professor of Systematic Theology in the General Seminary. The Rev. Joseph Spencer is Professor of Languages in Dickinson College, Carlisle. The Rev. Norman Nash is at present officiating at Huntingdon and its neighbourhood.

There are ten candidates for holy orders. Several young men are preparing to become candidates.

This Diocese has been deprived by death of the Rev. Joseph Turner, the Rev. Slator Clay, the Rev. George Woodruff, and the Rev. Elijah G. Plumb.

Charles G. Snowden, and Manning B. Roche, formerly Presbyters of this Church, have been displaced from the ministry; agreeably to the provisions of the seventh Canon of 1820.

There have been duly organized in this Diocese, and received into union with its Convention, St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarré; Trinity Church, Southwark; St. Mark's Church, Mantua; St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia; St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia; and Christ Church, Greensburg.—6.

The following Churches have been consecrated by the Bishop:—St. James's Church, Lancaster; Trinity Church, Easton; St. Mark's Church, Mantua; Trinity Church, Southwark; and St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.—5.

Confirmation has been administered in the following Churches:—St. John's Church, New-London; St. David's, Radnor; St. James's, Lancaster; Christ Church, Leacock; St. John's, Pequea; Trinity Church, Easton; St. John's, Carlisle; Christ Church, Adams county; St. John's, York; St. John's, Norristown; Trinity Church, Southwark; All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin; Trinity Church, Oxford; St. Mary's, Chester county; Bangor Church, Churchtown; and in several Churches in the city of Philadelphia. The number confirmed was 618.

The number of baptisms reported since the last General Convention is 1591, of whom 196 were adults. The number of communicants reported to the last Diocesan Convention is 1606. Sunday Schools exist in many of the parishes, and are flourishing. Their effects have been highly beneficial both upon pupils and teachers. 1587 scholars were reported from 11 congregations. Bible classes have been established in some parishes, and have been found highly advantageous.

In consequence of the exertions of some respectable ladies of the city of Philadelphia, a Scholarship has been established in the Theological Seminary by the deposit of \$2500 in its Treasury. In aid of the same institution, a board of agents, established in Philadelphia, has collected \$1500.

The Church in this Diocese has exhibited much interest in the concerns of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. Several public meetings were held in Philadelphia to promote its important objects. Eight Auxiliary Societies have been organized. Some of the Clergy have been made patrons by the female members of their congregations. The Treasurer's statement shows that in Pennsylvania there are 10 patrons, 9 life subscribers, and 71 annual subscribers.

The interest thus exhibited in the cause of this institution, has not, and, it is trusted, will not affect the concerns of those societies which have been established to promote the welfare of the Church within the bounds of the Diocese. The Society for the Advancement of Christianity continues its useful labours. Eight Clergymen have acted as its Missionaries, or have been assisted from its funds, while they were endeavouring to build up infant Churches. Three Missionaries are now in their employ, and they are anxious to obtain some more. They are in possession of the stereotype plates from which the standard edition of the Book of Common Prayer, authorized by the last General Convention, is published. This society, and the Pilmore Society of St. Paul's, Philadelphia, recently established, have aided six young men in their preparation for the ministry. Tracts, Homilies, and well selected books for Sunday Schools, are published and distributed by societies formed for the purpose. The Episcopal Fund is increasing in a manner highly gratifying to all the members of the Church. The resources of the Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, are quite extensive; they exceed \$30,000. The venerable Bishop of the Diocese still continues at the head of the first Bible Society ever formed in America. The annual meeting of the Convention has been altered of late, on purpose that it may not interfere with the anniversary of the Bible Society of Philadelphia.

In consequence of a resolution of the Convention of 1822, the greater part of the Clergy have devoted a portion of their time to vacant congregations, and to those vicinities where hopes are entertained that Churches may be established. The result has been considered highly useful. At comparatively a very small expense, about 40 Sundays have been devoted to Missionary labour, and a proportionable number of sermons have been preached.

Delaware.

The Diocese of Delaware continues nearly in the same state it was at the meeting of the last General Convention, with the exception of some improvements in repairing and building Churches. There are 14 Churches in this State, mostly in good repair. Nine of which are under the pastoral care of the three Clergymen resident in the State.

Immanuel's Church, at New Castle, has been rebuilt, and ornamented with an elegant steeple. This was effected by the well directed effort of a small number of families. This Church was consecrated last fall by the Right Rev. Bishop White. St. James's parish, near Stanton, are building a commodious Church; and some improvements have lately been made in some of the Churches in other parts of the Diocese; and we discover an increasing desire for the prosperity of our venerable and apostolic Church in this State: and it appears to us that a great and effectual door is now open in this Diocese, for the most zealous labours of Christian Missionaries; and the most sanguine hopes are entertained that one united effort will be made to rescue this branch of our venerable Church from final ruin. Although a gleam of hope beams upon the Church in this State, yet its condition is still deplorable, and speaks to the general Church in the language of supplication, and seems to say,—Come over and help us—help us to rescue this once important part of our Church from final ruin. And may we not indulge the hope that the time is not far distant, when, under the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, the united efforts of the Clergy and Laity will produce a general reformation, and evangelical piety will spread its benign influence to every part of this Diocese; and the primitive and interesting service of our Church be duly performed in every congregation!

There are in the State three officiating Clergymen, and about three hundred and fifty communicants. The Canons and Rubrics of the Church are in most respects generally observed; and there is in some parts of the State a growing attachment to the Liturgy of the Church.

Maryland.

Since the meeting of the last General Convention, the prosperity of the Church in this Diocese has been steadily progressive. The number of communicants has considerably multiplied; and in general there is an increasing attention, among the different congregations, to the services of the sanctuary, and a continued call for the labours of devoted ministers. From the address of the Right Rev. Bishop to the Clergy and Laity assembled in the last Convention, the following paragraph is an extract:—"When I look back to the depressed state of the Church at the time I entered the holy ministry, and contrast that state with the present appearances, my heart expands with joy, and I am completely confirmed in the belief, that to extend the limits and the influence of this truly apostolic Church, nothing is wanting but a sufficient supply of well educated and faithful ministers."

Deeply impressed with a conviction of this truth, the Convention had, for some time past, been anxious to place within immediate reach, such facilities as might encourage the efforts of those young men who are solicitous of being duly prepared for the high and responsible office of the Gospel ministry. At their last meeting, in 1822, the following proposal was brought before them—"Resolved, that it is now expedient, in reliance on the blessing of God for success, to establish a local Theological Seminary." This resolution, as appears from the recorded votes, was adopted by a very large and respectable majority of both orders. On this measure, some diversity of sentiment has existed. The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies refrain from the expression of any opinion on the merits of this measure. To the Bishop of the Diocese, it may be deemed due to state, that this act of the Convention has met with his decided disapprobation and strenuous opposition. The progress and influence of this institution are now in experiment.

At the same Convention it was also resolved to establish a Diocesan Missionary Society for the State of Maryland, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. A Constitution was adopted, and a Board of Managers elected, of which the Bishop is, *ex officio*, the President. Those societies which had been previously established, continue their operations with encouraging success. The Prayer Book and Homily Society, especially, promises much aid to the general interests of the Church, and great utility to its individual mem-

bers. On the whole, the members of this Diocese have reason to be thankful to the Great Head of the Church, and to rejoice in those tokens for good, which they have been privileged to receive.

Virginia.

No material alteration has taken place in the condition and character of this Church since the last report. The number of its ministers had increased until the last year, when, by deaths and removals, it was reduced to the number reported to the last triennial Convention. Some valuable ministers have been lost to the State by reason of the great difficulty of procuring a support for them in these times of unparalleled pecuniary embarrassment.

Since the last triennial Convention, a measure which had long been deemed of high importance to the interests of the Church in Virginia, has been pressed on the attention of its members: to wit, the establishment of a Theological School in some suitable situation within the Diocese. It has pleased a gracious Providence so to bless the endeavours, that the sum of \$ 14,000 has been subscribed, a considerable part already paid, and a good prospect held out of ultimate success. The fund for the support of the Bishop is still gradually increasing.

As to the spiritual condition of the Church, to which all outward means are intended to be subservient, it is hoped and believed that its ministers faithfully declare the whole council of God, and that just views of religion prevail among the congregations committed to their care. God continues to be gracious in the gift of his Holy Spirit, and considerable additions are made to the Church of such as, it is hoped, shall be saved. It is particularly worthy of grateful acknowledgment, that an unusual display of the power of religion has of late been witnessed in the town of Fredericksburg. The hearts of many have been most deeply affected with a sense of their lost condition, by nature and practice; they have earnestly inquired "what shall we do to be saved;" they have attended anxiously upon the assemblies of God's people; from house to house, as well as in the public temple, the life giving word has been preached to them, and importunate prayer offered up to the God of grace for their pardon and sanctification. The result has already been the conversion of a goodly number to the Lord who bought them—and a deep solemnity and anxious spirit of inquiry seems generally to pervade the congregation.

Long may this happiness continue to the Church of Fre-

dericksburg, and may all the Churches of our land obtain the same blessing from the Lord.

North-Carolina.

The prospects of the Church in this State are equally as bright and encouraging as they were represented to be in the General Convention of 1820. Its renewal resembles indeed less the restoration of an old and decaying, than the healthful growth of a young and vigorous plant. This appears, not only from the rapid augmentation which has already taken place in its numbers, but from the principles of increase which it appears to possess within itself. Its present prosperity is visible in the addition to the numbers of its congregations and clergy, in the erection of new Churches, in the increase of baptisms and communicants, in the greater zeal manifested for the fundamental doctrines, and correspondent practices, of our holy faith in general, and of the government and discipline of our Church in particular; also in the formation of Bible, Prayer Book, Missionary, and Tract Societies, and societies for the encouragement of industry, and relief of indigence.

There are at present twenty-five congregations in this State, being seventeen more than was reported at the General Convention of 1820. Most of these, however, are small, and but badly provided with ministerial services. Some are attended by Missionaries, at regular, indeed, but long intervals; while many have to depend entirely on the occasional visits of the parochial Clergy. This want has been supplied, as far as possible, by the appointment of Lay Readers, and much benefit has apparently resulted from the measure. Congregations have, in some instances, been saved, in a good degree, from dissolution; greater interest has been produced for the cause of the Gospel, and a better acquaintance contracted with the more common forms and ceremonies of the Church.

There are eight Clergymen at present officiating in the State, viz.—The Rev. Adam Empie, St. James's Church, Wilmington; the Rev. John Avery, St. Paul's Church, Edenton; the Rev. William Hooper, St. John's Church, Fayetteville; the Rev. Richard S. Mason, Christ Church, Newbern; the Rev. William M. Green, St. John's Church, Williamsborough; the Rev. R. J. Miller, Christ Church, Rowan county; the Rev. Thomas Wright, Calvary Church, Wadesborough; and the Rev. Robert Davis, Missionary. Besides the duties rendered to the Churches to which they are now particularly attached, the Rev. Messrs. Wright, Miller, and Green, per-

form Missionary services in the congregations nearest the field of their regular labours. Completeness has recently been given to the organization of the Church in this Diocese, by the election and consecration of the Rev. J. S. Ravenscroft, as Bishop thereof: an event which we hail with every demonstration of Christian joy; and for which we are bound to render unfeigned thanks to the Great Head of the Church; an event which promises the most incalculable benefit to this portion of Christ's kingdom. This Diocese had, indeed, as far as was practicable, been blessed with the counsel and fatherly care of the pious and diligent Bishop Moore, of Virginia; and deeply and gratefully sensible were all of the importance and benefit of his labours. But his being resident in another Diocese, and the multiplied concerns of that Diocese rendering it impossible for him to pay such attention as was necessary to this State—the election and consecration of a Bishop was eagerly desired. And unanimously has that election, and most happily has that consecration, been effected.

Since the last triennial Convention, but three Clergymen have removed from the State:—The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, now Rector of St. Andrew's, Philadelphia; the Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves, who acted a short time as Missionary, and is now in Pennsylvania; and the Rev. John Phillips, now in Virginia. The following ordinations have taken place within the last three years:—The Rev. William Green, and the Rev. Robert Davis, to the holy order of Deacons; and the Rev. R. J. Miller, to the order both of Priest and Deacon, in the year 1821. In 1822, the Rev. William Hooper, the Rev. William M. Green, and the Rev. Thomas Wright, to the order of Priests. The following persons are at present candidates for orders in this State:—Mr. George W. Freeman, of Warrenton; Mr. George W. Hathaway, of Wadesborough; Mr. Moss, of Warrenton.

The following are lay readers:—Mr. George W. Hathaway, Wadesborough; Mr. Walker Anderson, St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county; Mr. Ichabod Wetmore, St. Matthew's Church, Renston; Mr. James Marsh, St. Thomas's, Bath; Mr. Jarvis B. Buxton, Zion Church, Beaufort county.

A neat and commodious Church has been erected at Warrenton; one is in rapid progress at Washington; and a very elegant one is nearly completed at Newbern. The Church at Williamsborough has been thoroughly repaired; and the attention of the congregations in general seems to be turned to the erection of new, or the reparation of decayed, places of worship.

The baptisms, since 1820, have been about 430; and the number of communicants, as at present stated, are 480; but this is far from being the exact number, as a great part of the congregations not having the benefit of regular ministerial attendance, their true state cannot be reported.

It is evident to those who have observed the condition of the Church in this State, that a greater zeal for the Gospel, and a higher standard of moral principles and conduct, have been produced among its adherents. A greater knowledge has been acquired of the distinguishing principles of our Church, and an increasing attention has been paid to its forms and ceremonies.

The hope of increased prosperity depends on the prospect of greater stability in those congregations which have been already formed; but which, as yet, walk with the feebleness and hesitation of childhood; on the formation of new congregations, where Churchmen are resident; and, lastly, on the effects to be produced on ground not yet occupied, in places where Christians of no denomination have as yet laboured, we may almost say, have as yet existed.

It is believed, that, generally speaking, the canons and regulations of the Church, are as regularly attended to in this, as in any other part of our Church.

A munificent bequest of from fourteen to fifteen thousand dollars has been recently made by the late Mrs. Blount, of Tarborough, for the purpose of erecting a church in the city of Raleigh.

South-Carolina.

Since the last General Convention, the number of Clergy in this Diocese has increased. In 1820 there were twenty-seven; there are at present thirty-five, the Bishop, 28 Presbyters, and six Deacons. Some of the parishes have been endeavouring to create permanent funds. In one of the parishes, the planters had taxed themselves, in addition to their annual contribution, two per cent. on the proceeds of their crops; and thus have created an accumulating fund, which will soon equal the amount, when its interest will be applicable to the support of their Rector. In another parish, several individuals have given each \$ 1500 to create a fund for the same purpose. The fund for the support of the Episcopate, which was commenced in 1818, is gradually accumulating. It amounts at present to about \$ 8000. At the suggestion of the Bishop, a Committee has been appointed to inquire into the state of the property belonging to the Church, in parishes

where there exist no vestries, and to adopt measures for securing the same to the uses of the Diocese.

Within the period, embraced in this report, there have been admitted to the order of Priests, six:—David I. Campbell, J. W. Chanler, Henry Gibbes, R. Dickenson, E. Rutledge, and Peter Van Pelt; the latter by the Bishop of Pennsylvania. And to that of Deacons, also six persons of this Diocese:—W. H. Mitchell, E. Philips, B. H. Fleming, F. H. Rutledge, M. Motte, and T. H. Taylor; the latter by the Bishop of Pennsylvania. The number of candidates recognized by this Diocese, is four.

The Rev. Thomas Osborne, who had removed into Ohio, has returned to the parish he formerly had in South-Carolina. Six young men from this Diocese have been pursuing their studies preparatory to the ministry, at the General Theological Seminary.

There are at present thirty-five organized congregations. Five of them are vacant. Since this State was settled by Christian people, there has never been so many ministers of our communion as at present.

The Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina has essentially contributed to the present promising condition of our Ecclesiastical concerns. It has aided several of the parishes, otherwise unable to support ministers. The missionaries sent forth at different times, have all, with a single exception,* derived their *whole* support from this society. It is formed on the most comprehensive plan, being at once a Bible, a Prayer Book, a Tract, a Missionary, and an Education Society. Its books have been distributed in most of the parishes. It has aided several young men while engaged in their academical studies, preparatory to theology; after which, it has been hoped, our Theological Seminary, by Scholarships, or otherwise, would provide for them. It possesses a select library, which contains about one thousand volumes, and is increasing, instituted more particularly for the use of the Clergy and the candidates for the sacred office.

The Charleston Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society, composed of Young Men and others, designed to act as auxiliary to the elder institution, when necessary, and to send Missionaries beyond the Diocese, within which the earliest society is restricted, has had a Missionary for nearly two years at St. Augustine.

* The mission to Cheraw, here referred to, was partly maintained by the Young Men's Society.

The exciting, among our youth an interest in the cause of the Redeemer and his Church, and the regulation of their zeal by well established principles, are among the valuable effects which appear to have resulted from this association.

The Ladies' Domestic Missionary Society is supporting, for the second year, a minister for the benefit of the poor, and such persons as hold the faith of the Church, but are not connected with any of our congregations. The flock thus gathered, at present meet in a room for public worship, but measures have been adopted for erecting a church. It is designed to accommodate the poor, the stranger, the seaman, and others of our communion, who, in the city of Charleston, need such a charity. Of this Missionary Society, the Bishop remarks in his last address to the Convention, "consisting of respectable pious female members of our Church, it is characterized by a zeal of Christian charity, as prudent as it is unostentatious, and adorned with the meek and quiet spirit, which, in the sight of God, is of great price."

This church, the worshippers at which will be subjected to no expense, will also afford additional accommodation for our coloured population. It appears that a large number of this class, both bond and free, have a decided preference for the worship of our Church. In communicating to them Christian instruction and incitement, many and peculiar difficulties are unavoidable. But it should be recorded as an encouragement to perseverance, and in gratitude to the Giver of Grace, that the salutary influence of Christian motives, is evidenced in the lives of many of them—in their fidelity to their masters—in their kindness to each other—in their recognition of the claims of government—in contentment, meekness, and devotedness to the one thing needful. The calls to attention in the forms of our public worship—the power of its music—the invariable use of the same prayers—the simplicity of language which adorns our liturgy—the plan of reading the Scriptures in order, whereby "the whole council of God" is declared in his own words—the concise summary of faith in the creed, and of obedience in the commandments, repeated Sunday after Sunday—the practice of reciting after the minister, whereby prayers suitable for private use are learned, and all the fundamental truths of the Gospel. These, and other circumstances, prove that the system of our Church is eminently adapted to promote the spiritual welfare of the illiterate, and those who have dull minds. To this subject, the Bishop has constantly, in private, and in his annual addresses, invited the attention of the Clergy. He speaks of this class of our fellow beings, "as a portion of that moral creation, for which Christ died, and for

whose spiritual and moral happiness, and the alleviation of their temporal lot, as inseparable from that, we are sacredly bound to be concerned."

Sunday Schools are in successful operation in several of the parishes. They are chiefly for religious instruction, (as free schools exist every where,) and regulated, in every respect, by members of our own communion. The children of people of colour, and some adults of that class, have been among the pupils. These are among the poor, whose claim on this charity has been considered peculiarly urgent; and the interests of their proprietors, as well as of the community, demand their being brought up in that religion which teaches the servant to be obedient to his master according to the flesh, and contented in that state of life in which it hath pleased God that he should be.

The number of baptisms reported to the Diocesan Conventions during the three years last past, we find to be 880. Of these, six were of the Jewish persuasion, three of them adults, and three infants.

The forty-fifth Canon of 1803 prescribing a particular inquiry "into the attention paid to the Canons and rules of the Church," we remark on that subject,—The Episcopal visitations have been statedly performed. The Canons and Rubrics are conscientiously observed. Both ministers and people appear to be desirous of walking in the old paths, where is the good way. Great harmony and affection prevail among the Clergy.

The advantages which result to our Church, and to each Diocese in particular, from our happy union in General Convention, are suitably recognized.

In obedience to the high authority of our Supreme Council, the General Theological Seminary, and the General Missionary Society, have been patronized in some degree; and there can be no doubt that this Diocese will co-operate, cheerfully, promptly, and effectually, in forwarding these great undertakings.

The Convention, by a resolution unanimously adopted, is pledged to contribute its full proportion to the Theological Seminary. It is intended that sermons should be preached in all the parishes, as has already been done in several of them, and collections made for the benefit of this institution. Our Bishop has, at the request of the Convention, circulated an address on this subject. More than \$7500 have been paid into the Treasury of the Seminary by this Diocese. Including the Dehon Scholarship, about \$10,000 have been collected for this object.

By encouraging our candidates* to pursue their studies at the Seminary, we have also wished to testify our desire to assist in rearing this valuable establishment. On its success, as the number of our Clergy is scarcely sufficient to supply our churches, must depend greatly that of the Missionary Society. We consider, therefore, that we are essentially promoting the interests of this excellent Society, by aiding the Seminary; the natural operation of which will be to increase the number, and the capacity for usefulness, of labourers in the sacred ministry. Nevertheless, the agent of the society was welcomed in this Diocese; sermons were preached recommending it; and it appears he collected \$ 1643, principally from persons who were already patrons of our own Missionary Societies, of which there are three—one whose operations are limited to Charleston—a second, to the State of South-Carolina—and the third unlimited in every respect.

The subject of the education of the youth of our communion is beginning in this, as in other Dioceses, to excite a merited attention. Our Bishop remarks in his last Conventional Address, that “ he has long painfully contemplated it as the misfortune of this Church, remediable only by an effort of zeal, which circumstances seemed to forbid to be expected, that the whole progress of the academical education of its youth should be conducted under influences at variance with the principles which distinguish its communion. He considers this a lot not more to be lamented than it is extraordinarily peculiar. He is reasonably anxious, that he may not, on this subject, be misconceived. He glories in the real liberality of sentiment and conduct, with respect to other Christian societies, which he sincerely believes, in an eminent degree, to characterize that of which he is one. He deprecates, at the same time, the effects of such an erroneous liberality, as would make that to be regarded with indifference here, which, among all others, is cherished as a concern of high and sacred importance. That the education of their own youth, under circumstances the most favourable to their continuing in their own religious principles, is so cherished by all descriptions of Christian people, with the exception of Protestant Episcopalians, in these States, he asserts, with a confidence that needs no qualification. Permit me then, respectfully and affectionately, to submit the question—Can we be thus excepted, consistently with a sound and rational, how-

* All the candidates of this Diocese, excepting one who is peculiarly circumstanced, and another who has returned home on account of ill health, are now connected with the General Theological Seminary. The candidates recognized in this Diocese are four in number.

ever moderate, preference of the Christian doctrine and discipline under which our particular religious profession ranks us? Must not such a preference, where it really exists, naturally and inseparably associate with it an anxiety, that the principles we profess should be those in which our children, and the generations following us, should abide, and under whose influence their character, both for this life and the eternal, should be formed? Is not the subjection of our youth to influences unfavourable to their continuing in the faith we entertain, virtually conceding, as a point not worth our care, the character of their religion? If domestic nurture and admonition be insisted on as sufficient to prevent or remedy any such aberration of the mind of youth from the way of the parent's religion, the appeal is to fact and experience, abundantly certifying the contrary, and to the conduct of all other religious communities, exhibiting the *strongest persuasion* of the contrary. No Christian community in Christendom, except that of Protestant Episcopalians in the United States, does not, *as a community*, make provision, or where provision cannot systematically be made, anxiously watch against what is considered the perverting influence of academical education. It is the mode in which, above all others, a real solicitude to transmit to their children the religion which men cherish, is most unequivocally expressed, to commit their education to no circumstances that shall have a tendency to counteract its claim upon their respect and adherence. Let me, I pray you, not be understood to intimate, much less to allege, any thing derogatory to the claim of the respectable institutions, by charter appropriated to other religious denominations, and of unquestionable right, subject to a religious influence peculiar to themselves, for the candour and indulgence with which the interests of denominations, differing from their own, as far as they are committed to them, may be treated. I have no reference but to the indirect and unavoidable effect of the circumstances under which academic education is conducted, to influence the future feelings and decision of the mind, with respect to religion, in a manner more corresponding with the prejudices of the college, than, except under circumstances of more than ordinary care and judgment, of the parent's roof. I would not be thought unaware of the facility which the expression of sentiments such as these may afford, where the subject is not duly considered or understood, to the reproach of *narrow and illiberal conduct*. I feel, at the same time, so incapable of that, in religious sentiment or conduct, which might, with any rational construction, be so imputed, that I could not forego this opportunity of

bearing my testimony, however feeble and vain it may prove, against a laxity and indifference on the momentous business of education, in its relation to the moral interests of character and life, for which we are not more unconsciously distinguished, than, to say the least, wondered at by our Christian brethren at large. They readily enough, indeed, may explain the difference at present existing between the Protestant Episcopal Church and others, as to the possession and government of seminaries of learning, into the difference of the circumstances of our institutions and theirs, before the colonies became independent States. But they know that our communion embraces much of the wealth and liberality, at least of all the Atlantic States, and might, long ere this, have otherwise provided for a subject, with them always sufficiently important for any sacrifices and exertions it may require. Brethren, in laying before you these impressions, I am not conscious of the existence of any feeling in my mind, which you could, on the closest inspection, disapprove. *Out of the fulness of a heart*, anxious for the permanent, sound respectability and strength of our peculiar institutions, I have spoken what I have; nor can I imagine any circumstances of moral consciousness, under which it could prove painful to me, to be reminded that I had thus expressed myself before you."

Georgia.

In this Diocese the Church is rapidly rising into notice; and its present state and prospects are such as to warrant the most sanguine expectations of its more general extension. As yet, there are only four organized churches in the Diocese: one at Savannah, one at Augusta, one on St. Simon's Island, and one at Darien; the two latter being under the pastoral charge of the same Clergyman, the Rev. E. M. Matthews. All these congregations, it is believed, are in a flourishing condition, and increasing in numbers. In Savannah and Augusta there are large and commodious edifices of brick, furnished with every thing requisite for the due celebration of public worship. In Oglethorpe county, there is an aged, pious, and exemplary Presbyterian of the Church, the Rev. Mr. Strong, who occasionally officiates to a small congregation in his vicinity; but as yet, no information of the regular organization of the congregation has been communicated.

As the services and principles of the Church are becoming more generally known and understood, the prejudices against it are wearing away, and public sentiment is becoming more favourable to its establishment. A large proportion of the po-

pulation of the State are natives of Virginia, baptized and educated in the Church, still retaining their attachment to her principles, and willing to co-operate in any efforts for the introduction of her services. The deep anxiety which has been manifested by individual members of the Church, in different parts of the State, to obtain her ordinances, affords a most convincing proof, that missionary labour would there be crowned with complete success.

A society for missionary purposes was instituted by the State Convention in February last; but as Mr. Bacon, the accredited agent of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, shortly after came into the Diocese, to solicit contributions to that society, it was deemed inexpedient to make any immediate effort to obtain subscribers to the domestic institution. This, however, will be done, and probably with success, in the ensuing autumn.

It would scarcely be hazarding too much to assert, that no portion of our country presents a more promising field for missionary exertion, than some of the upper counties in the State of Georgia; and the hope is indulged that *this field* will no longer be neglected by those who are engaged in the good work of "sending forth labourers into the Lord's vineyard."

Ohio.

From a letter of the Right Rev. the Bishop of this Diocese, addressed to the House of Bishops, and by them referred to this House, the following statement is drawn.

Ordinations have taken place, of John Hall, Rufus Murray, and one other, Deacons, and one Priest.

The Rev. John Hall, Deacon, has been appointed Missionary at Ashtabula; and the Rev. Rufus Murray, Deacon, at Norwalk, Huron county. The Rev. Intrepid Morse has taken charge of the church at Steubenville. The Rev. John Armstrong, of Virginia, acts as Missionary in St. Clairsville and Morristown. The Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg has taken charge of St. Paul's Church, Chilicothe.

One Deacon has been displaced from the ministry, and one Presbyter suspended.

St. Paul's Church, Chilicothe, and St. Thomas's, St. Clairsville, have been consecrated.

Two hundred and eighty-five persons have been confirmed.

The Clergy generally are very faithful and laborious; and strict attention is paid to the Canons and Rubrics of the Church.

From the Dioceses of Maine and New-Hampshire, no report or documents have been received.

The whole number of candidates for holy orders in the several Dioceses, is sixty-one.

In conclusion, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies would respectfully invite the attention of the House of Bishops to the facts that many churches are without pastors—that in the west there exists a large body of Episcopalians, who are as sheep without a shepherd—that our missionary societies are, comparatively, inefficient for want of Missionaries—and in fine, that it is emphatically true, as it respects our Church, the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few. The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, respectfully request the House of Bishops to suggest such measures as may seem to them the best adapted to secure to this Church an increase of faithful and capable ministers.

In making the preceding statement, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies solicit the prayers and blessing of the House of Bishops, and respectfully request their counsel in a Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church.

Signed, in behalf of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,

WILLIAM H. WILMER, President.

Philadelphia, May 24, 1823.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, with a report of the joint Committee, appointed at the last General Convention, to collect documents and pamphlets, interesting to the Church, together with a resolution of the House of Bishops on the same subject. The report was read and accepted, and the resolution was concurred in, and notice of concurrence sent to the House of Bishops. [See Appendix, No. II.]

Mr. Key presented and read a communication from a Committee of the American Colonization Society, which was sent to the House of Bishops; and at the same time, referred to a Committee, consisting of Mr. Goldsborough, the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk, and Mr. Key.

The Right Rev. the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, as President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, sent to this House the report of said society, which was accepted, and referred to the Missionary Committee.

The Missionary Committee reported in favour of adopting the alterations of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, proposed by the House of Bishops.

The report was accepted, and the proposed alterations were adopted, and notice thereof sent to the House of Bishops. [See Appendix, No. III.]

The same Committee recommended the following resolution, which was adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops for their concurrence.

Resolved, if the House of Bishops concur therein, that the report of the Missionary Society be sent to the Board of Directors of said society, with a request that they will publish such parts thereof as they may deem expedient.

The Rev. Mr. Hawley offered the following, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Whereas, by the first article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, it is declared that the Convention thereof shall meet triennially ; and whereas a difference of opinion and practice exists in the different Dioceses, respecting the period for which Deputies are elected ; therefore, for the purpose of producing uniformity in the election of Deputies, and of preventing any collisions of claims to the right of membership, *resolved*, that it be declared as the opinion of this House, that this Convention is a triennial body, and that it be recommended to the several Dioceses, in their future elections, to be governed accordingly.

The report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary was now taken up and read, and referred to the Committee on that subject. [See Appendix, No. IV.]

On motion, *resolved*, that the next meeting of this Convention shall take place on the first Tuesday in November, 1826, at half past 10 o'clock A. M.

Resolved, 2d, that the next meeting of this Convention shall be held in the city of Philadelphia.

These resolutions were sent to the House of Bishops.

The following resolution was offered, and after some debate, was postponed, and made the order of the day for Monday next :

Resolved, in order that the expenses of the General Convention may be defrayed, that it be recommended to the several State Conventions, that each State or Diocese shall forward to the secretary of this House, twenty dollars ; and for each Clergyman, not exceeding in number 15, the further sum of one dollar ; and if exceeding the number of 15, and not exceeding 30, the sum of 75 cents ; and if over that number, the sum of 50 cents for each Clergyman.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House, that they had concurred in the resolutions of

this House on the subject of Psalm and Hymns in metre, and had appointed the Right Rev. Bishops White, Hobart, and Croes, on the part of their House.

The following gentlemen were appointed, on the part of this House:—

The Rev. William Meade,	Kensey Johns,
The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D.	Robert H. Goldsborough,
The Rev. William A. Muhlenberg,	John Read,
The Rev. Jackson Kemper,	Edward J. Stiles,
The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D.	Tench Tilghman,
The Rev. Samuel Turner, D. D.	Francis S. Key,
The Rev. Richard S. Mason,	Peter Kean.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, with information that they had adopted the resolutions of this House on the subject of the time and place of meeting of the next General Convention.

Mr. Kean offered a canon relative to the canonical residence of Professors in the General Theological Seminary; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, with an opinion relative to the communication from a Committee of the American Colonization Society; which was read, and returned to that House.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, with information that they concurred in the resolution of this House, relative to the printing of the report of the Missionary Society.

The House adjourned.

Monday, May 26, 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Jarvis.

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. a Clerical Deputy from New-Jersey, having produced his testimonials, appeared and took his seat.

The resolution relative to provision for defraying the contingent expenses of the General Convention was now called up, and referred to a select Committee, with leave to sit immediately. The following gentlemen were appointed to compose said Committee:—

Mr. George Jones, the Rev. Mr. Croes, the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Mr. Hawley, and Mr. Tilghman.

Mr. Kean offered a resolution relative to seminaries of learning; which was read and adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The Committee on the resolution relative to provision for defraying the contingent expenses of the General Convention, reported the resolution with amendments; which report was accepted; and the following resolution was adopted and sent to the House of Bishops:—

Resolved, in order that the contingent expenses of the General Convention may be defrayed, that it be recommended to the several Diocesan or State Conventions, to forward to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, at each meeting of said Convention, 75 cents for each Clergyman within said Diocese or State.

The joint Committee of the two Houses, appointed at the last General Convention, to report a standard copy of the Bible, made report; which was read and accepted, and notice of acceptance sent to the House of Bishops. [See Appendix, No. V.]

The Committee on the Theological Seminary made the following report; which was read and unanimously accepted.

The Committee of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to whom was referred all matters relating to the Theological Seminary, having had under consideration the report of the Trustees, and other papers referred to them by the House, respectfully

REPORT,

That they have directed their attention to the mode of education pursued in the Seminary, the state of its finances, the number of Trustees which it will be proper for this Convention to appoint, the impediments which retard its progress, and the means of rendering it more extensively useful to the Church.

With respect to the mode of education pursued in the Seminary, your Committee refer the House, with great satisfaction, to the able and luminous report of the Faculty, embodied in the report of the Trustees to the Convention. The course pursued is, in the opinion of your Committee, expanded and liberal in its character, well fitted to render the students able ministers of the New Testament, and to train them up in religious habits, as well as in sound learning.

Your Committee regret that they cannot speak with equal approbation of the report respecting the finances. They have not been able, in all cases, to determine whether the sums mentioned as subscribed, have been paid; and they have reason to believe that the expenses of the institution exceed its income. They wish to invite the notice of the Convention to this alarming fact, which, they surely need not add, must pro-

to avert the ruin of the Seminary, if measures to counteract the evil be not speedily adopted.

The want of precision in the financial report involves a further difficulty with respect to the choice of Trustees; your Committee being unable to determine the exact amount which has been actually paid, or secured to be paid, by the several Dioceses. It does not appear that any monies have been actually received, excepting from the States of Massachusetts, New-York, Pennsylvania, and South-Carolina. The amount received from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and South-Carolina, is defined, because it has been contributed in money; that from New-York is not equally so, from the nature and condition of the property. There are two questions which it seems proper to meet at the outset, in order to prevent future difficulty: These are, whether all property given by individuals, not connected with other Dioceses, is to be considered as belonging to that in which the Seminary is established; and whether, in case an individual removes from one Diocese to another, the amount contributed by him is also to be transferred. Your Committee are of opinion that the sums subscribed and paid in each Diocese, ought not to be affected by the removal of the individual donor, but should be considered for ever as a portion of the property contributed by that Diocese. And in order to prevent any present or future difficulties in the choice of Trustees, your Committee beg leave to recommend, that the nominations transmitted to this Convention by the several State Conventions, be now received without discussion; but that a Canon be formed, requiring the several State Conventions, in future, to send a proper certificate, exhibiting an exact inventory of the number of Clergy, and of the amount of property paid, or secured to be paid, in each Diocese; and that, in default of such certificate, any nomination of such Diocese shall not be confirmed by the General Convention.

While on this subject, it is proper to add, that your Committee have been informed, that the Diocese of North-Carolina, with a zeal which deserves the praise and imitation of our whole Church, have subscribed a large sum towards the foundation of a Professorship, of which no notice appears to have been given to the Trustees.

The Committee were induced to consider the impediments which retard the progress of the Seminary, in consequence of noticing the fact, reported to this House by the Committee on the State of the Church, that there are sixty candidates for the ministry in the Atlantic States alone, of which number there are but eighteen at present in the Seminary. Why

this vast disparity? Your Committee are unable to assign more than two causes; some feelings yet remaining of a sectional character, and the want of means for supporting indigent students.

There appears to be some apprehension on the part of the more distant and less wealthy Dioceses, that the students of the Seminary will be induced to desert their proper field of future labour, under the idea of having greater advantages in the vicinity of the Seminary. If such an apprehension does exist, your Committee are persuaded that the silent influence of time will destroy the illusion. There are no facts, as yet, by which it can be supported; and the love of country, and the influence of early habits, will gradually create, throughout the union, an indigenous Clergy. There is no more reason to apprehend that candidates for orders, educated at the General Theological Seminary, will not return to their respective Dioceses, than that students educated in the northern Colleges should thereby be alienated from home. If there be any danger, it is more to be apprehended in the northern section of our country, than in the southern. It may, however, be effectually guarded against, by making the students candidates for orders in their respective Dioceses, by greater exertions to support the Clergy, which will diminish inducements to emigration, and by enforcing the already existing regulations, which require Deacons to be under the direction of the Bishops who ordain them.

Your Committee cannot but contemplate with pleasure, the delightful prospect of having a General Seminary, whither, like the temple at Jerusalem, the tribes of the Lord will go up to testify unto Israel; and they anticipate, with full confidence, that happy period when the north and the south will give up, and the east and the west will not keep back. On this account, as well as for other reasons, hereafter to be mentioned, your Committee notice with pleasure, the indication, in the report of the Trustees, of a disposition to abolish the Branch School at Geneva; and they beg leave to recommend an expression of the sense of this House, approving of that measure.

The second cause which has hitherto prevented the increase of the Seminary, will best be considered by adverting to the means to be employed, of rendering it more extensively useful to the Church.

And on this head, your Committee are decidedly of opinion, that provision should be made, as soon as possible, for placing the students in a situation more retired from the noise, and business, and corrupting pleasures of the world; that the expenses of the institution should be diminished by the mos

prudent and undeviating economy; that the office of librarian should be given to some indigent student, a provision which may also perhaps be extended, so as to embrace the office of Janitor; that means be taken for the establishment of commons, and for furnishing the apartments of the students, which may be done at a small expense, by donations of furniture by the pious and charitable members of our Church; and that it be earnestly recommended to the several Dioceses to form more Scholarships. The prosperity of our Church depends much, under the Divine blessing, upon the support given to this institution. Without it, our Missionary Society, it will evidently be seen, must be inefficient; and a fact stated by the Bishop of Ohio, affords a striking evidence of this truth. He has now, for nearly two years, had in his hands, it is believed, about \$ 3000 for the support of Missionaries, and has not been able to obtain them. The harvest truly is plenteous, but it may emphatically be added, that the labourers are few.

By order of the Committee,

SAMUEL F. JARVIS, Chairman.

The Committee on the communication from the American Colonization Society, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which request was granted, and the Committee discharged.

The following resolutions were adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops:—

Resolved, 1st, That the members of this Convention be, and they hereby are, respectfully requested to assist the agent or agents of the General Theological Seminary, in his or their endeavours to collect subscriptions in their respective Dioceses.

Resolved, 2d, That it is hereby respectfully recommended to the Board of Trustees of said Seminary, to persevere in the measures they have adopted, and to adopt all such other measures as may seem best for augmenting the funds of the Seminary; also to adopt some system of finance, whereby a portion of the income shall be added yearly to the capital, so that the said capital may accumulate, until it be fully adequate to the purposes of the Seminary; that it also be recommended to the Board of Trustees to endeavour to reduce the expenses to which the students are now liable for board and maintenance; that it be also recommended to the said Board to reduce the expenses of the Seminary, by abolishing the Branch School at Geneva, and by any other measures that may be adopted, so that the said expenses may not, at any time, exceed the clear income of the funds of the Seminary.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, with information, that they concurred in the resolution of this House on the subject of providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention.

A canon was received from the House of Bishops, regulating the admission of persons as candidates for holy orders; which was referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Croes and Adams, and Mr. Sitgreaves.

Another canon was received from the House of Bishops, relative to a standard copy of the Bible; which was referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Baldwin and Bull, and Mr. Herbert.

On motion, *resolved*, that the rule of this House, which limits its daily session to 3 o'clock P. M. be rescinded; and that when this House adjourn, it shall be adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock this day. Notice of this resolution was sent to the House of Bishops.

The Committees on the Canons sent from the House of Bishops, respectively reported in favour of adopting said Canons; which reports were accepted, the Canons adopted, and notice thereof sent to the House of Bishops. [See Appendix, No. VI.]

The resolution of the House of Bishops designed to accompany the canon relative to a standard copy of the Bible, was concurred in by this House, and notice of concurrence sent to the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, that the report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons of the Church, laid upon the table on Friday last, be printed.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, with a proposed amendment to the resolution of Mr. Kean, relative to seminaries of learning; which amendment was agreed to by this House, and notice thereof sent to the House of Bishops; and the resolution as amended, and concurred in, by the House of Bishops, was adopted as follows:—

Resolved, if the House of Bishops concur therein, that a joint Committee, to consist of such a number of Bishops as the House of Bishops shall appoint, and five members of this House, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to inquire and report to the next General Convention:—

How many, and what, Colleges in the United States admit Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church to be eligible to Professorships in their respective faculties;—

How many, and which, of these institutions have Clergymen of this Church now employed as Professors;—

How many, and which, of said Colleges have adopted a

system for the religious instruction of youth; and as far as possible, to ascertain what such systems are;—

How many, and which, of said Colleges are so situated as to permit their students to attend divine worship in a Protestant Episcopal Church or Chapel;—

And that said Committee be instructed to inquire into, and report on, the practicability of establishing a seminary or seminaries, for the education of youth, under the influence and authority of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, with information, that they had appointed the Right Rev. Bishops White, Bowen, and Brownell, a Committee on the part of their House, on the subject of the foregoing resolutions. The following gentlemen were appointed to act on said Committee, on the part of this House, viz.—Mr. Kean, the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, the Rev. Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Wilkins.

The Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops was now read.

The following resolution was adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops, who returned notice of their concurrence in the same.

Resolved, in order that the number of Trustees to which each Diocese is entitled, according to the third article of the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary, may be readily and accurately ascertained, that it be required that a certificate, stating the exact number of Clergymen in the Diocese, and the amount of funds paid, or secured to be paid therein, be signed by the President or Secretary of each Diocesan or State Convention, and transmitted, with the nomination of Trustees, to the General Convention; and without such certificate, the nomination shall not be confirmed.

The House adjourned.

Monday evening, 7 o'clock.

The House met.

Mr. Tilghman offered the following proposed canon, which was ordered to lie on the table. Canon—*Additional to the 42d Canon of 1808.*

It is hereby declared, that the General Convention is a triennial body.

The nomination of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary was now read and confirmed, and sent to the House of Bishops, who returned it with their concurrence; and the following were declared duly appointed.

- Vermont.* The Rev. Abraham Bronson.
- Massachusetts.* The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D. the Rev. James Morse, Gardiner Green, David Sears, George Sullivan.
- Rhode-Island.* The Rev. Salmon Wheaton, the Rev. Nathan B. Crocker.
- Connecticut.* The Rev. Daniel Burhans, the Rev. Tillotson Bronson, D. D. the Rev. Harry Crosswell, Samuel W. Johnson, Nathan Smith, Richard Adams.
- New-York.* The Rev. William Harris, D. D. the Rev. David Butler, the Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D. the Rev. William Berrian, the Rev. John M'Vickar, the Rev. James Milnor, D. D. the Rev. William Creighton, the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, M. D. the Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, the Rev. Henry Anthon, the Rev. Lucius Smith, Wright Post, Nehemiah Rogers, John Wells, David S. Jones, Henry M'Farlan, Thomas S. Townsend, Edward R. Jones, Stephen Warren, Robert Troup, Philip S. Van Rensselaer.
- New-Jersey.* The Rev. John Croes, jun. Peter Kean.
- Pennsylvania.* The Rev. Jackson Kemper, the Rev. George Boyd, the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, the Rev. James Montgomery, the Rev. Benjamin Allen, William Tilghman, John Read.
- Maryland.* The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D. the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, the Rev. John Johns, Nicholas Brice, Tench Tilghman, John C. Herbert, John B. Eccleston.
- Virginia.* The Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. the Rev. William Meade, the Rev. Edward C. M'Guire, William Mayo, Hugh Mercer.
- North-Carolina.* The Rev. Adam Empie, Duncan Cameron.
- South-Carolina.* The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. the Rev. Paul T. Gervais, the Rev. Christian Hanckle, the Rev. Allston Gibbes, William Heyward, Benjamin Huger, William Clarkson, Thomas Lowndes.

The Rev. Mr. Rudd, the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk, and Mr. Kean, were appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of the Journals, Pastoral Letter, and other documents, and notice of this appointment was sent to the House of Bishops; who returned for answer, that they had appointed the

Right Rev. Bishop Croes, and their Secretary, the Rev. Mr. De Lancey, a Committee to unite with the Committee of this House.

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.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the resolution of this House, relative to defraying the contingent expenses of the Convention, to each Diocesan or State Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Butler, the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, and Mr. Tilghman, were appointed a Committee to wait on the House of Bishops, and inform them that this House is now ready to rise, and request the Bishops to unite with them, and close the session of the Convention with suitable acts of devotion, and their benediction.

The two Houses united in singing the 133d Psalm; and appropriate prayers from the Liturgy were read by the presiding Bishop; who closed the exercises with the benediction; and the House adjourned *sine die*.

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

WILLIAM H. WILMER, *President*.

Attested,

JOHN C. RUDD, *Secretary*.

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HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

Philadelphia, Tuesday, May 20th, 1823.

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 Philadelphia having been appointed as the place of meeting, the Right Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania; the Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D. Bishop of the Eastern Diocese; the Right Rev. James Kemp, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland; the Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of New-Jersey; the Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of South-Carolina; and the Right Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, D. D. LL. D. Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut; assembled in the Vestry room of St. Peter's Church, in the said city.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey was appointed Secretary to the House.

The Presiding Bishop read a letter from the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, of Virginia, which was ordered to be laid upon the table.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of New-York, was prevented by sickness from being present at the Convention.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with information that they were organized, and ready to proceed to business: whereupon, this House returned for answer, that they also were ready to proceed to business, and that they had appointed the Rev. William H. De Lancey their Secretary.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will attend Divine Service with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, agreeably to the first rule of order of that House, every morning during the present session of the Convention.

A communication, on the subject of the Theological Seminary, was received from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South-Carolina:—

Whereupon, it was *resolved*, that the House of Bishops have received, with much satisfaction, the communication from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South-Carolina, on the subject of the Theological Seminary, and that we duly appreciate the zeal and liberality which that Diocese has manifested in favour of the institution.

Resolved, further, that the communication, together with the foregoing resolution, be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The following communication was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, viz. The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies inform the House of Bishops, that, having received satisfactory evidence of the due organization of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Georgia, and of the Church in the said State having acceded to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, they have *resolved*, that the Diocese of Georgia be received into union with this Convention, and entitled to a delegation therein.

Signed,

JOHN C. RUDD, Secretary.

Whereupon, a Committee of two, viz. Bishop Croes and Bishop Brownell, was appointed to examine and compare the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Georgia, with the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; who reported, that on examination, they had found it consistent with the same.

Whereupon, *resolved*, that the House of Bishops concur with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in admitting said Church into union with the Convention.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, accompanied with canonical testimonials of the election of the Rev. John S. Ravenscroft to the Episcopate of North-Carolina; which was ordered to be laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they were ready to adjourn; and that they had appointed from 9 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M. every day, as hours of business:—whereupon, this House adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, May 21st, 1823.

The House of Bishops met pursuant to adjournment, and attended Divine Service.

Present as yesterday.

The minutes of the meeting yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, *resolved*, that the thanks of this House be given to the Right Rev. Dr. Croes, Bishop of the Diocese of New-Jersey, for his Sermon preached at the opening of this Convention, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

A communication was received from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; which, upon motion, was ordered to be laid on the table.

The House then went into consideration of the message received yesterday from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, accompanied by the testimonials of the election of the Rev. John S. Ravenscroft to the Episcopate of North-Carolina:—whereupon, *resolved unanimously*, that this House, having duly considered the testimonials laid before them, of the election of the Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North-Carolina, and found them to be in all respects canonical and regular; and knowing no cause why the Rev. Mr. Ravenscroft should not be consecrated to that high office, do agree to proceed to his consecration; and do, accordingly, appoint 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, as the time at which they will, with the Divine permission, perform that solemn office, in such Church as the Presiding Bishop shall appoint.

The Presiding Bishop presented a communication from the Right Rev. Philander Chase, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio, which, having been read, was referred to a Committee, consisting of Bishop Kemp and Bishop Bowen.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had provided seats for the Right Rev. the Bishops, whenever they might please to attend in the same. The House returned their thanks.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have adopted the alteration of the first article of the Constitution, proposed at the last General Convention; which alteration was concurred in by this House, and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies informed thereof.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and

Lay Deputies, that they were about to adjourn; whereupon, this House also agreed to adjourn until to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

Thursday, May 22d, 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House adjourn, in order to attend the consecration of the Rev. Mr. Ravenscroft, in St. Paul's Church in this city.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House having attended the consecration of the Rev. Mr. Ravenscroft, resumed its session.

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

The Right Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, Bishop of the Diocese of North-Carolina, took his seat.

On motion, *resolved unanimously*, that the thanks of the House of Bishops be given to the Right Rev. Bishop Griswold, for his Sermon this day delivered at the consecration of the Rev. John S. Ravenscroft; and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for the press.

The House then went into the consideration of the communication received yesterday from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; which, upon motion, was referred to a Committee, consisting of Bishop Croes, Bishop Kemp, and Bishop Bowen.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had directed their Secretary to procure a record book.

Bishop Kemp, from the Committee on the letter of the Right Rev. Dr. Chase, Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio, reported as follows:—

Resolved, that so much of the said communication as relates to the State of the Church in that Diocese, be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church; and that the Presiding Bishop be respectfully requested, as soon as his convenience will admit, to address Bishop Chase on the other points contained in his letter.

The report was accepted by the House.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

Friday, May 23d, 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, present as yesterday.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read and approved.

The House then attended Divine Service.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, a Delegate from the Diocese of Connecticut; and a Sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop White, for the benefit of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Bishop Croes, from the Committee on the Constitution of the Missionary Society, reported certain alterations in the same; which, upon motion, were sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The House went into consideration of the report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; which, having been read, was, upon motion, sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Presiding Bishop, as President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, laid before the House the report of the said Society, which was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Right Rev. Dr. Croes introduced a substitute for the first clause of the seventh Canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; which was ordered to be laid upon the table.

The Right Rev. Bishop Bowen introduced a preamble and resolutions, in reference to the Theological Seminary; which were ordered to be laid upon the table.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Delegates, accompanied by certain resolutions respecting alterations in, and additions to, the Book of Psalms and Hymns in metre, now allowed to be used in this Church; which was ordered to be laid upon the table.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday, May 24th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended Divine Service.

A report was received from the joint Committee, appointed at the last General Convention, on the subject of a standard edition of the Book of Common Prayer; which was accepted. [Vide Appendix, No. I.]

A report was also received from the joint Committee, appointed by the General Convention of 1820, to make a collection of the Journals of the General Conventions, and of the several Diocesan Conventions, and of other documents connected with the history of the American Episcopal Church; whereupon, *resolved*, that the House of Bishops approve of the disposition made of the documents by the said Committee, and that they be requested to continue their services in procuring such other documents as may be practicable.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had accepted the report of the Committee for the collection of Documents, &c. and also that said House had concurred in the resolutions of the House of Bishops, relative to the continuance of the services of the Committee.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, accompanied by a report, and documents on the State of the Church in the United States; which report, having been read, was concurred in by this House, and returned to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The House went into consideration of the Canon introduced yesterday by the Right Rev. Dr. Croes, entitled a "Canon regulating the admission of persons as candidates for holy orders, and repealing the first paragraph of the seventh Canon of 1808, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States;" which was passed by the House.

The House took up the resolutions offered yesterday by the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, respecting the General Theological Seminary; which, upon motion, were adopted as follows:—

Resolved, that this House entertain a gratifying sense of the fidelity with which the Trustees and the Faculty of the General Theological Seminary have executed the trust committed to them, and respectively fulfilled the duties of their appointment; and while they deeply regret that no other provision than such as is yet inadequate to the permanent success of the design, has hitherto been obtained for it, of the members of our Church, they still contemplate it with hope, and affectionately commend it to the liberality and patronage of their brethren, both of the Clergy and of the Laity, as a means of increase to the number of well qualified ministers of the Gospel in this Church.

Resolved, further, as the opinion of this House, that the General Theological Seminary, having been established by the whole body of this Church, in General Convention, seems peculiarly to demand the concurrent solitudes and exertions

to be centered on it, of all its members ; inasmuch as this institution, when possessing the combined and efficient support of the whole Church, must be the most effectual means, under Providence, of perpetuating the unity of the Church, in the bond of peace.

The House went into consideration of the message received yesterday, from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, accompanied by resolutions, proposing a joint Committee on the subject of alterations in, and additions to, the Book of Psalms and Hymns in metre, now allowed to be used in this Church : which resolutions were concurred in ; and the Right Rev. Bishops White, Hobart, and Croes, appointed a Committee on the part of this House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, relative to the printing of the report of the Missionary Society ; which was concurred in by this House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, accompanied by resolutions, respecting the *time* and *place* of the meeting of the next General Convention ; which resolutions were concurred in by this House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, transmitting a communication from the Board of Directors of the American Colonization Society ; which having been read, the following opinion was adopted, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to be read and returned to this House :—

On consideration of the communication made by a Committee of the Board of Managers of the Colonization Society, to the General Convention, the House of Bishops are of opinion, that as the objects of that Society are more of a political than of a religious nature, it is inexpedient to accede to the proposal therein made, to send a Delegate, on the part of the Church, as a body, to act on behalf of the same, at the proposed meeting of the Society, at the city of Washington, on the first Monday in June next. While, as individuals, the objects of the society command their most hearty good wishes, and are entitled to all the aid they can give, they do not feel authorized, in their collective capacity, to take any order on the subject.

The House then adjourned, to meet on Monday next, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Monday, May 26th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended Divine Service with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

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

A report was received from the joint Committee, appointed at the last General Convention, on the subject of a standard edition of the Holy Bible; which was accepted.

A canon prescribing the mode of publishing authorized editions of the standard Bible of this Church, introduced by the Right Rev. Bishop Kemp, was passed, and sent to the other House for concurrence; also a resolution to accompany the said canon.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing the appointment of a joint Committee on the subject of obtaining information relative to seminaries of learning; which was concurred in with an alteration, and returned to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, who acceded to the alteration.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, accompanied with resolutions, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention; which were concurred in by this House.

The House went into consideration of the Pastoral Letter; which, having been read by the Presiding Bishop, was unanimously accepted, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had concurred in the canons proposed by the House of Bishops, and in the resolution accompanying the second canon.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, relative to Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; which was concurred in by this House.

A message was also received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, accompanied by resolutions, recommending the assisting of the Agents of the General Theological Seminary, and the establishment of a permanent fund for the said institution; which were concurred in by this House.

The House adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

Monday, May 26th, 7 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had confirmed the nominations of

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, as presented from the several Dioceses; whereupon, this House also concurred in said nominations.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had appointed a Committee of publication; with whom this House agreed to associate the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, and their Secretary, the Rev. William H. De Lancey.

A message having been received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they were ready to adjourn; and the House of Bishops being also prepared to adjourn, the business of the Convention was concluded with singing the 133d Psalm, and with prayer and the blessing by the Presiding Bishop.

Signed by order of the House of Bishops,

WILLIAM WHITE, Presiding Bishop.

Attested,

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY, Secretary.

CANONS

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION, IN 1823.

CANON I.

Regulating the admission of persons as Candidates for Holy Orders, and repealing the first paragraph of the seventh Canon of 1808.

Every person who desires to become a candidate for orders in this Church, shall obtain admission from the Bishop, or such body as the Church in the Diocese or State in which he intends to apply, may appoint, at least one year before his ordination. The first paragraph of the seventh Canon of 1808 is hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Prescribing the mode of publishing authorized editions of the Standard Bible of this Church.

The Bishop of this Church, in any State or Diocese, or where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee, is authorized to appoint, from time to time, some suitable person or persons, to compare and correct all new editions of the Bible by the standard edition, agreed upon by the General Convention. And a certificate of their having been so compared and corrected, shall be published with said book.*

Done in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia,
May, 1823.

By order of the House of Bishops,

WILLIAM WHITE, Presiding Bishop.

Attested,

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY, Secretary.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,

WILLIAM H. WILMER, President.

Attested,

JOHN C. RUDD, Secretary.

* The following resolution was ordered to accompany this Canon:—
Resolved, by the two Houses of Convention, that it be recommended to every future Convention, to appoint a joint Committee, to whom there may be communicated all errors, if any, in editions of the Bible printed under the operation of the second Canon of this Convention; such errors to be notified on the Journal of the Convention, to which they may at any time be presented by the joint Committee.

APPENDIX.

No. I.

Report of the Committee appointed to superintend the publication of an Edition of the Book of Common Prayer, &c.

The joint Committee appointed at the last General Convention, with authority during the recess of the Convention, to superintend the printing of an edition of the Book of Common Prayer, correcting and supplying therein any errors and omissions in the edition theretofore established as the Standard Book, and introducing a table of the days in which Easter will fall for thirty-eight years, being the time of two cycles of the moon, as reported by the Presiding Bishop to that Convention; with instructions, in the choice of an edition, for the sake of greater accuracy, to give a preference to one to be printed from stereotype plates, and to authenticate the same by their certificate;—

REPORT,

That in pursuance of the authority and instructions above stated, an edition of the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, has been published under their superintendance, by S. Potter & Co. Philadelphia, from the stereotype plates of "the Common Prayer Book Society of Pennsylvania," after they had been carefully examined for the purpose of correcting and supplying errors and omissions, the former of which were found to be more numerous than had been anticipated.

The Committee believe this edition will appear, upon examination, to have approached nearer to correctness than any which has preceded it; and have, in this belief, by an instrument under their hands, bearing date on the 2d of September last, prefixed to it, certified that it "is published as the standard edition of the said Book."

WILLIAM WHITE,
BIRD WILSON,
W. MEREDITH,
FREDERIC BEASLEY.

Philadelphia, May 22d, 1823.

No. II.

Report of a joint Committee, appointed by the General Convention of 1820, in relation to the procuring of documents interesting to the Church.

The joint Committee appointed by the Convention of 1820, to make a collection of the Journals of the General Conventions, and of the several Diocesan Conventions, and of other important documents connected with the history of the Church in the United States; and to deposit the same, subject to the disposal of the General Convention, in such hands as may be deemed proper,—

Beg leave to report, that they have been enabled to collect the greater part of the documents they were required to obtain; which they have deposited in the library of St. James's Church, Philadelphia, under the care of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Committee recommend that all the documents thus collected be placed under the care of the Society, in whose library they are now deposited; and that the Bishops, and the Secretaries of Conventions, and other members of the Church, be requested to forward to the librarian of the said Society, copies of all publications connected with the history of the Church in America, not yet procured by the Committee, and all which may hereafter be published: provided that the Trustees of the said Society will take charge of the above documents, and submit them, at all times, to the inspection of the members of the General Convention.

The accompanying papers [marked A. B.] contain a list of those documents that have been obtained, and of those, which, in the opinion of the Committee, it is desirable to possess

WILLIAM WHITE,
GEORGE BOYD,
JACKSON KEMPER.

May 23d, 1823.

A.

List of Documents.

The Committee of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies beg leave to state, that they are almost entirely indebted to the Right Rev. Bishop White for the Journals and other valuable papers they have obtained.

1. An account in M. S. of the first meetings of Committees for organizing the Church. On this M. S. there is written as follows:—"I deposit this with the Committee of the General Convention for collecting Journals: it being the original record of the first steps taken for the organizing of the Episcopal Church throughout the Union.

" WILLIAM WHITE.

" Oct. 30, 1821."

2. A collection in writing from the records of the office of the Bishop of London, relative to the Church in this country. The following statement is given on the cover of the book:—

" This manuscript was copied from the records of the office of the Bishop of London, by the Rev. Alexander Murray, who had been Missionary in Pennsylvania before the Revolution. He went to England during the war. When measures began to be taken for the organizing of the Episcopal Church, he began a correspondence with me, and transmitted some information which was important, and had an effect on the proceedings of the General Convention held in 1785. On my arrival in England with Bishop Provoost, in the latter end of 1786, Dr. Murray communicated to us, that he had been making such transcripts as the following; but we held them entirely irrelevant to the situation in which we were, and did not ask for a perusal of them. Within a year or two after our return to America, he returned also, and took up his residence in Philadelphia; where he died in the Yellow Fever of 1793. Before his decease, he gave me the transcript. And I lay it by, among papers relative to the Church, not knowing how far it may hereafter be a document gratifying to curiosity.

" WILLIAM WHITE.

" June 25th, 1810."

" Oct. 30th, 1821. I deposit this manuscript with the Committee appointed at the last General Convention for the collecting of Journals.

" WILLIAM WHITE."

3. A volume containing Journals of the General Convention from the year 1785 to 1814 inclusive, to which are added the Pastoral Letters from the House of Bishops for the years 1808, 1811, 1814. On the first page of this volume the following statement is written:—

" This volume is the only entire collection within my knowledge, of the original Journals of the General Convention, from the beginning, for the space of thirty years. It may be

of use, in determining on any questions which may arise concerning any particular of the republication of the Journals by John Bioren. Accordingly I deposit it with the Committee appointed by the last General Convention, for the collection of Journals. I also deposit with the Committee, my collection of the Journals of the Conventions in the different States; comprehending, I believe, almost all which have been edited. Those for several of the States are entire.

“WILLIAM WHITE.

“Oct. 30th, 1821.”

In addition to the Journals contained in this volume, the Committee have obtained the Journals for 1821.

4. Journal of *Massachusetts* for 1790, and a copy of the Constitution and Canons published 1817.

5. *Connecticut*. The Journals of 1802 and 1803. The Journals from 1808 to 1821 inclusive. The Constitution printed in 1821, and Bishop Brownell's charge 1821.

6. *New-York*. Journals from 1785 to 1791 inclusive. From 1801 to 1812 inclusive. From 1814 to 1816 inclusive. The Journals of 1818, 1820, 1821, and 1822. The Constitution and Canons in 1812.

7. *New-Jersey*. Journals from 1785 to 1793 inclusive. From 1800 to 1822 inclusive. The address from the President of the Convention in 1797. The Canons, Constitution, &c. printed in 1811. The report on the State of the Church for 1814. The charge of the Bishop for 1819.

8. *Pennsylvania*. The Journals from 1785 to 1822 inclusive. The Constitution and Canons printed in 1822.

9. *Delaware*. Commenced in 1791. The Journals from 1791 to 1794 inclusive. From 1798 to 1800 inclusive. The Journals of 1810, 1818, 1821.

10. *Maryland*. The Journal of 1784. The Journals from 1788 to 1800 inclusive. From 1802 to 1804 inclusive. From 1806 to 1819 inclusive. The Journal of 1821.

An address from Convention to the vestries in 1794. The Constitution and Canons printed in 1802. Bishop Kemp's Address in 1816. The Pastoral Letter from the two Bishops in 1816. The Address from a Committee ordered by the Convention of 1817.

11. *Virginia*. The Journals of 1785 to 1787 inclusive. The Journals of 1789, 1791, 1792, 1794, 1813. Journal of the Special Convention of 1814. Journals of 1816, 1818, 1819.

An address to the Convention by Bishop Madison, without date.

12. *North-Carolina.* All the Journals. Commenced in 1817.

13. *South-Carolina.* A MS. without date, containing a proposed Constitution. The Journals from 1818 to 1822 inclusive.

14. *Ohio.* Commenced in 1818. The Journals of 1819, 1820.

B.

Documents not obtained.

General Convention. Journals for 1817, 1820. Pastoral Letters for 1817, 1820. All Sermons before General Convention.

Maine. All.

Massachusetts. All except 1790.

New-Hampshire. All.

Rhode-Island. All.

Vermont. All.

Eastern Diocese. All.

Connecticut. All Journals before 1802. Those from 1804 to 1807 inclusive. 1822.

New-York. The Journals from 1792 to 1800 inclusive. Those of 1813, 1817, 1819.

New-Jersey. The Journals for the annual and Special Conventions of 1799.

Delaware. Journals from 1795 to 1797 inclusive. From 1801 to 1809 inclusive. From 1811 to 1817. The Journals of 1819, 1820, 1822.

Maryland. Journals from 1785 to 1787 inclusive. And the Journals of 1801, 1805, 1820.

Virginia. Journals of 1783, 1790, 1793. Journals from 1795 to 1812 inclusive. Journals of 1814, (not special) 1815, 1817, 1820, 1821, 1822.

South-Carolina. Journals from the commencement to 1817.

Georgia. All.

Ohio. Begun with 1818. The Journals of 1818, 1821, 1822.

The Committee presume it would be desirable to possess, in addition to all the Journals, copies of all Pastoral Letters and Charges, and of Sermons preached before Conventions, the Reports of Societies connected with the Church, copies of all publications in which the leading doctrines of the Church have been defended, and particularly the Reports of the venerable Society in England for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

NO. III.

The Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as amended by the General Convention, 1823.

ART. I.

This Institution shall be denominated the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. II.

It shall be composed of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and of the members of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of said Church, for the time being; and of such other persons as shall contribute, by subscription, three dollars, or more, annually, to the objects of the Institution, during the continuance of such contributions; and of such as shall contribute at once thirty dollars, which contribution shall constitute them members for life.

Members who pay fifty dollars on subscribing, shall be denominated patrons of the Society.

It shall be the privilege of the subscribers to designate, on their subscriptions, to which of the objects, domestic or foreign, they desire their contributions to be applied. If no specification be made, the Board of Directors may apply them to either, or both, at their discretion.

ART. III.

The Society shall meet triennially, at the place in which the General Convention shall hold its session. The time of meeting shall be on the first day of the session, at five o'clock P. M.

A Sermon shall be preached, and a collection made in aid of the funds of the Society, at such time, during the session of the Convention, as may be determined at the *preceding* meeting : the preacher to be appointed by the House of Bishops.

ART. IV.

The Presiding Bishop of this Church shall be President of the Society ; the other Bishops, according to seniority, Vice-Presidents. There shall be a *Secretary*, and twenty-four Directors, who shall be chosen by ballot, at each meeting.

ART. V.

The Directors, together with the President, Vice-Presidents, and Patrons of the Society, who shall, *ex officio*, be Directors, shall compose a body, to be denominated the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. They shall meet annually in the city of Philadelphia, except in the year of the meeting of the General Convention, when they shall assemble at the place of the meeting thereof. Nine members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to do business.

The meetings of the Board of Directors shall always be opened by using a form of prayer, consisting of a special collect, to be prepared by the Presiding Bishop, and one or more collects from the Liturgy.

ART. VI.

At the annual meetings, all missionary stations, appointments of Missionaries, and appropriations of money, and all by-laws necessary for their own government, and for conducting the affairs of the missions, shall be made ; provided, that all appointments of Missionaries shall be with the approbation of the Bishops present. Special meetings may be called by the President, or by one of the Vice-Presidents, as often as may be necessary to carry into effect the resolutions adopted at the annual meetings of the board, *and to fill up the vacancies that may occur among Missionaries, either on account of those who had been appointed declining to serve, or from the resignation or death of others ; and, if such power shall be confided to them at the preceding annual meeting of the Board, to fix new Missionary stations, and to appoint a new Missionary or Missionaries, as circumstances may require : the appointment so made to be with the approbation of the Bishop or Bishops present. Whenever Missionaries are appointed, and their stations fixed, provision shall be made for their support out of the*

appropriation made for the year, at the annual meeting of the Board. At the special meetings, seven members, including the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall be a quorum to transact business.

The Board of Directors, whether at their annual or special meetings, may appoint such Committees as may be necessary or useful.

ART. VII.

There shall be annually appointed *by the Board of Directors*, a Treasurer and two members of the Society, who, together, shall be termed Trustees of the permanent fund.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions which shall be made to the Society, and enter them in detail, distinguishing between what may be contributed for domestic, and what for foreign purposes, if any such distinction should be made; and present a statement of his accounts annually, or oftener if required, to the Board of Directors. He shall not pay moneys unless on an order from the Board, signed by the President, or, in his absence, by the senior Vice-President who may attend the meeting when such order is given.

Twenty per cent. of all monies which shall be contributed, to carry into effect the objects of the Institution, shall be vested by the Trustees, in their own name, as officers of the Society, in some safe and productive stock, to constitute a permanent fund. The residue of the contributions, with the interest arising from the permanent fund, shall be appropriated to the objects for which the Society was formed.

ART. VIII.

The Board of Directors, at their annual meetings, shall take such measures as they may deem proper, to establish auxiliary Societies in any Diocese, with the advice and consent of the Bishop of the same; to secure patronage, and to enlarge the funds of the Institution. The Bishop of every Diocese shall be President of the auxiliary Societies organized within it.

ART. IX.

In any Diocese or district where there is a Bishop, or an Ecclesiastical body duly constituted under the authority of the Convention of the same, for missionary purposes, aid may be given in money; but the appointment of the Missionary shall rest with the Bishop or Ecclesiastical body aforesaid. He shall act under their direction; and shall render to them a report of his proceedings, copies of which shall be forwarded to this Society.

ART. X.

The Board of Directors shall, at every meeting of the Society, present a detailed report of their proceedings; which, if approved and adopted by the Society, shall, on the next day, be presented by their President to the General Convention, as the report of the Society.

ART. XI.

The present Convention shall elect, by ballot, the twenty-four Directors and the two Secretaries, provided for by the 4th article, to act till the first stated meeting of the Society; and the first meeting of the Board of Directors shall take place at Philadelphia, on the third Wednesday in November instant.

ART. XII.

Alterations of the Constitution may be proposed either by the Society, or by the General Convention, at their respective triennial meetings; but no proposed alteration shall be adopted, unless by the concurrent vote of the two bodies.

ART. XIII.

It is recommended to every member of this Society, to pray to Almighty God for his blessing upon its designs, under the full conviction, that unless he direct us in all our doings with his most gracious favour, and further us with his continual help, we cannot reasonably hope either to procure suitable persons to act as Missionaries, or expect that their endeavours will be successful.

N. B. The amendments are designated by italics.

 No. IV.

Report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, to the General Convention 1823.

The Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, agreeably to the second article of the Constitution,

REPORT.

The following is a statement of the subscriptions to the Seminary in the various Dioceses and Congregations, and the sums paid thereon:—

Massachusetts.

Subscribed and paid to the Seminary at New-Haven	\$ 1715 00
And still unpaid	100 00
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	\$ 1815 00

Connecticut.

It appears from the Journal of the General Convention of 1821, that there has been subscribed or promised	3700 00
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New-York.

Trinity Church and Chapels.	
Joshua Jones	1000 00
Jacob Sherred	1000 00
Philip Hone	1250 00
Estate of James M'Evers	1000 00
William Bayard	500 00
Brockholst Livingston	500 00
Mrs. Jones and three Sons	500 00
Matthew Clarkson	250 00
David Lydig	250 00
William Rhinelander	250 00
Isaac Jones	200 00
Peter Roosevelt	200 00
Mrs. Rogers	200 00
Benjamin M. Brown	100 00
Thomas Swords	100 00
James Swords	100 00
Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Miss Carmer	50 00
Thomas S. Clarkson	50 00
John R. Triplett	50 00
William Brown	50 00
Charles Wilkes	50 00
James Journeay	25 00
William E. Dunscomb	25 00
Thomas D. Moore	20 00
John R. Wheaton	20 00
Benjamin Haigh	20 00
John H. Contoit, jun.	20 00
Ferdinand Suydam	20 00
Robert Blackwell	20 00
Jonathan I. Coddington	10 00
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	\$ 7830 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 7830 00
Alexander Ogsbury, jun.	10 00
William Barnes	10 00
Cash	10 00
Cash	10 00
Charles Newton	5 00
James Cummings	5 00
Philip Henry	5 00
A. Wright	5 00
A. Ten Eyck	5 00
Christopher Heiser	5 00
John Langdon	5 00
Thomas Woodhead	3 00
Cash	2 00
Payable in five annual instalments.	
Henry M. Farlan	500 00
Nehemiah Rogers	500 00
Benjamin W. Rogers	300 00
John Rogers	300 00
Right Rev. J. H. Hobart	250 00
William Bayard, jun.	250 00
Thomas L. Ogden	250 00
John Low	250 00
Gabriel Furman	250 00
John T. Irving	250 00
Thomas N. Stanford	125 00
Thomas Bolton	125 00
John A. Moore	100 00
Edward W. Laight	125 00
M. Robinson	100 00
Robert Brown	100 00
Thomas L. Clark	100 00
Cornelius Oakley	50 00
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	\$ 11835 00

Of the above sum, about \$ 750 was subscribed to the Seminary when at New-Haven, and \$ 4250 paid to the New-York Diocesan Seminary,—\$ 1200 of which were appropriated to the support of that establishment, and the balance, \$ 3050, was transferred to the General Seminary.

Collection in Trinity Church for the aid of Students \$ 206 74

St. George's Church.

The Rev. Dr. Milnor—\$ 200 in cash,
and \$ 300 in three annual instalments \$ 500 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 500 00
Thomas H. Smith	500 00
Isaac Carrow	200 00
John Bristed	100 00
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	\$ 1500 00

Of the above, was paid to the Seminary when at New-Haven \$ 700.

Grace Church.

Edward R. Jones	\$ 50 00
Frederick De Peyster	250 00
Isaac Lawrence (\$ 200 appropriated to the aid of Students)	500 00
Henry A. & John G. Coster	500 00

The above was paid to the Seminary when at New-Haven.

In Grace Church, about \$ 11000 (eight individuals subscribing \$ 1000 each,) was subscribed to the Diocesan Seminary in New-York, and afterwards renewed for the General Seminary in that city, on the condition of \$ 20,000 being subscribed for a Professorship. But there being no prospect of this sum being raised, that subscription is now relinquished; and a new one is commenced in the expectation that a considerable amount will be contributed.

St. Esprit.

John Pintard	\$ 100 00
Paid to the Seminary while at New-Haven.	

St. Stephen's Church.

Mrs. Warner	\$ 125 00
The Rev. Henry J. Feltus	50 00
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	\$ 175 00

St. Mark's Church.

Mangle Minthorn	\$ 250 00
Nicholas Fish	250 00
Jacob Lorillard	250 00
David S. Jones	250 00
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	\$ 1000 00

These sums will be paid on demand.

Christ Church

George Lorillard	\$ 500 00
Thomas S. Townsend	250 00
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Carried forward

\$ 750 00

Appendix.

Amount brought forward	\$ 750 00
David Baker	150 00
Benjamin Hyde	100 00
Abraham Valentine	25 00
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	\$ 1025 00

This sum will soon be paid.

Schenectady.

J. C. Duane	\$ 100 00
J. J. De Graaf	15 00
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	\$ 115 00

Geneva.

Col. Robert Troup	\$ 500 00
Paid, at his request, to the Branch School in that place.	

Troy.

Scholarship subscribed by Mr. Eliakim Warren	\$ 2000 00
Nathan Bouton	50 00
William Bradley	50 00
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	\$ 2100 00

Utica.

M. S. Miller	\$ 50 00
B. Walker	50 00
R. M. Malcolm	20 00
N. Williams	50 00
K. Winne	20 00
A. B. and others	11 00
R. Marshall	10 00
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	\$ 210 00

New-Jersey.

There have been some subscriptions for a Scholarship, but the amount is not ascertained.

Pennsylvania.

The Bishop White Scholarship, subscribed by the Ladies of Philadelphia \$ 2500 00
Some other contributions, but the particulars not known.

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Maryland.

Alexander C. Magruder	\$ 200 00
Hon. John Q. Adams	50 00
Joseph Milligan	20 00
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	\$ 270 00

Virginia.

There have been some subscriptions; but the amount and particulars not known to the Trustees.

North-Carolina.

A considerable sum, about \$ 10,000, has been subscribed, on conditions not known to the Board of Trustees.

South-Carolina.

Collected from sundry persons in this Diocese, and paid to the Seminary when first at New- York, and afterwards at New-Haven	\$ 5793 00
Received by the present Seminary at New-York	1723 77
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	\$ 7516 77

In addition to the above, there have been subscribed to found the Dehon Scholarship, about \$ 2500 00

The following are the particulars of the subscriptions and collections in South-Carolina, as far as known to the Trustees.

Nathaniel Heyward	\$ 500 00
Frederick Kohne	500 00
William Heyward	300 00
The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden	300 00
Hill Clarkson	300 00
Robert Smith, \$ 300 in instalments, paid	200 00
Hugh Campbell	300 00
Margaret Bethune, \$ 300 in instalments, paid	100 00
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais	200 00
Benjamin Huger	200 00
Mr. and Mrs. Russell	150 00
William Brisbane	150 00
J. M. Dart	100 00
Miss Wragg and Mrs. Smith	100 00
J. R. Poinsett	100 00
William Fitzsimons	100 00
John C. Faber	100 00
Keating Simons	100 00

Carried forward

\$ 3800 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 3800 00
P. G. Friplieu	100 00
John Stoney	100 00
C. C. Pinckney	100 00
Major Vanderhorst	100 00
The Rev. Mr. Snowden	100 00
Mrs. Gregorie	100 00
Mrs. M. Pherson	100 00
Mrs. Washington	100 00
Mrs. Dehon	100 00
Mrs. Peters	100 00
John Lewis	100 00
John Potter	100 00
Charles Kershaw	100 00
Thomas Higham	100 00
Thomas Lowndes	50 00
Mr. Doughty	50 00
James Jervey	50 00
Mr. Weston	50 00
Mr. Turnbull	50 00
Mr. Dawson	50 00
Mr. Bacot	30 00
Robert Withers	50 00
D. Huger	20 00
Thomas Carr	20 00
Newman Kershaw	10 00
Stobo R. Perry	10 00
Phœbe Elliott	10 00
T. S. Grimke	100 00
P. Weston	50 00
Another subscription	200 00
C. Richardson	100 00
Mrs. S. C. Graves	50 00
Estate of Mr. Brisbane	100 00
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	\$ 6250 00
Collections at Churches.	
St. Michael's	\$ 147 00
St. Paul's	73 18 $\frac{3}{4}$
St. Philip's	313 59
Sullivan's Island	180 00
Edisto Island	10 00
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	723 77 $\frac{3}{4}$
	6250 00
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	\$ 6973 77 $\frac{3}{4}$

The Rev. Henry Handley Norris, a Clergyman of the Church of England, has made a donation to the Seminary of £ 100 Sterling, for which Bishop Hobart has drawn \$ 444 44

The following schedule, presented by the Treasurer, shows the receipts and expenditures, and the present state of the funds and property :—

The annexed account current shows that since the organization of the Seminary, a period of fifteen months, there have been received into the Treasury, viz.—

The amount collected in Trinity Church for necessitous students	\$ 206 74
The balance of the funds of the late General Seminary	1998 76
On account of subscriptions by members of Trinity Church, New-York, and her Chapels	2462 00
Ditto, ditto, by member of Grace Church	200 00
From Alexander C. Magruder, in Maryland, by the hands of Bishop Hobart	200 00
From a Gentleman in North-Carolina, by the hands of the Rev. Dr. Milnor	20 00
Interest on capital invested, (exclusive of Shered Legacy, not yet received)	861 46
To found the "Warren" and "Bishop White Scholarships"	4500 00
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	\$ 10448 96

On the other hand, there have been paid from the Treasury, the following, viz.

The collection at Trinity Church for necessitous students	\$ 206 74
Placed at interest on stock securities (\$ 4500 of which belong to "Warren" and "Bishop White Scholarships")	5625 00
On account of salaries due the 11th of February last	4110 00
A student, one year's interest on "Warren Scholarship"	100 00
Ordinary expenses	406 71
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	\$ 10448 45

Leaving a balance in the Treasury of 00 51

The Seminary owes for salaries, due 11th of February last	\$ 90 00
For salaries due 11th of May inst.	1050 00
To Mr. M'Farlan, the Auditor of Accounts, for money advanced by him in paying the ordinary expenses, and for books	397 97
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	\$ 1537 97

Inventory of the property belonging to the General Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and of Scholarships endowed.

Amount received from E. Warren, of Troy, to found the "Warren Scholarship," which is loaned out on stock hypothecated	\$ 2000 00
Amount received from the Female Association at Philadelphia, to found the "Bishop White Scholarship," which is loaned out in the same manner	2500 00

Capital of the Seminary.

Loaned to the Corporation of Trinity Church	\$ 3050 00
Certificate of United States six per cent. stock	3700 00
Thirty Franklin Fire Insurance Company shares, at par	\$ 1500 00
Loaned on hypothecation of stock	2848 77
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	\$ 11098 77

Also sixty lots of ground at Greenwich, the donation of Clement C. Moore, Esq. at present unproductive.

To which will be added, as soon as certain legal formalities, required by his executors, are complied with, the legacy of the late Jacob Sherred, Esq. which will amount to about \$ 57000.

The following are the reports of the Professors of the Theological Seminary in New-York, and the Branch School at Geneva, and of the Library Committee.

New-York, July 22, 1822.

The Professors of the General Theological Seminary beg leave respectfully to report to the Trustees as follows:—

At the commencement of the session, on the 13th of February, 1822, the following students were admitted as members

of the institution :—Seth W. Beardsley, New-York ; Augustus L. Convers, New-York ; Robert B. Croes, New-Jersey ; John Dick, New-York ; Edward K. Fowler, New-York ; Thomas T. Groshon, New-York ; Lemuel B. Hull, Connecticut ; William L. Irving, New-York ; Levi S. Ives, New-York ; William Jarvis, Connecticut ; Samuel R. Johnson, New-York ; William L. Johnson, New-York ; Samuel Marks, Pennsylvania ; Henry M. Mason, Pennsylvania ; Matthew Matthews, Pennsylvania ; Sylvester Nash, Virginia ; Thomas K. Peck, New-York ; William T. Potter, Massachusetts ; George M. Robinson, New-York ; William Shelton, Connecticut ; Edward Thomas, South-Carolina ; Henry J. Whitehouse, New-York ; and James L. Yvonnet, New-York. On the 22d of March, Samuel G. Raymond, New-York, was admitted. On the 22d of April, Joseph P. Verdries, Pennsylvania ; Philip Gadsden, South-Carolina ; and William P. Coffin, South-Carolina ; and, on the 17th of June, Paul T. Keith, South-Carolina.

The students attended the Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Eloquence* one day every week, from the commencement of the session until the month of June. The service of the Church was on these occasions performed as a devotional exercise by the students in rotation, and two sermons, and frequently more, were delivered by them, which, as well as the performance of the service, were the subjects of the criticisms of the Professor. They also went through a short course of instruction on the qualifications and duties of the clerical office.

The Professor of Biblical Learning and of the Interpretation of Scripture,† reports, that he has attended two classes. One of them, having studied with him, during the last term of the Seminary, while in New-Haven, the Epistles from Romans to Colossians, inclusive, has, during the present session, gone through the remainder. As this class attended him but once a week, it has been found impracticable to review any but the Epistle to the Hebrews. The other class attended twice a week, and after carefully reading the Gospel of St. Matthew, examined the Evangelists as an harmony, the Greek of Archbishop Newcome being used as a text book, and the general principles of other harmonists being occasionally pointed out. Since the beginning of May, they have pursued the study of the historical books of the Old Testament from Joshua to Esther, inclusive ; but as the variety of duties which engaged their attention made it impracticable for them to devote more

* Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. † Rev. Samuel H. Turner, D. D.

than one day in the week to this pursuit, it was impossible to attend to it with any minuteness. Lectures on subjects connected with these studies were occasionally read by the Professor, and he believes that the most important questions of a critical nature, arising out of them, were topics of discussion.

The class attending the Professor of Systematic Theology* began, shortly after the opening of the Seminary, to study Bishop Pearson's Exposition of the Creed, and have proceeded as far as that part of the work, inclusively, which treats of the personality and divinity of the Holy Ghost; comprising nearly five-sixths of the whole. The class was attended three times a week generally, but considerable interruptions in their exercises has been occasioned by the state of the Professor's health. The course pursued by him has been to connect with the study of the Exposition of the Creed, that of other works on some subjects which appeared to require a more full examination than the Bishop's Exposition contains. The class, accordingly, have studied nearly the whole of the following works:—Jones's Catholic Doctrine of the Trinity—Bishop Horsley's Tracts on Unitarianism—Dr. Magee on the Atonement—Bishop Hobart's Tract on the Descent into Hell, with Bishop Horsley's Sermon on the same subject; and West on the Resurrection, with several of Bishop Horsley's Sermons on that subject. Occasional references have likewise been made to passages in other authors.

With the Professor of the Nature, Ministry, and Polity of the Christian Church, and Ecclesiastical History,† the students have attended, during the present session, in two classes. The first class, having prosecuted in the Seminary, while at New-Haven, the study of the History of the Church before the coming of Christ, and for the three following centuries, have attended to the Ecclesiastical History of the fourth century, with Mosheim for the text book. It was then thought advisable to direct their notice to the writings of the earlier Fathers, with the view of passing from them to the study of the Nature and Ministry of the Church, under the advantage of the important light thrown on these subjects by that sound and best rule for the interpretation of Scripture, the generally prevailing principles and practice of the first Christians.

The various other claims upon the time of the students rendered impossible a critical study of the Fathers in the original languages. All, therefore, that could be done on this head, was to recommend that exercise to them when opportunity shall be afforded. The generally accurate translation

* Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D.

† Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk

of Archbishop Wake, and of the Rev. William Reeves, were made subjects of particular examination, and those parts of them which had the most important bearing on the principles and practice of the primitive Church, having been compared with the originals, such inaccuracies as occasionally appeared were pointed out. The notes and other observations of these translators, particularly applying the study of the Fathers to the important topics connected with the first department of this professorship, were made the subject of particular notice and examination.

The second class have been engaged in the History of the Church before the coming of Christ, and have recited that portion of the third part of Stackhouse's *Body of Divinity* which relates to this subject, and the first six books of *Pri-deaux's Connexions*.

Each of the above classes has attended the Professor once in every week, and, for a short time, the second class has attended twice.

The Professor has devoted as much of his time as his other avocations would admit, to the recitations of the students from the above text books.—Where additional facts or illustrations have presented themselves to his mind, in the course of this exercise, he has endeavoured to improve the circumstance, by a familiar and informal notice of them.

Upon the union of the General Seminary with that of New-York, those students who had made some progress in the Hebrew language, formed themselves into two classes, who have attended the Professor of Hebrew and Greek Literature,* since the commencement of the session until the present time. During the above period, the classes have severally read the first 17 Psalms, and the first 17 chapters of *Isaiah*; and beside continual repetitions of distinct parts of the same in the course of the recitations, they have nearly completed a general revision of the whole. The class that read *Isaiah* have attended the Professor once a week from the commencement of the session. The other class, for some time, attended two recitations in each week; but in consequence of the numerous studies to be pursued, the faculty thought it expedient to diminish the number of recitations one half. Several students who were not able to join either of the above classes, have separately attended the Professor during the latter part of the session. In addition to the above course of study, a part of each week has been devoted to such of the students as were desirous of having assistance in reading the notes to *Bishop Pearson's Exposition of the Creed*.

* Mr. Clement C. Moore.

The Professor of the Evidences of Revealed Religion and of the Application of Moral Science to Theology,* reports, that since the last week of April, nearly all the students, except those of them who had already gone over the same course during the last year in the New-York Seminary, have attended his instructions.

The text book used in this part of the course, was Paley's Evidences, in which the class was regularly examined. In going over this work, it was endeavoured to give such an enlargement of Paley's argument, by extemporary instruction, reference to other authors, and where the subject appeared to demand it, by written lectures or dissertations, as to present a general view of the historical and internal evidences of Christianity, of the popular objections of infidelity, and their refutation, and of the history of controversies on that subject, especially so far as they seemed to have an influence upon the opinions of our own country; excepting only those objections and controversies of a purely abstract and metaphysical character, the consideration of which has been reserved for another part of the course.

The Faculty beg leave further to report, that of the students above mentioned, Messrs. Dick, Fowler, Groshon, Peck, Robinson, and Raymond, have left the Seminary; also Messrs. Irving and Ives, in consequence of their expectation shortly to take orders; and Mr. Nash, in consequence of the illness of his father. Messrs. Marks and Yvonnet are absent.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by order of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary.

J. H. HOBART, *President.*

The Faculty of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, respectfully submit to the Board of Trustees of the said Seminary, the following

REPORT.

Immediately after the examination of the students in July last, in presence of the Trustees, commenced the annual vacation prescribed by the statutes. On the re-opening of the Seminary, the students who had belonged to it at the close of the former year returned, except Messrs. Hull, Jarvis, and W. L. Johnson, who had been ordained; Mr. Beardsley, who was then about receiving orders; and Mr. Marks, who had removed to Philadelphia.

* Mr. Gulian C. Verplanck

At the same time, also, Mr. Low, who had entered at New-Haven, but had not attended since the removal of the Seminary, owing to ill health, joined the second class.

Since that period, the following students have been admitted:—November 18th, Edward Neufville, jun. and William R. Whittingham, of New-York. December 2d, Henry N. Hotchkiss, Benjamin Holmes, Danforth Billings, and Samuel F. J. Wilson, of New-York; and Charles P. Elliot, of South-Carolina. January 20th, George A. Smith, of Virginia.

These all entered the third class, except Mr. Smith, who, being found, on examination, duly qualified, was admitted into the second class.

During the present year, there have left the Seminary, Mr. Converse, who has been ordained; Mr. Mason, who is about receiving orders; Mr. Verdries, who has removed from New-York; Mr. Coffin, on account of ill health; and Mr. Wilson, who has relinquished the study of divinity.

So that the present students are the following:—

First Class.

Robert B. Croes, of New-Jersey,	
Samuel R. Johnson, of New-York,	
Matthew Matthews, of Pennsylvania,	
William Potter, of Massachusetts,	
William Shelton, of Connecticut.	5

Second Class.

Isaac Low, of New-York,	
Edward Thomas, of South-Carolina,	
Henry J. Whitehouse, of New-York,	
James L. Yvonnet, of New-York,	
George A. Smith, of Virginia.	5

Third Class.

Philip Gadsden, of South-Carolina,	
Paul T. Keith, of South-Carolina,	
Edward Neufville, jun. of New-York,	
William R. Whittingham, of New-York,	
Henry N. Hotchkiss, of New-York,	
Benjamin Holmes, of New-York,	
Danforth Billings, of New-York,	
Charles P. Elliot, of South-Carolina,	8

Total number of students,	18
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At the first meeting of the Faculty, after the annual vacation, they framed an order for the attendance of the several classes; by which it is provided that, besides the weekly attendance of all the students on the Professor of Pastoral Theology and

Pulpit Eloquence, required by the statutes, and with the exception of the day thus appropriated, and Sunday, each class shall attend one, and but one, recitation daily. Each recitation usually occupies from an hour and a half to two hours and a half.

The Faculty have adopted a standing rule, that at the opening of the Seminary, every year, an Introductory Address shall be publicly delivered by one of the Professors. As early a day after the passing of this rule as could conveniently be selected, was appointed for the delivery of the address this year; and Professor Turner was requested to perform the duty; which he accordingly did, in Trinity Church, in this city, in the presence of several of the Trustees, the Faculty, a number of the Clergy, and a large congregation, on the evening of the festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27th.

The following standing rule on the subject of qualifications for admission into the Seminary, has been adopted by the Faculty:—

“Whereas, by the statutes of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, (chap. vii. § 1.) ‘satisfactory evidence of classical and scientific attainments,’ is to be presented to the Faculty by every applicant for admission into the Seminary; therefore *resolved*, that with the exception of ‘candidates for holy orders with full qualifications,’ and of those persons who shall present a diploma from some college, every applicant for admission into the Seminary shall be required to stand an examination on the general principles of Natural and Moral Philosophy and Rhetoric; and in the Latin and Greek Languages, on the following works, or such others as shall be considered as an equivalent substitute, viz. Sallust, Virgil’s *Æneid*, Cicero’s Orations, or *De Officiis*; and the four Gospels, Xenophon’s *Cyropædia*, and the first three books of Homer.”

The subject of the Theological Society, directed to be formed by chapter x. of the statutes, received the early attention of the Faculty. It has been duly organized, and gone into full, and, we trust, beneficial operation.

Every second meeting is devoted, exclusively, to devotional and practical purposes, and is occupied by the evening service of the Church, with an appropriate prayer for the Seminary, conducted by the presiding officer; and a sermon or essay on some practical subject by a student; the subject being afterwards made the theme of familiar remark by the members and the presiding officer; and the whole concluding with a selection of collects from the Liturgy. The Faculty are satisfied, that as this is a very interesting, so it will, through the Divine

bleasing, prove a profitable addition to the means pointed out in the fifth section of the seventh chapter of the statutes, for the cultivation, on the part of the students, of "evangelical faith, and a sound practical piety."

The other meetings of the society are appropriated to dissertations on, and the discussion of, theological topics, and declamation.

For a more particular view of the Society, the Faculty beg leave to refer to its Constitution, a copy of which accompanies this report.

Professors Turner, Wilson, and Onderdonk, preside, in rotation, at the meetings of the Society: provision being made that, in their absence, one of the members is chairman pro tem.

For the greater part of the year, the students have assembled in the recitation room every other Sunday evening, when Divine Service has been conducted, and a sermon or lecture delivered, by Professor Turner, or Professor Wilson.

As farther illustrative of the progress and present situation of the Seminary, the Faculty subjoin copies of the particular reports of the Professors respectively.

"All the students of the Seminary have attended the Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Eloquence, one day in every week, from the commencement of the first session, in November last. They have been engaged several hours, each day of their attendance, in recitation, and in the delivery of sermons; and on certain days, in the reading of the service of the Church, as a devotional exercise. Two, and frequently three, sermons have been delivered by the students, in rotation, each day; which were the subjects of the remarks of the Professor; and some of them also furnished, as an additional exercise, outlines of sermons.

"The higher classes have recited Burnet's Pastoral Care, and the other, the Appendix to the Clergyman's Companion, on the qualifications and duties of the Clerical office. And they are all now considerably advanced in the study of Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon.

—
"JOHN H. HOBART,

"Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Eloquence."

"The Professor of Biblical Learning and the Interpretation of Scripture reports, that agreeably to the arrangement made by the Faculty, he attended, during the last session, to the third class, twice a week, and still continues the same duty. They have studied the book of Genesis, and about half of Exodus, with some chapters of Numbers, in the Sep-

tuagint, and are at present attending to the Historical Books. A short course of the Criticism of the Old Testament, and of Jewish Antiquities, has been studied; in which the Professor has been obliged to direct his pupils to several authors for correct and necessary information. Mr. Horne's late work on the Critical Study of the Sacred Scriptures can not be considered as a text book, but has been one among other books to which the students have been occasionally referred.

"This class are also engaged in the study of the Harmony of the Gospels, using as a text book, the work of Archbishop Newcome.

"The second class have attended three times a week. They have pursued the study of the Epistles, and have read with care all of St. Paul's, except those to the Corinthians, and to Philemon. The Catholic Epistles, also, have been examined but hastily, from the want of time. As much of Ernesti's work on Interpretation as has been translated by Professor Stewart, has been used as a text book on that subject; to which were added such remarks and illustrations as appeared to be suitable.

"The Professor begs leave to state farther, that as the Trustees thought proper, at their last meeting, to devolve on the Faculty the duty of providing for the instruction of the students in Ecclesiastical History, he consented to undertake, for a time, so much of that branch as comprises the Old Testament history, and the connexion between it and the New, and the first three centuries of the Christian Church. With the third class, he has hitherto pursued this subject along with the study of the books of Scripture. The second class have read the second part of Prideaux, with the omission of such portions as have no immediate connexion with Jewish affairs, and are now attending to Mosheim.

"The extent and variety of the subjects which require attention in his own professorship, lead him to express the hope, that the Trustees will very soon be able to provide for more efficient instruction in the other important department of theological learning, than the necessary duties of his own will allow him to give.

"SAMUEL H. TURNER, Professor of Biblical Learning and the Interpretation of Scripture."

"With the Professor of Systematic Theology, the first class have proceeded through Bishop Pearson's Exposition of the Creed, from that part of it which treats of the divinity and personality of the Holy Ghost, to which they had advanced

at the date of the last report to the Trustees. They have since studied Bishop Burnet, and Bishop Tomline on the thirty-nine Articles, the first three parts of Bishop White's Comparative Views of the Controversy between the Calvinists and Arminians, and Dr. Laurence's Bampton Lectures. To these works have been added the most important Homilies, and many occasional references to other authors on particular subjects.

"In consequence of the temporary arrangement made, at the request of the Trustees, between the Professors of Biblical Learning and the Interpretation of Scripture, and of Systematic Theology, the first class have also studied, with the last named Professor, Dr. Mosheim's history of the fifth, sixth, seventh, fifteenth, and sixteenth centuries, Bishop Burnet's Abridgment of his History of the Reformation in England, and Collier's History of the Reign of Elizabeth, from the period at which the preceding work concludes; and they have made considerable progress in the history of the seventeenth century.

"The second class commenced the study of Systematic Theology at the beginning of the second session. In the short time since elapsed, much progress could not be made. They are pursuing the same course detailed in the last report to the Trustees, with some enlargement and improvement.

"The first class have attended the Professor four days in each week, during the first session, and three days in each week, during the second. The second class have attended two days in each week.

" BIRD WILSON,
" Professor of Systematic Divinity."

"Agreeably to an arrangement of the Faculty, under the eighth chapter of the statutes, the studies connected with the Professorship of the Nature, Ministry, and Polity of the Church, have been confined to the first class, which attended the Professor once in each week, during the first session. Since the commencement of the present session, they have attended twice a week, and will continue to do so through the year. They have recited Potter on Church Government, and the first seven books of Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity; and are now engaged in Barrow's Treatise on the Pope's Supremacy. Several valuable works connected with the subjects of this Professorship, which time would not allow to be recited, have been noticed and recommended to the perusal of the students; particularly Slater's Original Draught of the Primitive Church, and the Letters of Mr. Law to the Bishop of Bangor, in the

Scholar Armed. The Professor has, also, from time to time, added such farther illustrations of the several subjects as he thought might lead to a better understanding of them; often with a particular reference to the system of Ecclesiastical Polity adopted in our own Church.

“ The Trustees having, at their last meeting, at the request of this Professor, grounded on the claims of his parochial connexion, excused him from the duties of the department of Ecclesiastical History; they have been discharged by Professors Turner and Wilson.

“ BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, Professor of the Nature, Ministry, and Polity of the Church.”

“ The Professor of Oriental and Greek Literature begs leave respectfully to report, that during the first session, which commenced in November last, he was attended by the students of the second and third classes. The second class recited twice in each week; and in the course of the session, read in the original, and translated into English, the nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, and twenty-second Psalms; the first, sixth, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifty-third, and sixtieth chapters of Isaiah, and the first nine chapters of the book of Job. Beside which, other parts of the Hebrew Bible were, with the assistance of the Professor, occasionally translated, without having been previously studied. During the course of the recitations, the attention of the students was carefully directed to the characteristic force and beauties of the Hebrew Language, as well as to the vast difference between the ideas excited in the mind by translations, and the vivid pictures presented to the intellectual view by the original.

“ The students of the third class, during the first session, attended the recitations in the Hebrew three times in a week; and since the commencement of the second session, they have attended but twice in each week. They commenced their studies with the Hebrew Grammar, and soon proceeded to read and translate the Psalter. They have gone over the first twenty-two Psalms, and the first, sixth, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifty-third chapters of Isaiah. In the course of these recitations, the minute rules of grammar have been continually pointed out, and questions upon them again and again repeated, as occasions occurred for the application of them. This class has also read with the Professor, and without previous study, several chapters in Genesis.

“ In both classes, a part of the business of most of the recitations has been, to repeat some portion of what had previously been recited. So that, while the students have been gradually

extending their stock of acquirements, they have been continually impressing on their minds what they had already learned.

“ It was thought advisable that those who commenced their Hebrew studies in the Seminary, should begin to translate the more difficult books of the Old Testament ; because, the time allotted by the statutes being too short for a complete course, it seemed best that they should have the assistance of the Professor in those parts where they were most likely to meet with impediments in their progress.

“ It has been the aim of the Professor to conduct his course of instruction in such a manner as to give to the recitations in his department the character of friendly and familiar conversations ; and to afford the students every encouragement to state, without reserve, whatever they found difficult or embarrassing, and to offer freely the thoughts which presented themselves to their minds, in the persuasion that more may be learned by unreserved communications, than by formal lectures ; and that the lively and unbiassed intellects of youth may sometimes produce combinations of ideas, from which even veterans in literature may derive advantage.

“ CLEMENT C. MOORE,

“ Professor of Oriental and Greek Literature.”

Agreeably to the order of attendance established by the Faculty, the Professor of the Evidences of Revealed Religion, and of Moral Science in its Relations to Theology, was not to commence instruction in his department until the second session, which began after the Easter recess. Owing, however, to unavoidable absence from the city, he has but just entered on his duties, and, consequently, has no report to make.

The Faculty feel great pleasure in being able to state the satisfaction afforded them by the spirit and success with which the studies and exercises of their respective departments have been prosecuted by those students of the Seminary who have not been impeded by ill health, or other unavoidable causes. This remark is especially applicable to the department of Oriental and Greek Literature, as most young men feel an aversion to the difficulty of learning the Hebrew language, the whole structure of which, as well as every word, and every character, is totally different from any thing to which they have ever been accustomed ; and in the acquirement of which, they are obliged, at first, to resume the elementary lessons of childhood.

At the same time, the Faculty feel still higher gratification in the reason they have to hope, that the industry of the stu-

dents in the prosecution of their studies, is not only with a view to their advancement in theological science, and their respectable standing in a learned profession, but principally with the hope of being thereby better qualified to advance the glory of God, promote the great interests of his Church, and be humble instruments in the salvation of their fellow men.

The Faculty, therefore, encouraged by the opportunity which they have of becoming acquainted with the characters, talents, and acquirements of the students, beg leave to congratulate the Trustees on the prospect of the great good to the cause of religion and the Church, which may be anticipated from the future services of those whom the Institution under their protection is engaged in preparing for the ministry.

In conclusion, the Faculty solicit the prayers of their fellow members of the Church, that in all the doings of this Institution, it may be directed with God's most gracious favour, and furthered with his continual help, for his sake to whose honour and glory it is devoted, Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer.

Signed, by order of the Faculty,

J. H. HOBART, *President*.

New-York, May 14th, 1823.

Constitution of the Theological Society of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, adopted December 23d, 1822.

ART. I.

This Society shall be denominated "The Theological Society of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States."

ART. II.

The object of this Society shall be as determined by the statutes, (chap. x.) viz. "for the purpose of discussing questions, delivering theses or sermons, declamation, and exercises in reading, and for other objects connected with literary and theological improvement; and particularly for such religious exercises as are calculated to excite and cherish evangelical affections and pious habits."

ART. III.

This Society shall be composed of the students of the above mentioned Seminary.

ART. IV.

One half of the members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. V.

One of the Professors shall preside at each meeting of the Society, agreeably to such arrangements as may be made by the Faculty.

ART. VI.

At the first regular meeting of the Society in each session, there shall be chosen, by ballot, a Vice-President and Secretary, who shall enter upon their offices at the next regular meeting after their election: and the Society shall have power to supply any vacancies in these offices, at any regular meeting.

ART. VII.

The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, in the absence of the Professors; and if the Vice-President also be absent, the Society shall elect a Chairman.

ART. VIII.

The presiding officer shall take the question on all motions, appoint all committees, determine all questions of order; and if he think proper, may give his opinion on all subjects of debate, immediately after their discussion.

ART. IX.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record all the proceedings of the Society, keep all its books and papers, and act also as Treasurer.

ART. X.

The Society shall meet, as provided for by the statutes, (chap. x.) weekly, on Saturday, or on such other day as may be appointed by the by-laws.

ART. XI.

Every meeting of the Society shall be opened and closed with offices of devotion, appointed by the Faculty.

ART. XII.

The second regular meeting in each year, and every second subsequent meeting, shall be appropriated to such religious exercises as are calculated to excite and cherish evangelical affections and pious habits. For this purpose, after appro-

private devotions, prescribed by the Faculty, a member shall read a dissertation on some religious topic of a practical nature; on the subject of which the members shall be invited to make remarks, with a view to their advancement in the graces and virtues of the Christian life, and in the dispositions and habits required by the holy calling for which they are preparing.

And the other meetings shall be appropriated to declamation, the reading of a thesis on some theological topic, and the discussion of some question in divinity.

ART. XIII.

By-laws may be made, at any meeting of the Society, by a majority of the votes of the members present. But the by-laws shall be submitted to the Faculty at their next meeting, and if disapproved of by them, shall be thence forward repealed.

ART. XIV.

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed either by the Faculty, or by the Society; and when adopted by either, shall be reported to the other; and on being adopted by two thirds of each, shall be considered as a part of this Constitution.

A true copy.

J. L. YVONNET, Secretary of
Theological Society of General Theological Seminary.

Report of the Professors in the Branch Theological School, Geneva, to the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary at New-York.

The Professors report the following young gentlemen as members of the Branch School, viz.

William W. Bostwick, Richard Salmon, Marvin H. Cady, Orsimus H. Smith, reading Theology.—Ira White, Seth Davis, Henry Gregory, Thaddeus Garlick, John Gavott, Isaac Elwood, Isaac Pardee, and Henry S. Atwater, pursuing academical studies, preparatory to reading Theology.—Burton H. Hickcox, having recently received Deacon's orders, has left the School.—John A. Clark, formerly in the School, entered the senior class in Union College last autumn; but he will return at the end of the ensuing summer.—Henry Graves, now in South-Carolina for the benefit of his health, will enter the School upon his return.—William W. Weber, M. D. has

entered his name as a student in Theology, to commence after having renewed his classical studies.

On the 5th of August last, the students took possession of their apartments in the new academy, eligibly situated on the high western bank of Seneca Lake. The change has been found to be not only pleasant, but advantageous to the student, by enabling him to pursue his reading in his own retired room, at all hours of the day, unmolested by the noise of business, and uninterrupted by incidents from which not even private families are always free.

The four first mentioned students have passed their second examination, but have been prevented from passing the third one, from the ill health of the Professor of Systematic Divinity. The Professor of Ecclesiastical History has uniformly caused the students to recite Theology daily, and he has devoted as much time each day to lectures, as the multiplied duties of the Academy would permit. The Professor of Systematic Theology has devoted as much time as the duties of a parochial Clergyman would permit, to examining the compositions of the students, in causing them to perform the service, and deliver their sermons before him; this practice he continued until extreme ill health compelled him to relinquish it.

D. McDONALD,

Professor of Ecclesiastical History, &c.

ORIN CLARK,

Professor of Systematic Divinity.

Geneva, April 10th, 1823.

The Library Committee reports, that the union of the two libraries, viz. that forwarded from New-Haven, and that of New-York, has given to the General Seminary a valuable collection of about two thousand five hundred volumes, a large proportion of which are folios and quartos. And a Committee has been appointed to exchange such duplicates and odd volumes as it might not be expedient to retain, so as to complete, as far as possible, imperfect sets, and extend our collection.

The Trustees appropriated, in July last, at our request, the sum of \$ 500, for the purpose of procuring elementary books, in constant use of the students; and such of these books as could be immediately procured have been obtained, and orders have been forwarded to Europe for others.

Several gentlemen have presented from their private libraries, valuable additions to our collection; particularly the Rev. Mr. Price, of Tulworth, England, from whom we have

lately received a handsome donation of about eighty volumes ; and from John Pintard, Esq. of this city, in addition to his former liberality, a donation of about sixty volumes ; and the Philadelphia Bible Society has kindly sent us reports of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

We are also indebted to the liberality of Mr. James Eastburn, and Messrs. Swords, booksellers ; to the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, the Rev. Mr. Richmond, the Rev. Dr. Upfold, Dr. D. Hosack, Dr. Francis, and Charles M'Evers, Esq. for considerable additions to our library during the past year. And we would earnestly invite the attention of the friends of our Institution to imitate such examples.

The Committee farther report, that a catalogue of the whole library is now in preparation, and that books presented as donations to the Institution, are entered upon a record kept for the express purpose, and in the names of the respective benefactors.

Signed by order, and in behalf of the Committee,

H. J. FELTUS, Librarian.

New-York, May 14th, 1823.

The Trustees have adopted the following plan for the collection of funds :—

“ It is expedient, *that* four Agents be appointed to collect funds for the Seminary,—one in the States east of New-York,—one in the State of New-York.—one in New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland.—and one in the States of Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia.

“ *That* the expenses of these Agents be defrayed, and that they be allowed such compensation as the Standing Committee may deem proper.

“ *That* the Rev. Lemuel B. Hull be the agent for the States east of New-York ; Mr. Floyd Smith, for the State of New-York ; Mr. Robert B. Croes, for the States of New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland ; and the Rev. William Barlow, for the States of Virginia, North and South-Carolina, and Georgia :—and that the President of the Standing Committee be empowered to appoint additional agents, and to fill any vacancies which may occur in the appointments ; and that the agents be under his direction.

“ *That* it is expedient that the agents for the northern and middle divisions commence their operations as soon as possible ; and those of the southern, as early as may be practicable in the fall.

“ *That* it is expedient that at the meeting of the General

Convention, application be made for subscriptions; and that the Rev. Dr. Gadsden be the agent for this purpose.

“*That* as soon as the funds of the Institution will admit, it is expedient that a house be rented for the occupation of some suitable person, who will board the students of the Seminary, at a proportionably reduced charge.”

The Trustees, in conformity with the power given them by the Constitution, established, at their first meeting, a Branch School at Geneva, New York. But understanding that the persons particularly interested in that School, are disposed to relinquish it, the Trustees have authorized the Standing Committee to abolish it, in case they deem such a measure to be expedient and proper.

The capital of the Seminary being inadequate to its present circumscribed expenses, the Trustees confidently hope for the countenance and aid of the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, in General-Convention assembled, in the measures for raising adequate funds for an Institution which is so intimately connected with the interests and honour of the Church.

All which is respectfully submitted to the General Convention, by the Board of Trustees.

HENRY U. ONDERDONK, *Secretary,*
New-York, May 17th, 1823,

No. V.

The joint Committee of the two Houses of Convention, appointed by the last triennial Convention for reporting a standard copy of the Bible, having taken under consideration certain testimonies borne to two editions of Eyre & Strahan, published in the years 1806 and 1812, report, that the said editions are believed by them to be the most perfect of all, concerning which intelligence has been obtained by them. Accordingly, they recommend the adoption of the latter of these editions as the standard. We believe it to be the same of which some copies have been imported by S. Potter, bookseller, and are now for sale by him, the title page of which bears the date of 1813.

WILLIAM WHITE, Chairman,
JAMES KEMP,
JOHN CROES,
CHARLES H. WHARTON,
BIRD WILSON,
JACKSON KEMPER,
S. SITGREAVES

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Art. 1. There shall be a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, at such time in every third year, and in such place as shall be determined by the Convention; and in case there shall be an epidemic disease, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed on for any such meeting of Convention, the Presiding Bishop shall have it in his power to appoint another convenient place, (as near as may be to the place so fixed on,) for the holding of such Convention; and special meetings may be called at other times, in the manner hereafter to be provided for: and this Church, in a majority of the States which shall have adopted this Constitution, shall be represented, before they shall proceed to business; except that the representation from two States shall be sufficient to adjourn; and in all business of the Convention, freedom of debate shall be allowed.

Art. 2. The Church in each State shall be entitled to a representation of both the Clergy and the Laity; which representation shall consist of one or more deputies, not exceeding four of each order, chosen by the Convention of the State; and, in all questions, when required by the Clerical and Lay Representation from any State, each order shall have one vote; and the majority of suffrages by States shall be conclusive in each order, provided such majority comprehend a majority of the States represented in that order: The concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention. If the Convention of any State should neglect or decline to appoint Clerical Deputies, or if they should neglect to appoint Lay Deputies; or if any of those of either order appointed should neglect to attend, or be prevented by sickness or any other accident, such State shall, nevertheless, be considered as duly represented by such Deputy or Deputies as may attend, whether Lay or Clerical. And if, through the neglect of the Convention of any of the Churches which shall have adopted, or may hereafter adopt, this Constitution, no Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, should attend at any General Convention, the Church in such State shall, nevertheless, be bound by the acts of such Convention.

Art. 3. The Bishops of this Church, when there shall be three or more, shall, whenever General Conventions are held, form a separate House, with a right to originate and propose

acts, for the concurrence of the House of Deputies, composed of Clergy and Laity : and when any proposed act shall have passed the House of Deputies, the same shall be transmitted to the House of Bishops, who shall have a negative thereupon ; and all acts of the Convention shall be authenticated by both Houses. And, in all cases, the House of Bishops shall signify to the Convention their approbation or disapprobation (the latter, with their reasons in writing,) within three days after the proposed act shall have been reported to them for concurrence ; and, in failure thereof, it shall have the operation of a law. But until there shall be three or more Bishops, as aforesaid, any Bishop attending a General Convention shall be a member *ex officio*, and shall vote with the Clerical Deputies of the State to which he belongs ; and a Bishop shall then preside.

Art. 4. The Bishop or Bishops in every State shall be chosen agreeably to such rules as shall be fixed by the Convention of that State : and every Bishop of this Church shall confine the exercise of his Episcopal office to his proper Diocese or district ; unless requested to ordain, or confirm, or perform any other act of the Episcopal office, by any Church destitute of a Bishop.

Art. 5. A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted, on acceding to this Constitution.

Art. 6. In every State, the mode of trying Clergymen shall be instituted by the Convention of the Church therein. At every trial of a Bishop, there shall be one or more of the Episcopal order present ; and none but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of deposition or degradation from the ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, or Presbyter, or Deacon.

Art. 7. No person shall be admitted to Holy Orders, until he shall have been examined by the Bishop, and by two Presbyters, and shall have exhibited such testimonials, and other requisites, as the Canons in that case provided may direct : nor shall any person be ordained, until he shall have subscribed the following declaration—“ I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation : And I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrines and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States.” No person ordained by a foreign Bishop shall be permitted to officiate as a minister of this Church, until he shall have complied with the Canon or Canons in that case provided, and have also subscribed the aforesaid declaration.

Art. 8. A Book of Common Prayer, Administration of the

Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church; articles of religion, and a form and manner of making, ordaining, and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, when established by this or a future General Convention, shall be used in the Protestant Episcopal Church in those States which shall have adopted this Constitution.

No alteration or addition shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer, or other offices in the Church, unless the same shall be proposed in one General Convention, and by a resolve thereof made known to the Convention of every Diocese or State, and adopted at the subsequent General Convention.

Art. 9. This Constitution shall be unalterable, unless in General Convention, by the Church, in a majority of the States which may have adopted the same; and all alterations shall be first proposed in one General Convention, and made known to the several state Conventions, before they shall be finally agreed to, or ratified, in the ensuing General Convention.

Done in the General Convention of the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the Church, the second day of October, 1789.

The first article was amended in General Convention, 1804, and again in General Convention, 1823.

The third article was amended in General Convention, 1808.

The second paragraph of the eighth article was added in General Convention, 1811.

The next General Convention will be held in the city of Philadelphia on the first Tuesday in November, 1826.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Eastern Diocese,

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

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

Maine.

The Rev. Gideon W. Olney, Rector of Christ Church, Gardiner.
The Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portland.

*New-Hampshire.**

The Rev. Charles Burroughs, Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
The Rev. Robert Fowle, Rector of Trinity Church, Holderness.
The Rev. James B. Howe, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.
The Rev. George Leonard, of Vermont, officiates one third of his time in Trinity Church, Cornish.

Massachusetts.

The Rev. Alfred L. Bairy, Minister of St. Mary's Church, Newton.
The Rev. Silas Blaisdell, Deacon, Salem-street Academy, Boston.
The Rev. John L. Blake, residing in Boston
The Rev. Solomon Blakesley, Rector of St. James's Church, Great-Barrington.
The Rev. James Bowers, residing in Framington.
The Rev. Isaac Boyle, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.
The Rev. Thomas Carlile, residing at Salem.
The Rev. Benjamin Clark Cutler, Deacon, Missionary, and Minister of Christ Church, Quincy.
The Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.
The Rev. Cheever Felch, Chaplain in the United States Navy.
The Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
The Rev. Galen Hicks, residing at Taunton.
The Rev. Aaron Humphries, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough, and St. Paul's, Lenox.
The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.
The Rev. Lott Jones, Deacon, Missionary at Marblehead.
The Rev. James Morss, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
The Rev. George Otis, Deacon, Tutor in Harvard University, Cambridge.

* No list of Clergy has been received from this Diocese. That here published is taken from Swords's Almanack for 1823.

List of the Clergy.

- The Rev. Addison Searle, Chaplain in United States Navy.
 The Rev. Titus Strong, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield, St. John's Church, Ashfield, and Trinity Church, Montague.
 The Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, and performing Missionary duties in the Churches of Marshfield and Bridgewater.

Vermont.

- The Rev. Elijah Brainard, Deacon, Missionary.
 The Rev. Abraham Bronson, Rector of Bethel and Bethesda Churches, Arlington, Zion Church, Manchester, and ——— Church, Sandgate.
 The Rev. Carlton Chase, Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellow's Falls.
 The Rev. Joel Clapp, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.
 The Rev. George Leonard, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor.
 The Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Deacon, Minister of ——— Church, Guilford.
 The Rev. Benjamin B. Smith, Middlebury.

Rhode-Island.

- The Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D. Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.
 The Rev. Jasper Adams, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Brown University, Providence.
 The Rev. ——— Alden, Missionary.
 The Rev. Lemuel Burge, Rector of St. Paul's Church, North-Kingston, and St. Paul's Church, South-Kingston.
 The Rev. Nathan Bourne Crocker, Rector of St. John's Church, Providence.
 The Rev. George Taft, Rector of St. Paul's Church, North-Providence.
 The Rev. Salmon Wheaton, Rector of Trinity Church, Newport.

Connecticut.

- The Right Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D. LL. D. Bishop, New-Haven.
 The Rev. George B. Andrews, officiating Minister at Kent, Sharon, and New-Preston.
 The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford.
 The Rev. David Baldwin, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford, St. John's, North-Guilford, and Union Church, North-Killingsworth.
 The Rev. Stephen Beach.
 The Rev. David Belden, residing at Wilton.
 The Rev. Benjamin Benham, Rector of St. John's Church, New-Milford, and the Churches at Bridgewater and Brookfield.
 The Rev. Tillotson Bronson, D. D. Rector of St. Peter's Church, and Principal of the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire.
 The Rev. William J. Bulkley.
 The Rev. Nathan B. Burges, officiating in the parishes of Middle-Haddam and Glastenbury.
 The Rev. Daniel Burhans, Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown.
 The Rev. Peter G. Clark, Rector of St. John's Church, Essex, Saybrook.
 The Rev. Asa Cornwall, Assistant Minister of St. Peter's Church, and Assistant in the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire.
 The Rev. Harry Crosswell, Rector of Trinity Church, New-Haven.
 The Rev. John M. Garfield, New-Haven.
 The Rev. Alpheus Gear, Rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury, and ——— Church, Salem.
 The Rev. Sturges Gilbert, Rector of the Churches in Woodbury and Roxbury.
 The Rev. Bennet Glover, Minister of ——— Church, East-Haddam, and ——— Church, Hebron.
 The Rev. Samuel Griswold, Simsbury.

- The Rev. Frederick Holcomb, Minister of the Churches in Watertown and Northfield.
- The Rev. Origen P. Holcomb, Minister of Trinity Church, Branford, St. Andrew's Church, North-Branford, and Trinity Church, North-Haven.
- The Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, Deacon, Missionary.
- The Rev. Reuben Ives, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.
- The Rev. William Jarvis, Deacon, Missionary.
- The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Derby.
- The Rev. Isaac Jones, Assistant Minister of the Associated Churches in Litchfield.
- The Rev. Jasper D. Jones, officiating in Durham.
- The Rev. Henry R. Judah.
- The Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of St. James's Church, New-London.
- The Rev. James Keeler, Rector of ——— church, Wallingford.
- The Rev. Truman Marsh, Rector of the Associated Churches in Litchfield.
- The Rev. Smith Miles, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham.
- The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.
- The Rev. Beardsley Northrop, Oxford.
- The Rev. Seth B. Paddock, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Norwich.
- The Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of Christ Church, East-Haven, and Trinity Church, West-Haven.
- The Rev. Chauncey Prindle, officiating in ——— Church, Woodbridge.
- The Rev. Menzies Bayner, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ripton, and St. Peter's Church, New-Stratford.
- The Rev. Rodney Rossiter, Rector of St. Peter's and St. Matthew's Churches, Plymouth.
- The Rev. Philo Shelton, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport, and Trinity Church, Fairfield.
- The Rev. Reuben Sherwood, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.
- The Rev. Charles Smith, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Wilton, and ——— Church, Lidgefield.
- The Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, Deacon, Minister of St. John's Church, Stamford, and ——— Church, Horseneck.
- The Rev. Ransom Warner.
- The Rev. Joseph D. Welton, residing at Waterbury.
- The Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.
- The Rev. George S. White, residing at Brooklyn.

New-York.

- The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. Bishop, Rector of Trinity Church, including St. Paul's and St. John's Chapels, and Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Eloquence in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New-York.
- The Rev. Parker Adams, Rector of St. John's Church; Johnstown, Montgomery county.
- The Rev. Henry Anthon, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county.
- The Rev. Deodatus Babcock, Missionary at Buffalo, Erie county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin.
- The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, Rector of Trinity Church, New-Rochelle, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Seth W. Beardsley, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Sacket's Harbour, Jefferson county.
- The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Thomas Breintnall, Rector of Zion Church, New-York.
- The Rev. David Brown, Missionary at Fredonia, Chatauque county, and parts adjacent.

- The Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, and St. Thomas's Church, New-Windsor, Orange county.
- The Rev. Moses Burt, Deacon, Missionary at Granville, Washington county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Richard Bury, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county.
- The Rev. Leverett Bush, Missionary at Oxford, Chenango county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.
- The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, residing in New-York.
- The Rev. Lawson Carter, Missionary at Ogdensburgh, St. Lawrence county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county.
- The Rev. William A. Clark, Rector of Christ Church, Balston Spa, Saratoga county.
- The Rev. James P. F. Clarke, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county.
- The Rev. Timothy Clowes, LL. D.
- The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Deacon.
- The Rev. William Creighton, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Francis H. Cuming, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Rochester, Monroe county.
- The Rev. George W. Doane, officiating in Trinity Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county.
- The Rev. Cornelius R. Duffie, Deacon, residing in New-York.
- The Rev. Palmer Dyer, Deacon.
- The Rev. Manton Eastburn, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Augustus Fitch, Deacon, Teacher, New-York.
- The Rev. Edward K. Fowler, Deacon, officiating in St. John's Church, Huntington, Suffolk county.
- The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary in Albany and Greene counties.
- The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Missionary at Binghamton, Broome county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton.
- The Rev. William Hammel, residing in New-York.
- The Rev. William Harris, D. D. President of Columbia College, New-York.
- The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Burton H. Hecox, Deacon.
- The Rev. Algernon S. Hollister, Deacon, Missionary at Trenton, Oneida county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Henry N. Hotchkiss, Deacon.
- The Rev. Reuben Hubbard, Rector of St. James's Church, Goshen, Orange county.
- The Rev. David Huntington, Rector of St. Paul's and St. Mary's Churches, Charlton, Saratoga county.
- The Rev. Nathaniel Huse, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Richfield, Otsego county.
- The Rev. William S. Irving, Deacon.
- The Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, Rector of St. James's Church, Newtown, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Cave Jones, Chaplain in the United States Navy, Brooklyn, King's county.

- The Rev. William B. Lacey, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.
- The Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D. Rector of Christ Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Charles M'Cabe, Rector of St. James's Church, Milton, Saratoga county.
- The Rev. Daniel M'Donald, D. D. Principal of the Academy, and Professor of the Interpretation of Scripture, Ecclesiastical History, and the Nature, Ministry, and Polity of the Christian Church in the Branch Theological School of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, Geneva, Ontario county.
- The Rev. John M'Vickar, Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy in Columbia College, New-York.
- The Rev. James Milnor, D. D. Rector of St. George's Church, New-York.
- The Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, including Trinity Chapel, Staten-Island.
- The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Otsego county.
- The Rev. Samuel Nichols, Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Bedford, Westchester county.
- The Rev. George H. Norton, Missionary at Richmond, Ontario county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, and Professor of the Nature, Ministry, and Polity of the Church in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New-York.
- The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, M. D. Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county.
- The Rev. Amos Pardee, Missionary at Oswego, Oswego county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Thomas K. Peck, Deacon, Missionary at Onondaga, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Henri L. P. F. Pénéveyre, Rector of St. Esprit, New-York, in which the services of the Church are celebrated in the French language.
- The Rev. Marcus A. Perry, Missionary at Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Samuel Phinney.
- The Rev. Alonzo Potter, Deacon, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Union College, Schenectady.
- The Rev. William Powell, residing in Westchester county.
- The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.
- The Rev. Alexis P. Proal, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.
- The Rev. John Reed, D. D. Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county.
- The Rev. William Richmond, Rector of St. Michael's and St. James's Churches, New-York.
- The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Richard Salmon, Deacon.
- The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Charles Seabury, Missionary at Setauket and Islip, Suffolk county.
- The Rev. John Sellon, Deacon, officiating in the Church in Ann-street, New-York.
- The Rev. William Shelton, Deacon, Missionary at Plattsburgh, Clinton county.
- The Rev. Lucius Smith, Batavia, Genesee county.
- The Rev. Orsamus Smith, Deacon.
- The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county.
- The Rev. William B. Thomas, Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county.

List of the Clergy.

- The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene county.
 The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county.
 The Rev. Frederick T. Tiffany, Deacon, Missionary at Cooperstown and Cherry Valley, Otsego county, and parts adjacent.
 The Rev. Samuel H. Turner, D. D. Professor of Biblical Learning, and the Interpretation of Scripture, in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New-York.
 The Rev. George Upfold, M. D. Rector of St. Luke's Church, and officiating in Trinity Church, New-York.
 The Rev. Frederick Vanhorne, residing at Coldenham, Orange county.
 The Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D. Rector of Grace Church, New-York.
 The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of Christ Church, North-Hempstead, Queen's county.
 The Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rector of Zion Church, Butternuts, Otsego county, and St. Andrew's Church, New-Berlin, Chenango county.
 The Rev. Phineas L. Whipple, Missionary at Fairfield, Herkimer county, and parts adjacent.
 The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D. Rector of St. Peter's Church, Westchester, Westchester county.
 The Rev. Peter Williams, jun. (a coloured man) Deacon, Minister of St. Philip's Church, New-York, the congregation of which is composed of coloured persons.

New-Jersey.

- The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of Christ Church, New-Brunswick.
 The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. residing near New-Brunswick.
 The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.
 The Rev. John Croes, jun. Rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ Church, Middletown.
 The Rev. Robert R. Croes, Deacon.
 The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass.
 The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Newton, and St. James's, Knowlton.
 The Rev. John Grigg, Minister of Christ Chapel, Belleville, and St. Mark's Church, Patterson.
 The Rev. William L. Johnson, Deacon, Minister of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.
 The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.
 The Rev. Henry P. Powers, Rector of Trinity Church, Newark.
 The Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D. Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.
 The Rev. John M. Ward, Deacon, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and St. Peter's Church, Freehold.
 The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

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. James Abercrombie, D. D. senior Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.
 The Rev. Benjamin Allen, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.
 The Rev. Robert Ayres, residing in Brownsville, Fayette county.

- The Rev. John P. Bausman, officiating in Brownsville and Connelsville, Fayette county.
- The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Moses P. Bennet, Deacon, officiating in Kittanning and Greensburgh.
- The Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Rector of St. David's Church, Radnor, and St. John's, Concord.
- The Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Gabriel's Church, Berk's county, St. Mary's, Chester county, and Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.
- The Rev. Joseph Clarkson, Associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, and St. John's Church, Pequea, and Rector of Christ Church, Leacock.
- The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of St. James's Church, Perkiomen, and St. John's, Norristown, Montgomery county.
- The Rev. William H. De Lancey, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.
- The Rev. Richard D. Hall.
- The Rev. Caleb Hopkins, Rector of St. James's Church, Muncey Creek, Lycoming county, and St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf, Columbia county.
- The Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Levi S. Ives, Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, officiating at Bristol, Buck's county.
- The Rev. Jackson Kemper, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Edward R. Lippit, Missionary, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.
- The Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Richard U. Morgun, Deacon, officiating in St. Paul's, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.
- The Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, Associate Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, and St. John's, Pequea, Lancaster county.
- The Rev. Norman Nash, Deacon, officiating in Huntingdon county.
- The Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Francis Reno, officiating in Beaver county.
- The Rev. John Rodney, jun. Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.
- The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.
- The Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves, jun. Deacon, officiating in St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.
- The Rev. Joseph Spencer, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, and Professor of Languages in Dickinson College.
- The Rev. John Taylor, residing in Pittsburgh.
- The Rev. William Thompson, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, Alleghany county.
- The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New-York.
- The Rev. James Wiltbank, Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

*Delaware.**

- The Rev. Robert Clay, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Newcastle, and St James's Church, Stanton.
 The Rev. Daniel Higbee, Minister of St. Peter's, Lewes; St. Paul's, Georgetown; Christ, Laurel; and Prince George's, Dagsborough, Sussex county.
 The Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington.

Maryland.

- The Right Rev. James Kemp, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of St. Paul's parish, including Christ Church, Baltimore.
 The Rev. Walter D. Addison, St. John's, Georgetown.
 The Rev. Grandison Aisquith, St. Paul's Church, Queen Anne county.
 The Rev. Ethian Allen, Rector of St. John's Church, Prince George's county.
 The Rev. John Allen, Teacher in Baltimore.
 The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes, Montgomery county.
 The Rev. William Armstrong, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Montgomery, and Zion Church, Frederick.
 The Rev. Charles C. Austin, St. Thomas's parish, Baltimore county.
 The Rev. Benjamin P. Aydelott, M. D. Christ Church, Queen Caroline county, and Zion Church, Prince George's county.
 The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, D. D. Principal of an Academy in Baltimore, and Professor of Languages in the University of Maryland.
 The Rev. John V. Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, Baltimore.
 The Rev. Thomas Bayne, Rector of St. Peter's, Talbot.
 The Rev. John L. Bryan, St. Mark's, Frederick.
 The Rev. Henry L. Davis, D. D. Rector of St. Anne's, Annapolis.
 The Rev. William Duke, St. Mary's Church, Cecil county.
 The Rev. Levin J. Gillis, St. Paul's parish, Prince George's county.
 The Rev. William Hawley, Rector of St. John's Church, City of Washington.
 The Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.
 The Rev. Thomas Horrell, St. James's parish, Anne-Arundel.
 The Rev. William Jackson, Rector of St. Paul's, Chester, Kent county.
 The Rev. John Johns, Minister of Allsaints parish, Fredericktown.
 The Rev. Matthew Johnson, Rector of Allsaints, Calvert.
 The Rev. Jonathan Judd, Rector of Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county.
 The Rev. John R. Keech, Deacon, St. John's, Baltimore, and Christ Church, Hartford county.
 The Rev. Joseph Lanston.
 The Rev. George Lemmon, Hagar's Town, Washington county.
 The Rev. Charles Mann, Rector of William and Mary parish, Charles county.
 The Rev. Andrew C. McCormick, Rector of Christ Church, Washington City.
 The Rev. George M'Elhiney, St. James's Church, Baltimore county.
 The Rev. Charles P. M'Ilvane, Rector of Christ Church, Georgetown, District of Columbia.
 The Rev. Richard H. B. Mitchell, King and Queen parish, St. Mary's county.
 The Rev. Henry H. Pfeiffer, Grace Church, Baltimore.
 The Rev. William Rafferty, D. D. All-Hallows, Anne-Arundel, and Principal of St. John's College, Annapolis.
 The Rev. Thomas Reid.
 The Rev. John Reynolds, Trinity Church, Charles county.
 The Rev. Neale H. Shaw, Rector of King and Queen, and Allfaith, St. Mary's.
 The Rev. Purnell F. Smith, Shrewsbury, Kent county.

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- The Rev. Frederick Schroeder, St. Michael's, Talbot county.
The Rev. Daniel Somers, Rector of Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough.
The Rev. William M. Stone, Rector of Stepney, Somerset.
The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Coventry, Somerset.
The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Rector of Queen Anne parish, Prince George's county.
The Rev. George Weller, Rector of St. Stephen's, Cecil county.
The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D. Associate Minister of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.
The Rev. Noble Young, Durham, Charles county.

Virginia.

- The Right Rev. Richard Channing Moore, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of the Monumental Church, Richmond.
The Rev. John Armstrong, Wheeling, Ohio county.
The Rev. Richard H. Barnes, St. Martin's parish, Hanover county.
The Rev. Hugh C. Boggs, Berkeley parish, Spotsylvania.
The Rev. Josias Chapman, St. Paul's parish, King George, and Washington parish, Westmoreland.
The Rev. Moses B. Chase, St. George's parish, Accomack county.
The Rev. William Crawford, Trinity parish, Louisa county.
The Rev. Joseph Doddridge, M. D.
The Rev. John Dunn, Shelburne parish, Loudoun county.
The Rev. Silas B. Freeman.
The Rev. George Halson, residing near Norfolk.
The Rev. William H. Hart, Henrico parish, Richmond.
The Rev. Frederick W. Hatch, Fredericksville parish, Albemarle.
The Rev. Alexander Jones, Charlestown and Shepherdstown, Jefferson county.
The Rev. Jacob Keeling, Nansemond county.
The Rev. Ruel Keith, Bruton parish, Williamsburgh.
The Rev. Edward C. McGuire, St. George's parish, Fredericksburgh.
The Rev. William Meade, Frederick parish, Frederick county.
The Rev. Sylvester Nash, Hampshire county.
The Rev. Oliver Norris, Christ Church, Alexandria.
The Rev. Robert Prout, Lynnhaven parish, Princess Anne county.
The Rev. Charles H. Page, Kanhawa county.
The Rev. Ira Parker, Suffolk, Nansemond county.
The Rev. Stephen W. Prestman, Dumfries, Prince William.
The Rev. John J. Robertson, Frederick parish, and Grace Church, Norborne parish, Berkeley.
The Rev. William Steele, Dettingen and Leeds, Prince William.
The Rev. Daniel Stephens, Augusta parish, Staunton.
The Rev. Andrew Syme, Bristol parish, Dinwiddie.
The Rev. Amos C. Treadway, Lynchburgh and Bedford county.
The Rev. William Wickes, Christ Church, Norfolk borough.
The Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.
The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Hungars parish, Northampton.
The Rev. John H. Wingfield, Portsmouth parish, Norfolk county.
The Rev. John Woodville, St. Mark's parish, Culpepper.

North-Carolina.

- The Right Rev. John Stark Ravenscroft, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of — Church, Raleigh.
The Rev. John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
The Rev. Robert Davis, Deacon, Missionary.
The Rev. Adam Empie, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
The Rev. William M. Green, Rector of St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

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The Rev. William Hooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
 The Rev. Richard S. Mason, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
 The Rev. Robert Miller, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Iredell county
 The Rev. Thomas Wright, Missionary.

*South-Carolina.**

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.
 The Rev. David J. Campbell, officiating in St. Stephen's parish.
 The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector of St. Mark's, Clarendon.
 The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.
 The Rev. Francis P. De Lavaux, Rector of St. Matthew's parish.
 The Rev. Adolphus Dickinson, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.
 The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.
 The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Missionary at St. Augustine, Florida.
 The Rev. Hugh Fraser, residing in Allsaints, Waccamaw.
 The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.
 The Rev. Thomas Gates, D. D. residing in St. George's, Dorchester.
 The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, residing in St. John's, Colleton.
 The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.
 The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Deacon, officiating in Allsaints, Waccamaw.
 The Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector of the Church on Edisto Island.
 The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliff borough.
 The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector of Prince George's, Georgetown.
 The Rev. Philip Matthews, Rector of St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island
 The Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. Rocky Mount.
 The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Deacon, Minister of St. James's Church, Santee.
 The Rev. Albert A. Mulker, Rector of Christ Church parish.
 The Rev. Thomas A. Osborne, Edisto Island.
 The Rev. Milward Pogson, Rector of St. James's Church, Goose-Creek.
 The Rev. Charles B. Snowdon, residing in St. Stephen's.
 The Rev. Robert S. Symmes, Charleston.
 The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkeley.
 The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector of St. Luke's parish.
 The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon, officiating at St. John's, Colleton.

*Ohio.**

The Right Rev. Philander Chase, D. D. Bishop.
 The Rev. Philander Chase, jun. Deacon.
 The Rev. Samuel Johnston, Minister of Christ Church, Cincinnati.
 The Rev. Intrepid Morse, Minister of St. James's Church, Zanesville, and St. Paul's, Steubenville.
 The Rev. Roger Searle, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Medina; St. John's Church, Liverpool; and Trinity Church, Brooklyn.
 The Rev. Spencer Wall.
 The Rev. Joseph Willard, residing in Marietta.
 The Rev. Joseph Doddridge, M. D. of Virginia, officiates occasionally in this Diocese.

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Georgia.

The Rev. Abiel Carter, Rector of Christ Church, Savannah.
 The Rev. Edmund Matthews, Rector of Christ Church, Island of St. Simons.
 The Rev. Hugh Smith, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Augusta.
 The Rev. Samuel Strong, residing in Oglethorpe county.

Certificate of Bishop Ravenscroft's Consecration.

KNOW all men by these presents, that we, *William White*, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, Presiding Bishop; *Alexander Viets Griswold*, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Eastern Diocese; *James Kempf*, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Maryland; *John Croes*, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey; *Nathaniel Bowen*, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of South-Carolina; *Thomas Church Brownell*, D. D. LL. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Connecticut; under the protection of Almighty God, in St. Paul's Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday, the twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, did then and there, rightly and canonically consecrate our beloved in Christ, JOHN STARK RAVENSCROFT, Rector of St. James's Parish, Mecklenberg county, in the State of Virginia, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North-Carolina, to which he hath been duly elected by the Convention of said State.

Given in the city of Philadelphia, the twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.

WILLIAM WHITE,	(L. S.)
ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD,	(L. S.)
JAMES KEMP,	(L. S.)
JOHN CROES,	(L. S.)
NATHANIEL BOWEN,	(L. S.)
THOMAS CHURCH BROWNELL,	(L. S.)

In page 54, speaking of the report of the Committees on the Canons, reference is made to Appendix, No. VI. When that reference was inserted, it was intended the Canons should form such Appendix; but it was afterwards found that the Canons were to be published separate from the Journals, which will accordingly be done.