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of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America
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IN
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LIST
OF THE
ATTENDING MEMBERS.

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. 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, D. D. of North-
Carolina.

HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

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| <i>Vermont.</i> | { | The Rev. Abraham Bronson, The Rev. Benjamin B. Smith. |
| <i>Massachusetts.</i> | { | The Rev. Isaac Boyle, The Rev. Benjamin C. Cutler, The Rev. Theodore Edson. |
| <i>Rhode-Island.</i> | { | The Rev. Salmon Wheaton. |
| <i>Connecticut.</i> | { | The Rev. Harry Crosswell, The Rev. Daniel Burhans, The Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton, The Rev. Reuben Sherwood. |

- New-York.* { The Rev. David Butler,
The Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D.
The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D.D.
The Rev. Orin Clark.
- New-Jersey.* { The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D.
The Rev. John Croes, jun.
The Rev. George Y. Morehouse,
The Rev. Clarkson Dunn.
- Pennsylvania.* { The Rev. Jackson Kemper,
The Rev. James Montgomery,
The Rev. Jehu C. Clay,
The Rev. John H. Hopkins.
- Delaware.* { The Rev. Daniel Higbee,
The Rev. Stephen W. Prestman,
The Rev. Ralph Williston.
- Maryland.* { The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D.
The Rev. John P. K. Henshaw,
The Rev. Timothy Clowes, LL. D.
The Rev. William Jackson.
- Virginia.* { The Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D.
The Rev. William Meade.
The Rev. Edward C. M'Guire,
The Rev. Frederick W. Hatch.
- North-Carolina.* { The Rev. John Avery,
The Rev. William M. Green,
The Rev. Richard S. Mason,
The Rev. Henry M. Mason.
- South-Carolina.* { The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D.D.
The Rev. William Barlow,
The Rev. Jasper Adams.
- Georgia.* The Rev. Abiel Carter.
- Ohio.* { The Rev. Intrepid Morse,
The Rev. Samuel Johnston.
- Mississippi.* The Rev. Albert A. Muller.

LAY DEPUTIES.

- Massachusetts.* { Stephen Codman, Esq.
Edward A. Newton, Esq.
- Rhode-Island.* { Stephen T. Northam, Esq.
Alexander Jones, Esq.

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| <i>Connecticut.</i> | { William M ^c Crackan, James M. Goodwin, William W. Boardman, Esq. Ebenezer Jackson, Esq. |
| <i>New-York.</i> | { The Hon. James Emott, The Hon. Nathan Williams, Stephen Warren, Esq. |
| <i>New-Jersey.</i> | { The Hon. Daniel Garrison, James Parker, Joseph Marsh, Joseph V. Clark. |
| <i>Pennsylvania.</i> | { William Meredith, Esq. Horace Binney, Esq. Edward J. Stiles, Esq. John Read, Esq. |
| <i>Delaware.</i> | The Hon. Kensey Johns. |
| <i>Maryland.</i> | { Francis S. Key, Esq. Tench Tilghman, Esq. John B. Eccleston, Esq. |
| <i>Virginia.</i> | { Dr. Carter Berkeley, Philip Nelson, James M. Garnett, William Mayo. |
| <i>North-Carolina.</i> | { Walker Anderson, Esq. Josiah Collins, Esq. |
| <i>South-Carolina.</i> | The Hon. William Drayton. |
| <i>Georgia.</i> | The Hon. George Jones. |

Clergymen and others who were admitted to the sittings of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and attended the same :

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| The Rev. John Bristed, | <i>of Vermont.</i> |
| The Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker, | <i>of Massachusetts.</i> |
| The Rev. Southerland Douglass, | <i>of Rhode-Island.</i> |
| The Rev. George W. Doane, | } <i>of Connecticut.</i> |
| The Rev. Orson V. Howell, | |
| The Rev. Henry R. Judah, | |
| The Rev. Bethel Judd, | |
| The Rev. Edward Rutledge, | |
| The Rev. George Shelton, | |

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin,
 The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard,
 The Rev. Thomas Breintnall,
 The Rev. William J. Bulkley,
 The Rev. Edmund D. Griffin,
 The Rev. William A. Muhlenberg,
 The Rev. William Richmond,
 The Rev. John F. Schröder,
 The Rev. Addison Searle,

} *of New-York.*

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé,
 The Rev. Matthew Matthews,
 The Rev. Simon Wilmer,

} *of New-Jersey*

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D.
 The Rev. Benjamin P. Aydelott, M. D.
 The Rev. John P. Bausman,
 The Rev. Samuel Bowman,
 The Rev. William R. Bowman,
 The Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle,
 The Rev. William Bryant,
 The Rev. Joseph Clarkson,
 The Rev. Joab G. Cooper,
 The Rev. John Davis,
 The Rev. Robert Davis,
 The Rev. William H. De Lancey,
 The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy,
 The Rev. Enoch Huntington,
 The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins,
 The Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D.
 The Rev. Levi S. Ives,
 The Rev. Joseph Jaquett,
 The Rev. William C. Mead,
 The Rev. Richard U. Morgan,
 The Rev. Norman Nash,
 The Rev. David C. Page,
 The Rev. William H. Rees,
 The Rev. Greensbury W. Ridgely,
 The Rev. George Sheets,
 The Rev. John V. E. Thorn,
 The Rev. George Weller,

} *of Pennsylvania.*

The Rev. Henry L. Davis, D. D. *of Delaware.*

The Rev. Ethan Allen,
 The Rev. William Hawley,
 The Rev. John J. Robertson,
 The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng,

} *of Maryland.*

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| The Rev. Mark L. Chevers, The Rev. Robert B. Croes, The Rev. George A. Smith, | } of Virginia. |
| The Rev. James Milnor, D. D. The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, M. D. The Rev. J. M. Wainwright, D. D. The Rev. William L. Johnson, The Rev. Benjamin Allen, The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, The Rev. George Boyd, The Rev. John Rodney, jun. Peter Kean, Esq. | } Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. |
| The Rev. Samuel H. Turner, D. D. The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. | } Professors of the General Theol. Seminary. |
| William A. Curtiss, Samuel Fuller, jun. William H. Lewis, Edward W. Peet, Thomas I. Young, | } Students of the General Theological Seminary. |
| William R. Whittingham, John P. Robinson, George E. Hare, Henry Hood, James May, | } Candidates for Holy Orders. |

JOURNAL

OF THE

HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

Philadelphia, November 7, 1826.

THIS being the day and place 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 divine service in St. Peter's Church.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. of South-Carolina, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. of the same diocese. The holy communion was then administered by the Right Rev. the Presiding Bishop, assisted by other Bishops present.

The House then assembled, and the Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. was appointed Chairman pro tem., and the Rev. James Montgomery, Secretary pro tem.

The following Clerical and Lay Deputies presented testimonials of their respective appointments, and took their seats.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

From Massachusetts, the Rev. Isaac Boyle, the Rev. Benjamin C. Cutler, the Rev. Theodore Edson.

From Vermont, the Rev. Abraham Bronson, the Rev. Benjamin B. Smith.

From Rhode-Island, the Rev. Salmon Wheaton.

From New-York, the Rev. David Butler, the Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D. the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D. the Rev. Orin Clark.

From New-Jersey, the Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. the Rev. John Croes, jun. the Rev. George Y. Morehouse, the Rev. Clarkson Dunn.

From Pennsylvania, the Rev. Jackson Kemper, the Rev. Jehu C. Clay, the Rev. James Montgomery, the Rev. John H. Hopkins.

From Delaware, the Rev. Daniel Higbee, the Rev. Stephen W. Pressman, the Rev. Ralph Williston.

From Maryland, the Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D. the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, the Rev. Timothy Clowes, LL. D.

From Virginia, the Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. the Rev. William Meade, the Rev. Edward C. McGuire, the Rev. Frederick W. Hatch.

From North-Carolina, the Rev. Henry M. Mason, the Rev. William M. Green, the Rev. Richard S. Mason, the Rev. John Avery.

From South-Carolina, the Rev. Jasper Adams, the Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. the Rev. William Barlow.

From Georgia, the Rev. Abiel Carter.

From Ohio, the Rev. Samuel Johnston, the Rev. Intrepid Morse.

LAY DEPUTIES.

From Massachusetts, Edward A. Newton, Esq. Stephen Codman, Esq.

From Rhode-Island, Stephen T. Northam, Esq. Alexander Jones, Esq.

From New-York, the Hon. James Emott, the Hon. Nathan Williams, Stephen Warren, Esq.

From New-Jersey, James Parker, Joseph Marsh, Joseph V. Clark.

From Pennsylvania, William Meredith, Esq. John Read, Esq. Edward J. Styles, Esq.

From Maryland, Francis S. Key, Esq.

From Virginia, Dr. Carter Berkeley, Philip Nelson, James M. Garnett, William Mayo.

From North-Carolina, Walker Anderson, Esq.

From South-Carolina, the Hon. William Drayton.

From Georgia, the Hon. George Jones.

The House then proceeded to the election, by ballot, of a President and Secretary.

The Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. was chosen President, and the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D. Secretary.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Secretary be authorized to appoint a gentleman, not a member of the House, as Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. George Weller was appointed accordingly.

Resolved, that a committee of two be appointed to inform the House of Bishops that this House is organized, and ready to proceed to business.

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt and Mr. Meredith were appointed.

The House of Bishops informed this House, that they also, having elected the Rev. William H. De Lancey, of Pennsylvania, their Secretary, were organized, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, *resolved*, that Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Trustees, Professors, and Students of the General Theological Seminary, and other Students of Theology, and Candidates for Holy Orders, in this Church, who may be in the city of Philadelphia during the meeting of this Convention, and are not members thereof, be admitted to the sittings of this House.

Certain documents relating to the organization of the diocese of Mississippi, were laid before the House.

Whereupon, on motion, *resolved*, that a committee of two clergymen and two laymen be appointed, to consider the said documents, and such similar ones as may be presented, and report thereon to this House.

The Rev. Mr. Montgomery, the Rev. Mr. Henshaw, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Northam, were appointed.

On motion, *resolved*, that the thanks of this House be presented to the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, for his sermon preached this day, at the opening of the Convention, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Resolved, that a committee of two be appointed to present the above resolution to Bishop Bowen; and should he accede to the request therein contained, to have the sermon printed forthwith.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton and the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk were appointed.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Delegates from the several dioceses represented in this Convention, shall be called on to-morrow to state to this House what documents they have to present to the House, agreeably to the 45th Canon of 1808, and to lay the same on the Secretary's table.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating that the said House would attend morning prayer, with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, every morning during the session of the Convention; and that they had adjourned until half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to examine the Journal of the last Convention, and to report the unfinished business, if any.

Col. Drayton, Mr. Codman, and Mr. Parker, were appointed.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to report rules of order for the government of this House.

The Rev. Dr. Clowes and Judge Emott were appointed.

On motion, *resolved*, that the President appoint three Standing Committees, viz. one on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; one on the General Theological Seminary; and one on proposed Canons.

Resolved, that the two pews on the right of the chair be appropriated to the use of the Bishops, when they may wish to attend the sittings of this House.

Resolved, that a list of the members of this House be printed.

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

Wednesday, Nov. 8.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. William H. De Lancey, Secretary of the House of Bishops.

The following Clerical and Lay Deputies, having presented credentials of their respective appointments, appeared and took their seats:

From Connecticut, the Rev. Harry Crosswell, the Rev. Daniel Burhans, the Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton, the Rev. Reuben Sherwood, William M^cCracken, James M. Goodwin.

From New-Jersey, the Hon. Daniel Garrison.

From Delaware, the Hon. Kensey Johns.

From Maryland, the Rev. William Jackson, Tench Tilghman, Esq. John B. Eccleston, Esq.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read and approved.

An Address to the House was then delivered by the President. Whereupon, it was, on motion,

Resolved, that the thanks of this House be presented to the President for his Address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for insertion in the Journal. It was as follows:—

“ In commencing the business of the Convention, I beg leave to offer to you, my respected brethren, a few observations. I deem it proper, in the first place, to tender to you my acknowledgements for the renewed evidence of your good will afforded by my re-election as President of this ho-

nourable body. Permit me also to congratulate you on the favourable circumstances under which we are now assembled. The present number of our body, exceeding, perhaps, that of any preceding Convention, affords pleasing proof of the extending limits of our Zion, and of the increasing interest taken by her members in her concerns. The young scion, which was transplanted from the parent stem into this western wilderness, has taken deep root; it is extending its branches over the land, and beginning to spread its leaves for the healing of the nations. Our ecclesiastical system, in the test which it has given by experiment, has more than realized the expectation of its friends. By its nice adjustment of the balance of liberty and power, and the wise distribution of both among the respective orders, it has accommodated itself, with happy effect, to the genius of our civil institutions, and the habits of a free people; at the same time that it has preserved, in their unbroken integrity, those great principles which are unchangeable, because of divine origin; and, in all respects, has proved its high adaptation to the purposes of unity and peace, and to all the great ends of its institution.

“Among the many causes of congratulation which present themselves, we may reckon not as the least, the harmony which has hitherto attended the deliberations of our General Councils. Amidst great diversity of sentiment on important and delicate topics, the unity of the Church has still been preserved in the bond of peace. Whilst we felicitate ourselves on this retrospect, as the pledge and earnest of the future, let us offer our prayers and efforts, that peace may still dwell within our walls. Difference of opinion, unavoidably incident to human nature, arising from education, association, prejudice, and various uncontrolable circumstances, must be expected to keep pace with the increase of our numbers, and to bring, incorporated with them, elements fraught with danger to the best interests of the Church. It is the prerogative of Christian charity, guided by the wisdom that is pure, and peaceable, and easily entreated, to leaven this lump, and to transmute these elements, which, otherwise, by coming in contact with their kindred affinities, would put on the forms of combustion, into sound and wholesome agencies for the general good. Upon us, the members of this General Convention, standing upon a high eminence before the Church, and before the world, does it especially devolve, to set an example of Christian politeness and charity, bearing in mind the sentiment of one of our most illustrious of human oracles, that “the time will come,

when three words spoken with meekness of spirit, will meet with a far more blessed reward than three thousand volumes written with disdainful sharpness of wit." In endeavouring to fulfil the part assigned me in the duties before us, I shall rely upon your aid and advice in all matters of difficulty that may arise, appealing to you also with confidence for your co-operation in maintaining the rules of order and decorum, as necessary to the despatch of business, to the dignity of our body, and the honour of religion. And may He, from whom all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, direct and prosper all our consultations to the advancement of his glory, the good of his Church, and the salvation of those for whom we are put in trust!"

The Committee appointed yesterday to report rules of order, reported in favour of adopting those established by this House in 1820.

Resolved, that the said rules be adopted, and be entered on the Journal. They are as follows:—

1. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the House, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the House.
6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.
7. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.
8. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.
9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

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

The Committee on unfinished business, made the following report:—

The Committee appointed to report upon the unfinished business of the last General Convention, report, that they have examined the Journal of the last Convention, and that the only business unfinished during its session, was the resolution on the subject of establishing a College to be under the superintendence of the General Convention.

The above report was ordered to lie on the table.

The Committee appointed yesterday to return the thanks of this House to the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, for his sermon preached at the opening of the Convention, and request a copy of the same for publication, reported, that they had performed that duty, and that the Bishop had consented to give a copy for the press.

The following resolution was then passed:—

Resolved, by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops concurring, that a joint Committee be appointed, to whom there may be communicated all errors, if any, in the editions of the Bible printed under the operation of the second Canon of 1823, which errors shall be notified on the Journal of the Convention to which they may, at any time, be presented by said Committee.

Agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, the Delegates from the several dioceses were called on to state what documents they have to present to this House, agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention of 1808, and to lay the same on the Secretary's table.

The following documents were reported accordingly, and laid upon the table:—

New-Hampshire, A written abstract of the Proceedings of Conventions, from 1820 to 1826, inclusive.

Vermont, Printed Journals of Conventions, from 1822 to 1826, inclusive.

Connecticut, Printed Journals of Conventions, from 1822 to 1826, inclusive.

New-York, Printed Journals of Conventions, from 1823 to 1826, inclusive; and a Charge to the Clergy by the Bishop.

New Jersey, Printed Journals of Conventions, from 1823 to 1826, inclusive.

- Pennsylvania*, Printed Journals of Conventions, from 1823 to 1826, inclusive; and a Charge from the Bishop to the Clergy.
- Delaware*, Printed Journals of Conventions, from 1823 to 1826, inclusive.
- Maryland*, Printed Journals of Conventions, from 1823 to 1826, inclusive.
- Virginia*, Printed Journals of Conventions, for 1824, 1825, and 1826.
- North-Carolina*, Printed Journals of Conventions, for 1824, 1825, and 1826.
- South-Carolina*, Printed Journals of Conventions, for 1824, 1825, and 1826; and a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop.
- Georgia*, Printed Journals of Conventions, from 1823 to 1826, inclusive.
- Ohio*, Printed Journals of Conventions, from 1823 to 1826, inclusive.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee of one Delegate from each diocese be appointed to draw up a view of the state of the Church, in compliance with the 45th Canon of 1808.

The following gentlemen were appointed that Committee:—

- Of Massachusetts*, the Rev. Mr. Cutler.
- Of Vermont*, the Rev. Mr. Bronson.
- Of Rhode-Island*, the Rev. Mr. S. Wheaton.
- Of Connecticut*, the Rev. Mr. Burhans.
- Of New-York*, the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk.
- Of New-Jersey*, the Rev. Dr. Wharton.
- Of Pennsylvania*, the Rev. Mr. Montgomery.
- Of Delaware*, the Rev. Mr. Higbee.
- Of Maryland*, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt.
- Of Virginia*, the Rev. Mr. Hatch.
- Of North-Carolina*, the Rev. Mr. R. S. Mason.
- Of South-Carolina*, the Rev. Mr. Barlow.
- Of Georgia*, the Rev. Mr. Carter.
- Of Ohio*, the Rev. Mr. Morse.

The President announced the following Standing Committees, agreeably to a resolution of yesterday:—

On the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the Rev. Mr. Crosswell, the Rev. Mr. Smith, the Rev. Mr. Henshaw.

On the General Theological Seminary, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Dr. Lyell, Mr. Binney.

On proposed Canons, the Rev. Mr. Croes, the Rev. Mr. M'Guire, Mr. Meredith.

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.

On motion, *resolved*, that ——— be a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of forming an American Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; and the measures, if any, which it may be proper for this Convention to adopt for that purpose.

On motion, it was then *resolved*, that the above resolution be reconsidered.

The resolution was then, by a vote of the House, ordered to lie upon the table.

The House adjourned until to-morrow at half past nine o'clock A. M.

Thursday Nov. 9.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. David Butler, of New-York.

William W. Boardman, Esq. of Connecticut, having produced a testimonial of his appointment as a Lay Delegate, appeared and took his seat.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read and approved.

A communication was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting to this House the report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion, the reading of the said report was dispensed with, and it was referred to the Standing Committee on the Seminary.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Delegates from each Diocese shall be, to-morrow, called on to lay before this House, the certificate required by a resolution of the last General Convention, "stating the exact number of Clergymen in the Diocese, and the amount of funds paid, or secured to be paid therein," to the General Theological Seminary; and also the nomination by the Diocese, of a Trustee or Trustees of the said Seminary.

The Committee to whom were referred the documents from the Church in the State of Mississippi, made the following report:—

The Committee appointed to consider the application of the Church in Mississippi, to be admitted into union with the Convention, beg leave to report,

That they have duly considered the same, and found it to be agreeable to precedent; and that it appears that the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Mississippi, accedes to, and adopts, as its rules and form of Church government, the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. The Committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, if the House of Bishops concur therein, that the Church in the State of Mississippi be received into union with the General Convention.

JAMES MONTGOMERY,
Chairman of Committee.

Philadelphia, Nov. 9th, 1826.

The above report was accepted by the House, and the resolution therein proposed passed, and sent to the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Secretary call, to-morrow morning, upon the delegation from each Diocese, for the quota required by a resolution of the last Convention, towards the expenses of the Convention.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating that they had concurred in the resolution passed by this House yesterday, relative to the appointment of a joint Committee to which errors in editions of the Bible printed under the operation of the second Canon of 1823 may be reported; and had appointed the Right Rev. Bishops White and Croes, members of the said Committee.

On motion, *resolved*, that three members of this House be appointed on the same Committee.

On motion, *resolved*, that at every future General Convention, a copy of the Constitution and Canons, and a copy of the Journal of the next preceding General Convention, be provided by the Secretary of this House, and presented to the delegation from each Diocese for their use.

On motion, *resolved*, that the next meeting of the General Convention be held on the first Wednesday in October, 1829, at half past ten o'clock A. M.

It was then moved and carried, that the above resolution be reconsidered.

The resolution was then ordered to lie on the table.

An account current of the Secretary of this House in the last Convention, respecting receipts and expenditures in be-

half of the Convention, and an account against the Convention for printing, &c. were then presented, and referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Meredith and the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk.

The House adjourned until to-morrow at half past nine o'clock A. M.

Friday, Nov. 10.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, of Maryland.

Ebenezer Jackson, Esq. of Connecticut, and Josiah Collins, Esq. of North-Carolina, having produced testimonials of their respective appointments, took their seats in the House as Lay Delegates.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read and approved.

The Secretary reported, that agreeably to a resolution of the House, at the last Convention, the then Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Rudd, had procured a Record Book, and written therein the minutes of the proceedings of this House in the said Convention. Which book was laid upon the table.

The Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary, to whom had been referred the Report of the Trustees of the said Seminary, made the following report:—

The Committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully state to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that on looking into the report of the Trustees, they find several particulars which render an union of views important between this House and that of the Bishops; and they therefore request that they may be discharged from the farther consideration of the same, and that, if the House of Bishops concur, it be referred to a joint committee of both Houses.

The above report was accepted, and the reference therein requested agreed to.

The committee to whom were yesterday referred the account current of the Secretary of the House at the last Convention, and an account against the Convention, made a report, which, on motion, was re-committed to the same committee.

Agreeably to a resolution of yesterday, the Delegates from the several Dioceses were called on for the quota of the said Dioceses respectively for defraying the expenses of the Convention.

The resolution respecting the time of the meeting of the next Convention was then called up.

Two several resolutions were offered; the first fixing on the first Wednesday in November, and the second on the third Wednesday in October; and lost.

The second Wednesday in October was then proposed.

A resolution was introduced, to refer the subject to a committee consisting of one layman from each Diocese represented in this Convention; and lost.

The second Wednesday in October, 1829, at half past ten o'clock A. M. was then fixed as the time of meeting of the next Convention, if the House of Bishops should concur therein.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating their concurrence in the resolution admitting the Diocese of Mississippi into union with this Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. Albert A. Muller, having produced a testimonial of his appointment as a Clerical Deputy from the said Diocese, took his seat in the House, and was added to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Journal of the first Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi was added to the documents presented to this House, agreeably to the 45th Canon of 1808.

The resolution on the subject of an American Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, was then called up, and passed.

The following gentlemen were appointed the Committee:—The Rev. Mr. Barlow, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Clark, the Rev. Mr. R. S. Mason, Col. Drayton, Judge Williams, and Mr. Binney.

The Delegates from the several Dioceses were then called on, agreeably to a resolution of yesterday, for the certificates of the number of Clergy, and of the contributions to the General Theological Seminary, in their Dioceses respectively; and for the nomination of Trustees of the said Seminary; and the said certificates and nominations were severally read.

The following resolution was offered:—

Resolved, that it is the opinion of the General Convention that no Diocese is entitled to nominate Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, on account of moneys subscribed but not paid.

This resolution, together with the above mentioned certificates and nominations, was referred to the Committee on the General Theological Seminary.

The President announced the appointment of the following gentlemen as members of the joint Committee on the subject of errors in editions of the Holy Bible:—The Rev.

Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, and the Rev. Mr. Kemper.

On motion, *resolved*, that the President of this House be added to the above Committee.

The Committee, therefore, on the part of this House, consists of

The Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. Williamsburgh, Virginia.

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Burlington, N. Jersey.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D. New-York.

The Rev. Jackson Kemper, Philadelphia.

The following was then moved and passed :—

In order to a more general and better understanding of the progress and condition of the Church, it is recommended to the several Diocesan Conventions, which publish their proceedings, to direct their Secretaries to transmit annually to each of the Bishops. and to the Secretary of every Convention, a copy of their respective Journals.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating their concurrence in the resolution for referring the report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary to a joint Committee, and that they had appointed the Right Rev. Bishops Hobart, Kemp, and Croes, on that Committee.

The Standing Committee on the Seminary was then appointed by the Chair on the same Committee on the part of this House.

A message was received from the House of Bishops communicating two Canons, one entitled, "*Relative to the admission and conduct of Candidates for Orders ;*" and the other, "*Regulating the admission of persons as Candidates for Holy Orders, and the time in which they are to continue Candidates before their ordination.*"

The above message was referred to the Committee on proposed Canons, and ordered to be printed.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session, was, on application, granted to the Rev. Mr. Higbee.

The House adjourned until half past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

Saturday, Nov. 11.

The House met according to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Ralph Williston, of Delaware.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read and approved.

Leave of absence, for the remainder of the session, was

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granted to Mr. McCracken ; and for to-day, to the Rev. Mr. Williston.

The Committee on accounts again submitted the report made by them yesterday, and re-committed, and also an additional report, as follows :—

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the account current of the late Secretary of this House, and the account for printing the Journal of the last Convention, &c. respectfully report :

That the expenses incurred under the directions of the Convention of 1823, were,

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| For Printing Bishop Croes's Sermon | . | . | 21 | 93 |
| Pastoral Letter | . | . | 28 | 50 |
| Journal | . | . | 241 | 00 |
| Interest on balance due Messrs. Swords | . | . | 28 | 2 |
| Cost of a Book of Records | . | . | 7 | 50 |
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| | | | | \$ 326 95 |

Of which there have been paid to Messrs.

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| Swords, on account | . | \$ 131 | 25 |
| For Book | . | 7 | 50 |
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Balance remaining due \$ 188 20

The receipts of the late Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Rudd, are,

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| From Church of Connecticut | . | \$ 33 | 00 |
| New-Jersey | . | 9 | 75 |
| Pennsylvania | . | 27 | 75 |
| Georgia | . | 3 | 00 |
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| | | | 73 50 |
| New-York, paid Messrs. Swords | | | 70 50 |
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| | | | Total \$ 144 00 |

Of which amount, Dr. Rudd has forwarded by the present Secretary, the balance in his hands, viz. \$ 5 25.

The Committee on accounts respectfully report,

That as appears by their former report, there is wanting for the purpose of satisfying the balance of expenses incurred by the order of the Convention of 1823, a sum of \$ 188 20.

From an examination of the resolution of that Convention on the subject of contingent expenses, it is found to be in

words *prospective*, and hence the State Conventions have *literally* complied with it, by forwarding to the Secretary of this House, their respective assessments for this Convention. But, unless it could be supposed, that it was not intended to make provision at all for expenses then incurred or authorized, we must consider it as contemplating the creation of a fund to meet them also. Yet if the money now forwarded be so applied, it is probable that there will not remain an excess sufficient to cover the expenditures already incurred, or which may be authorized, at this meeting. Under this view of the case, some of the State Conventions have given a different construction to the resolution, having forwarded their assessments, as well for the Convention of 1823, as for the present. And the Committee perceive no other mode of keeping the body free of debt, than by the adoption of some measure conforming to this construction.

They therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved, that the several State or Diocesan Conventions, or the Deputies representing them, be requested, if it be not already done, to forward, or pay to the Secretary of this House, their respective assessments, for the purpose of defraying contingent expenses, agreeably to the resolution of 1823, as well for the Convention of that year as of the present.

On motion, the above report was accepted, and the resolution therein contained adopted.

The Committee appointed pursuant to the resolution concerning the formation of an American Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, made the following report :—

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of forming an American Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and the measures which it may be proper for this Convention to adopt for that purpose, respectfully report,

That they do fully approve of the formation of such a Society, upon a plan submitted to them by their Chairman, the Rev. Mr. Barlow. They are of opinion that the principles of the plan duly administered and carried into effect, would, in the most effectual manner, promote the interests of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the cause of Christianity throughout the union. But, they are also of opinion, that it is not expedient or necessary to its accomplishment that it should be acted upon by the Convention, otherwise than in the expression of their approbation of it. The Committee therefore, submit the following resolution :

Resolved, that this Convention view with great interest, all efforts which are made for the pious and benevolent objects of the proposed American Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge—that they approve the scheme of such Society, which has been presented for their consideration, and deem it worthy the favourable regard and patronage of all the friends of the Church.

It was then moved that the consideration of the subject of the above report be indefinitely postponed. The motion was lost.

The following resolution was then introduced as an amendment to that proposed by the Committee:—

Resolved, as the opinion of this House, that without entering at all into the merits of the plan noticed in the report of the Committee, it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject.

A resolution was then introduced to recommit the subject to the former Committee; and lost.

The above amendment of the resolution introduced by the Committee, was then carried.

Leave of absence, for the remainder of the day, was, on application, granted to the Rev. Mr. Jackson.

A message was received from the House of Bishops proposing certain alterations respecting the reading of the Psalter and the Lessons; certain additions to the Office of Confirmation; and a change in the rubric at the end of the Communion Office.

Resolved, that the above message lie on the table, and be printed.

Leave of absence, for the remainder of the session, was granted to Mr. Parker and Mr. Marsh.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, accompanying the Second Triennial Report of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

On motion, *resolved*, that the said report be referred to the Committee on the Missionary Society.

The House adjourned until Monday next, at half past nine o'clock A. M.

Monday, Nov. 13.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Samuel Johnston, of Ohio.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read and approved.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session, was, in consequence of his indisposition, asked for Mr. Garrison, and granted.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session, after to-day, was granted to Mr. Goodwin.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a Canon which had passed that House, entitled, "*A Canon for the determining of the Rights and Duties of the Presbyters and the Deacons of this Church, in respect to residence and accountability.*"

The said Canon was referred to the Committee on Canons, and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on the subject of the Psalms and Hymns in metre, appointed by the last Convention, made a report; which was ordered to be laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a report of the joint Committee of Publication appointed by the last Convention; which report had been accepted by that House.

This House concurred with the House of Bishops in accepting the said report.

The Committee on Canons reported in favour of passing the Canon, entitled, A Canon "*Relative to the admission and conduct of Candidates for Orders.*"

Several amendments to the said Canon were proposed; when, on motion, it was *resolved*, that the Canon, together with the proposed amendments, be recommitted to the same Committee.

The same Committee reported in favour of passing the Canon entitled, A Canon "*Regulating the Admission of Persons as Candidates for Orders, and the time in which they are to continue Candidates before their Ordination.*"

The said Canon was then passed by this House; and information to that effect sent to the House of Bishops.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating their non-concurrence in the resolution of this House fixing the second Wednesday in October, 1829, as the time for the next meeting of the Convention; and proposing the first Wednesday in August instead thereof.

On motion, *resolved*, that a conference on the subject be requested with the House of Bishops.

The Rev. Mr. Avery, Mr. Garnett, and Mr. Tilghman, were appointed to manage the conference on the part of this House.

Resolved, that the members of this said Committee of conference on the part of this House, be also authorized to take into consideration the subject of the place of the meeting of the next Convention.

A message was received from the House of Bishops containing sundry resolutions passed by them relative to the report of the Committee on the Psalms and Hymns in metre.

The House adjourned until to-morrow at half past nine o'clock A. M.

Tuesday, Nov. 14.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Benjamin B. Smith, of Vermont.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted a report, which was adopted by the House, and sent to the House of Bishops, agreeably to the 45th Canon of 1808. It is as follows :—

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the 45th Canon of 1808, respectfully send to the House of Bishops, the following view of the State of the Church, compiled from documents supplied by Delegates from the Dioceses respectively represented in this Convention.

New-Hampshire.

As there is no Delegate in this Convention from New-Hampshire, the report respecting the Church in that State, must, of necessity, be very imperfect. It appears that there are seven parishes, six clergymen, and about 320 communicants. About 100 baptisms, and as many confirmations, are reported within the three years. On the whole, the Church appears to be in a course of moderate prosperity.

Maine.

No communication respecting the state of the Church in Maine has been received at this Convention. It appears, however, from indirect information, that the situation of the parishes remains much the same as for some years past.

Vermont.

The situation and prospects of the Church have materially improved since the last General Convention. At that time there were no more than six clergymen in the state. But, though two have removed, yet the number has increased to eleven, viz. six Presbyters and five Deacons. One of these Presbyters and three of the Deacons have, within the three years, been presented for orders by the Committee of this state; the remaining additions are from abroad. There is but one candidate for the ministry now belonging to this state. Six new parishes have been organized, making now 24 in the whole. The number of baptisms which have been reported, is something more than 200; the number of communicants at this time about 750—above 200 more than were presented at the last report on the state of the Church. Sunday schools have been established in most of the parishes that are supplied with regular ministrations; but the parochial reports have been so imperfect on this head, that the number of scholars cannot be ascertained. Three new churches have been consecrated, and another is in the course of being built.

The Missionary Society in this state has been considerably useful in promoting the welfare of the vacant parishes, and its funds have, in the present year, been materially increased, as well as Gospel doctrine and religious intelligence diffused, by the establishment of a periodical publication, the profits of which are devoted to missionary objects. The substantial doctrines of the Gospel, and a due regard to the order and worship of the Church, are enforced in the parishes generally; and such care is used in the examination of candidates for communion, that it is believed few are admitted to that holy ordinance without a spiritual renovation of heart.

A portion of the lands in this state, belonging to the Society for Propagating the Gospel, have been recovered, and applied to the use of the Church; but in the further prosecution of the business, some new difficulties have arisen, which, it is feared, will retard the recovery of the remaining property for some time to come.

Massachusetts.

Since the last General Convention, the Church in this state has continued to flourish, but not without some adverse circumstances.

St. Paul's Church, in Boston, has been involved in great difficulties; but, by a kind Providence, and by the exertion of its members and friends, it has been restored to peace and prosperity beyond expectation. The Rev. Alonzo Potter, from the Diocese of New-York, has been instituted Rector of this Church, and has commenced his labours under the most favourable circumstances.

The Church at Cambridge, which, owing to its dilapidated state, was for some time closed, has been thoroughly repaired, and was re-opened for divine service in July last. The Rev. Professor Otis, of Harvard University, about the same time, received Priest's orders, with a view to the care of that Church. Episcopalians who send their sons to this University, may now be assured, by the blessing of God, of uninterrupted services in this Church.

The Missionary Society in this state, which, for many years, had but a nominal existence, has, since the last General Convention, become effective and useful. Ten of the clergy of this state have performed missionary duty under the direction and patronage of this society. By their labours two new churches have been formed; three expiring churches have been revived; and in two other towns, our liturgy is regularly performed with the prospect of establishing churches—in one place immediately, and in the other at no very distant period. Three new churches have been formed; one in each of the following places: Leicester, Lowell, and Northampton. Four new houses for public worship have been erected, and two of them consecrated, viz. those at Leicester and Lowell.

There are now in this state 25 churches and congregations—many of them small; eighteen clergymen with cures, and seven without cures, making 25; and 1300 communicants. Since the last General Convention, there have been reported 722 baptisms, and 197 confirmations; six persons have been admitted to the order of deacons, and nine have been advanced to the order of priests. The Church in this state appears to be increasing, and its importance to the interests of pure and undefiled religion is more than ever before felt and acknowledged.

Rhode-Island.

It does not appear that any material alteration has taken place in the condition of the Church in this state since the last General Convention. Through the blessing of Divine Providence, the four principal congregations continue to

prosper and increase. Some additions have been made to the holy communion, though not as many as at a former period. In the Narragansett country, the Church is still in a state of depression. Little success has as yet attended the exertions of the Church Missionary Society, to promote the cause of piety, and extend the influence of our holy religion. Divine service has been discontinued at South-Kingston and at East-Greenwich; but in the village of Wickford, there are indications of a growing interest in the welfare of our Zion. Sunday schools are in successful operation in all the churches. At the last Convention, measures were taken to commence a fund for the support of the Bishop. An interest has lately been excited in favour of the Society for Domestic and Foreign Missions; and societies auxiliary to that excellent institution, have been established in several of the parishes.

Connecticut.

In the following statement relative to the Church in Connecticut, no notice is taken of occurrences subsequent to the Diocesan Convention, held in June last. Since the Triennial Convention of 1823, the following Churches have been consecrated:—St. Andrew's, Northford; St. Andrew's, New-Preston; and St. John's Church, Salisbury. The number of parishes in the Diocese is 74. The aggregate of confirmations is 1156; and the number of communicants reported to the last Convention is 4233.

The present number of clergy is 53, exclusive of the Diocesan. The Rev. Jasper D. Jones, the Rev. Joseph D. Welton, and the Rev. Philo Shelton, have been removed by death. The Rev. Charles Smith, and the Rev. Enoch Huntington have removed to Pennsylvania; the Rev. William J. Bulkley, the Rev. Charles J. Todd, and the Rev. Beardsley Northrup, to the Diocese of New-York; and the Rev. John W. Cloud to Mississippi. The following clergymen have been received into the Diocese:—The Rev. George W. Doane, a Professor in Washington College, from New-York; the Rev. Edward Rutledge, from South-Carolina; the Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg, from Ohio; and the Rev. William T. Potter, from the Eastern Diocese.

The following persons have been ordained Deacons:—Lemuel B. Hull, William Jarvis, John M. Garfield, Ransom Warner, William Shelton, Edward J. Ives, Charles J. Todd, Enoch Huntington, Ashbel Steele, Joseph T. Clark, John

W. Cloud, Eleazer M. P. Wells, Hector Humphreys, and Thomas W. Coit.—14.

The following persons have been ordained Priests:—The Rev. Seth B. Paddock, the Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, the Rev. John M. Garfield, the Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, the Rev. James Keeler, the Rev. Ransom Warner, the Rev. William Jarvis, the Rev. Hector Humphreys, the Rev. Alonzo Potter, the Rev. John Sellon, the Rev. Ashbel Steele, the Rev. Edward J. Ives, the Rev. William Shelton.—13.

The candidates for holy orders are, George A. Shelton, William Peet, William H. Lewis, and Harry Finch, of the General Theological Seminary; Norman Pinney, Tutor in Washington College; Nathan Kingsbury, George C. Shepard, and William H. Judd.—8.

Much interest has recently been excited in favour of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; and auxiliary associations have been formed in many of the principal parishes. Some of these have subscribed very liberally, when their means are considered; and no doubt is entertained but that, ere long, the Diocese of Connecticut will do all that can be reasonably expected of her, in support of the interesting cause of missions.

The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese continues to give aid to two or three missionaries, who are usefully employed in collecting new congregations, and in visiting small or decayed parishes.

The establishment of Sunday Schools has become general, and their usefulness is apparent. A well digested system of instruction is, however, greatly needed.

The clergy still continue to hold an annual convocation, in which the interests of religion, and the best means of promoting it, are discussed in an informal way. Were the usefulness of these meetings visible only in uniting the clergy more closely in the bonds of Christian fellowship, in making them to be "of one heart and one soul," and in obviating party feelings and divided counsels, in that body to which men look for an example of unity and brotherly love, they would deserve to be perpetuated. Such has been the benefit experienced from them, that their discontinuance would be regarded, by the clergy of the Diocese, as a serious injury to the Church.

But the event of most importance to be recorded in the history of this Diocese, since the last report, is the establishment and organization of Washington College. This institution is the result of exertions, continued under many

and great discouragements, for more than twenty-five years; and at last, with complete success. Its charter was obtained about the time of the last meeting of this Convention. Since that period, the sum requisite for its endowment, fifty thousand dollars, has been raised within the limits of the Diocese. The College was organized, by the appointment of its officers, as soon as the funds were secured; and on the 23d of September, 1824, the course of instruction was commenced. The erection of the collegiate edifices, and the improvement of the grounds, were also begun. The faculty of the College consists, at present, of a President, a Professor of Belles Lettres and Oratory, a Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy, a Professor of Ancient Languages, a Professor of Botany, a Tutor of Mathematics, and a Teacher of the Modern Languages of Europe. The present number of students is sixty-five. The College buildings, two in number, contain, besides the chapel and other public apartments, accommodations for about one hundred students. The library belonging to the institution, together with that of the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, deposited there during his absence in Europe, amounts to about five thousand volumes, to which the students have daily access. In the several departments of science, every desirable facility is offered, in the possession of a suitable philosophical and chemical apparatus, a valuable cabinet of minerals, and an extensive botanic garden, with a green-house filled with exotic plants. The several examinations, and other literary exercises, of Washington College, evince a proficiency in study not surpassed in any similar institution, and have already gained for it a large share of the public confidence.

A great proportion of the students have lately formed themselves into an "Association auxiliary to the General Theological Seminary;" the object of which is, to raise funds for the support of candidates for orders pursuing their studies there. While the flattering commencement of this College is regarded as an auspicious event to the Church, it must not be forgotten, that its future prosperity will depend on the support given to it by Episcopalians in various parts of our country.

The Episcopal Academy at Cheshire has lately been deprived of its Principal, Dr. Bronson, by death, but will soon be re-organized. There is a flourishing academy, under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Sherwood, at Norwalk; and two others, one at Sharon, and the other at Granby, directed by persons belonging to our communion.

New-York.

The work of the Lord continues, by his blessing, to prosper in this portion of his vineyard. The Diocese consists, at present, of 114 clergymen (the Bishop, 92 Presbyters, and 21 Deacons) and 153 congregations; being an accession, since the report to the last General Convention, of 25 clergymen, and 29 congregations.

The following ordinations of Deacons have taken place:

By the Bishop of the Diocese himself, there have been ordained, Orsamus H. Smith, Cornelius R. Duffie, Edward K. Fowler, Henry N. Hotchkiss, since removed to Maryland, Richard Salmon, Joseph B. Young, Alva Bennett, Norman H. Adams, Joshua L. Harrison, John M'Carty, John S. Stone, Samuel Seabury, William M. Weber, John A. Clark, Smith Pyne, Edward Davis, Edmund D. Griffin, William L. Keese, Alexander H. Crosby, Eleazar Williams (of Indian extraction,) John A. Hicks.

The following persons were ordained Deacons by the following Bishops, acting for Bishop Hobart, while travelling in Europe for the benefit of his health.

By Bishop Croes, of New-Jersey, Samuel R. Johnson, William C. Mead, James L. Yvonnet, since deceased, Henry J. Whitehouse, Joseph Pierson, since removed to North-Carolina, and deceased, William W. Bostwick.

By Bishop White, of Pennsylvania, Benjamin Holmes, since removed to New-Jersey, Orson V. Howell, since removed to Connecticut.

By Bishop Bowen, of South-Carolina, Isaac Low, since deceased.

Total number of persons ordained Deacons, 30; of whom Messrs. Johnson, Yvonnet, Whitehouse, Holmes, Howell, Griffin, Keese, Crosby, and Hicks, were alumni of the General Theological Seminary.

The following Deacons have been ordained Priests:—

By Bishop Hobart, the Rev. George W. Doane, since removed to Connecticut, the Rev. Phineas L. Whipple, the Rev. Richard Salmon, the Rev. Palmer Dyer, the Rev. Orsamus H. Smith, the Rev. William C. Mead, since removed to Pennsylvania, the Rev. Augustus L. Converse, the Rev. Manton Eastburn, the Rev. John West, the Rev. Peter Williams (a coloured man,) the Rev. William B. Thomas, the Rev. Amos C. Treadway, the Rev. William W. Bostwick.

By Bishop Croes, the Rev. Moses Burt, the Rev. Algenon

S. Hollister, the Rev. Thomas K. Peck, since removed to Maryland, the Rev. Richard Bury, the Rev. Seth W. Beardsley, the Rev. Burton H. Hickox, the Rev. Cornelius R. Duffie.

By Bishop Brownell, of Connecticut, the Rev. Alonzo Potter, since removed to Massachusetts, the Rev. John Sellon.

Total number of Deacons ordained Priests, 22.

The following Clergymen have been settled in their respective stations:—The Rev. Deodatus Babcock, Rector of Christ Church, Balston Spa, Saratoga county; the Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Mamaroneck, Westchester county; the Rev. James P. F. Clarke, Rector of Christ Church, North-Hempstead, Queen's county; the Rev. Burton H. Hickox, Minister of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county; the Rev. William Thompson, from Pennsylvania, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, Westchester county; the Rev. John F. Schrøder, from Maryland, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-York; the Rev. Cornelius R. Duffie, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, New-York; the Rev. John Sellon, Rector of Christ Church, Ann-street, New-York; the Rev. William A. Clark, Rector of All Saints' Church, New-York; the Rev. Nathaniel Huse, Rector of Christ Church, Binghamton, Broome county; the Rev. Samuel R. Johnson, Deacon, Minister of St. James's Church, Hyde-Park, Dutchess county; the Rev. Charles J. Todd, Deacon, from Connecticut, Minister of St. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, St. Lawrence county; the Rev. Beardsley Northrup, from Connecticut, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterville, Delaware county; the Rev. William W. Bostwick, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Bath, Steuben county, and St. Mark's Church, Penyan, Yates county; the Rev. Lawson Carter, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Eastchester, Westchester county; the Rev. Alexander H. Crosby, Deacon, Minister of Grace Church, White-Plains, Westchester county; the Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, from Pennsylvania, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county; the Rev. Edward J. Ives, from Connecticut, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, Westchester county, and St. Philip's Church, Phillipstown, Putnam county.

Twenty-six Missionaries are, at present, employed in this Diocese, of whom the following have entered on their duties since the last General Convention:—The Rev. Norman H. Adams, Deacon, the Rev. Seth W. Beardsley, the Rev. Alva Bennett, Deacon, the Rev. William W. Bostwick, the Rev. William J. Bulkley, the Rev. John A. Clark, Deacon,

the Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, the Rev. William L. Keese, Deacon, the Rev. John M'Carty, Deacon, the Rev. Rufus Murray, Deacon, from Ohio, the Rev. Richard Salmon, the Rev. Samuel Seabury, Deacon, the Rev. Addison Searle, the Rev. Orsamus H. Smith, the Rev. Amos C. Treadway, from Virginia, the Rev. William M. Weber, Deacon, the Rev. Joseph B. Young, Deacon.

The following persons are Candidates for Orders:—George M. Robinson, William R. Whittingham, Hiram Jelliff, Albert Hoyt, John C. Porter, Ephraim Punderson, Samuel Fuller, jun. Isaac Pardee, Horatio Potter, George L. Hinton, John W. Curtiss, Hiram Adams, William A. Curtiss. Total 13. Of whom Mr. Whittingham is an alumnus, and Messrs. Porter, Punderson, Fuller, Pardee, Potter, Hinton, J. W. Curtiss, Adams, W. A. Curtiss, are students, of the General Theological Seminary.

It has pleased God to remove by death, since the last General Convention, the Rev. Caleb Hopkins, who had recently removed from Pennsylvania, and become the officiating minister at Bath, Steuben county, and Angelica, Allegany county; the Rev. William S. Irving, Deacon, while travelling in Europe for his health; the Rev. James L. Yvonnet, Deacon; and the Rev. Isaac Low, Deacon. Of these gentlemen, the first was an aged Presbyterian, who, having come into this Diocese, with ample testimonials, from that of Pennsylvania, had been a few months very faithfully and usefully employed, when he was called hence. The others were young men, just beginning, with talents and acquirements of the most respectable order, to devote themselves piously and zealously to the work of their choice, when they were lost for ever to the Church on earth.

It is truly gratifying to be able to state, that the sentence of suspension on the Rev. Timothy Clowes, LL. D., stated in the report of this Diocese, in 1820, to have been passed, has, since the last General Convention, been revoked; and that gentleman is now very respectably and usefully settled in another Diocese.

A similar sentence has, within the last year, been passed on the Rev. Augustus L. Converse; but was revoked, after a few months, on the most satisfactory evidence that the ends of discipline had been fully answered, and that his restoration would be productive of no injury, but of positive benefit, to the Church.

The following churches have been duly organized, and received into union with the Convention:—

Christ Church, Oswego, Oswego county; Christ Church,

Morristown, St. Lawrence county; St. Paul's Church, Mayville, Chataque county; Christ Church, Sackett's Harbour, Jefferson county; Zion Church, Palmyra, Wayne county; Emanuel Church, Little Falls, Herkimer county; St. Mary's Church, New-York; St. Thomas's Church, New-York; All Saints' Church, New-York; Grace Church, White-Plains, Westchester county; St. Luke's Church, Colesville, Broome county; Christ Church, Ann-street, New-York; St. James's Church, Skeneateles, Onondaga county; St. John's Church, Marcellus, Onondaga county; Christ Church, Greeneville, Greene county; St. Stephen's Church, New-Hartford, Oneida county; St. Ann's Church, New-York; St. Peter's Church, Bainbridge, Chenango county; St. Peter's Church, Lenox, Madison county; St. Mark's Church, Nunda, Allegany county; Grace Church, Black Rock, Erie county; St. Matthew's Church, Moravia, Cayuga county; St. John's Church, Gerry, Chataque county; St. Clement's Church, Wethersfield, Genessee county; Grace Church, Norfolk, St. Lawrence county; St. Thomas's Church, Bath, Steuben county; St. John's Church, Sodus, Wayne county; St. Paul's Church, Lyons, Wayne county; St. Mark's Church, Penyan, Yates county. Total 29.

The following churches have been erected, and consecrated to the service of Almighty God:—

St. Thomas's Church, Mamaroneck, Westchester county; St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county; Trinity Church, New-Rochelle, Westchester county; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county; Grace Church, White-Plains, Westchester county; ——— Church, Trenton, Oneida county; St. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, St. Lawrence county; St. Stephen's Church, New-Hartford, Oneida county; St. Matthew's Church, Moravia, Cayuga county; St. John's Church, Ithaca, Tompkins county; St. Paul's Church, Waterloo, Seneca county; St. James's Church, Batavia, Genessee county; St. Luke's Church, Rochester, Monroe county; St. Thomas's Church, New-York; St. Mary's Church, New-York. Total 15.

The churches at New-Rochelle and Brooklyn were consecrated by Bishop Croes, in the absence of Bishop Hobart. Those at Hempstead, Brooklyn, and Rochester, were erected in the place of older edifices, which had either gone to decay, or proved too small for the increased congregations in those places.

As intimated above, this Diocese was, for nearly two-thirds of the time since the last General Convention, deprived of the blessing, heretofore so largely enjoyed, of the

Bishop's visitations. In September, 1823, he was under the necessity of sailing for Europe for the benefit of his health. In October, 1825, it pleased God to restore him to his Diocese, so far recovered as to enable him to enter on his accustomed course of Episcopal duty. During the last summer, and the present autumn, he completed an official tour of between three and four thousand miles, and visited 65 congregations, independently of those in the city of New-York. The number of persons confirmed by him, principally since his return from Europe, is about 2200. Add to these 72, confirmed by Bishop Croes, and the whole number of persons confirmed since the period embraced in the last report, is about 2272.

And here it is proper to state, that in addition to services rendered to this Diocese, as above noticed, during the absence of the Diocesan, by several of his Right Rev. brethren, Bishop Croes, agreeably to the request of Bishop Hobart, performed with great kindness and promptitude, such Episcopal acts as are essential to the conducting of the ordinary course of ecclesiastical affairs.

The Missionary and Parochial reports, since the last General Convention, furnish the following aggregate:—Baptisms (adults 654, children 3573, not specified 1864) 6091—Marriages 2046—Funerals 4358.

The number of communicants reported at the last Convention of the Diocese, is 6930.

The following sums have also been reported as collected in the several congregations:—

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| For the Episcopal Fund . . . | \$ 2774 19 |
| For the Missionary Fund . . . | 6385 90 |
| For the Diocesan Fund . . . | 2460 46 |

The cause of missions, from the circumstance of there being so much new country, and so many rapidly increasing settlements within the borders of this state, it ought to be expected, should excite much interest, and call forth much active exertion, in this Diocese. In a good degree, and we believe in an increasing degree, this is the case. As stated above, twenty-six missionaries are now employed. They are appointed by, and under the direction of, a Committee for Propagating the Gospel, of which the Bishop is chairman *ex officio*, appointed by the Convention. The funds are supplied by collections in the churches, by Missionary Societies, and by an annual grant from the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning. Some of the largest and most flourishing parishes in the Diocese, owe their existence, under God, to the fostering care of the above mentioned Com-

mittee, through the faithful labours of the missionaries, and the active superintendence of the Bishop. When the settlements in which those parishes are established were just forming, the missionary began there his pious work. His little flock grew with the growth, and strengthened with the strength, of the town, until, nurtured by the divine blessing, the Church became competent to its own support, when the aid was withdrawn, and transferred to visit another region with a similar blessing. In this way, two or three missionary stations are dropped every year, and others established. Merely this, however, by no means keeps pace with the demand. There is a loud call for the constant increase of the means of this all important and indispensable mode of advancing the interests of the Gospel. Every friend to those interests must hope and pray that this good work may abound more and more.

The purposes of pious charity continue to be prosecuted by the several societies established with that view, by the Bishop, Clergy, and members of the Church in this Diocese. At the head of them is to be ranked the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning, which consists of a Board of Trustees, originally appointed, and liberally endowed, about twenty-four years ago, by the Corporation of Trinity Church in the city of New-York; and which annually expends between three and four thousand dollars in various measures promotive of the interests of the Gospel. Two large and flourishing daily Charity Schools in the city of New York, and Sunday Schools in almost every parish, are communicating gratuitously to many thousands the blessings of an ordinary, and especially of a religious, education. Missionary Societies and Associations, in all parts of the Diocese, are annually supplying the ecclesiastical authority with the means of continuing and increasing missionary services. Bibles, Common Prayer Books, and Tracts, are circulated, in great numbers, by societies formed for the purpose. Although, however, in these several lines of usefulness, the Church has cause gratefully to acknowledge many noble examples of liberality and devotedness; still, much remains to be done; a wide field for exertion is still unoccupied; and immense resources are still inoperative.

It was mentioned, in the last report of this Diocese, that there was a prospect of having a College established at Geneva, in the county of Ontario, principally under the direction of the members of our Church. The measure has since been carried into effect. And while, at Geneva College, no peculiar privileges are enjoyed by Episcopal students over

others, and every measure unfavourable to the fullest toleration of all religious sentiments, or tending to a system of proselytism, is most scrupulously avoided, the youth of our own Church are exposed to no inducements to forsake her, but have every facility of becoming stablished, strengthened, and settled, in her primitive and evangelical doctrines and order.

With regard to "the attention paid to the canons and rules of the Church," into which an inquiry is, at this time, ordered to be made, it is gratifying to know that the general fidelity in this particular, with which this Diocese has been uniformly characterized, not only continues, but seems to be gaining ground, and becoming more and more firmly settled. Especially, in seasons and neighbourhoods of peculiar religious excitements, the faithful and conscientious pastor has found the provisions of the Church, and the zealous and industrious, but consistent, practical application of her principles of order, the most successful mode, under the divine blessing, of rendering those excitements promotive of substantial and permanent evangelical piety.

In conclusion, we would turn to that consideration from which every other derives its greatest value, and to which the devout Christian will ever delight to look as the great end and aim of every visible mean, and every external operation, the state of the Diocese in reference to *evangelical piety*. Of the progress of this, every one acquainted with the genuine character of our holy religion, will be aware, that the evidences must be found in the meek, humble, holy, and self-subduing, practical operation of a true and living faith on the general character and life. From the observation to this end, which the Bishop has made in his extensive visitations, and more extensive intercourse in other ways, with his Diocese, and from the missionary and parochial reports, and other authentic sources of information, we have reason to thank God, that through his grace, there is generally apparent, in this Diocese, an increase of real religious concern, and an increased sensibility to the pure and holy obligations of the Christian profession. And although much indeed of alarming deficiency on these momentous subjects, still exists, to awaken our solicitude, engage our prayers, and enlist our most zealous efforts; still, may we thank God, and take courage, in the humble confidence that his word, worship, and ordinances, are made channels of increasing spiritual blessings to his people.

New-Jersey.

The Diocese of New-Jersey still continues to improve. It contains seventeen clergymen, the Bishop, fourteen Presbyters, and two Deacons, and thirty congregations. Twenty-two of the congregations enjoy stated divine service; the residue are, with occasional exceptions, regularly supplied by missionaries. The number of churches in the Diocese is twenty-seven, two of which have been erected since the last report; and they are all in good repair.

During the recess of the General Convention, the Bishop has admitted to the order of Deacons, Robert Brown Croes; and the following Deacons, to the order of Priests:—The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, the Rev. John M. Ward, the Rev. William L. Johnson, the Rev. Matthew Matthews, the Rev. Christian F. Crusé, and the Rev. Benjamin Holmes.

Within the same period, he has instituted into the Rectorship of Christ Church, Newton, the Rev. Clarkson Dunn; of St. Peter's, Berkeley, the Rev. Richard D. Hall, (since removed into the Diocese of Pennsylvania;) of St. Peter's, Spotswood, the Rev. John M. Ward; of St. Michael's, Trenton, the Rev. William L. Johnson; of Trinity Church, Swedesborough, the Rev. Simon Wilmer; of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, the Rev. Eli Wheeler; and of St. Paul's Church, Paterson, the Rev. John Croes, jun., who had resigned his charge of the church at Shrewsbury.

The following clergymen have also been received into the Diocese:—The Rev. John Grigg, as Minister of Christ Chapel, Belleville, (since resigned his charge;) the Rev. Charles Smith, as Minister of St. John's Church, Salem, (since removed into the Diocese of Pennsylvania;) the Rev. Matthew Matthews, as Minister of Christ Chapel, Belleville; the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, as Missionary to the vacant churches; the Rev. Christian F. Crusé, as Minister of St. John's Church, Salem, and St. George's, Pennsneck; and the Rev. Smith Pyne, as Minister of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

The following clergymen, in addition to those already mentioned, have removed from the Diocese:—The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, now in the service of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass to the Diocese of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Robert B. Croes to the Diocese of Virginia; and the Rev. John Churchill Rudd, D. D., to the diocese of New-York.

One Church, viz. St. Paul's Church at Paterson, in Essex county, has been duly organized in this Diocese, and received into union with the Convention.

Two Churches have been consecrated by the Bishop; Christ Church at Newton, in Sussex county, and St. Paul's Church at Paterson.

Confirmations have been administered in the following Churches: St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, twice; St. Mary's, Burlington; St. Peter's, Spotswood; St. Peter's Freehold; St. James's, Knowlton, twice; Christ Church, Newton, twice; St. Michael's, Trenton; St. Peter's, Berkeley; St. John's, Salem; Trinity Church, Swedesborough, twice; St. Mary's, Colestown; St. Peter's, Perth Amboy; Christ Church, Shrewsbury; Trinity Church, Newark; St. Andrew's, Belleville; Christ Church, New-Brunswick; St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly; and St. George's, Pennsneck.

The number of baptisms reported since the last General Convention, is 732. The number of persons confirmed has been 256.

The communicants in the Diocese are about 800.

The several congregations, with few exceptions, continue to be visited by the Bishop once a-year; and both clergymen and laymen generally conform to the canons, rubrics, and seemly order, of the Church.

The Sunday schools continue to increase and flourish; and are productive of much benefit, both to the Church and to the community at large.

The annual avails of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese, which has been instituted more than twenty years, have considerably increased since the last report, by the product of the genius and industry of benevolent associations of ladies in some of the congregations, which they have generously appropriated to it. It can hardly be necessary to mention, how much the Church in the Diocese has, under the Divine blessing, been benefited by the operation of that fund.

The Fund of the Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergymen, is continually augmenting. It amounts now to upwards of ten thousand dollars.

The Episcopal Society of this Diocese, for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge and Piety, does not relax in its efforts to effect the purposes intended by its institution. It has (although principally supported only by four or five congregations) been enabled for sixteen years, through the Divine goodness, to diffuse gratuitously Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, among the Churches of our communion in the

Diocese; and when necessary, it has frequently given aid to the Missionary fund. It has now at interest upwards of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, which cannot be diverted.

The raising of a fund for the establishment of a Scholarship in the General Theological Seminary, is in progress in this Diocese; fifteen hundred dollars of which have already been subscribed or collected.

Such being the outward state of the Church in this Diocese, it can scarcely be imagined that its spiritual state is not, in some considerable degree, advancing. May its progress, however, be accelerated, till, through Divine grace, its members, from the least to the greatest, may know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom he has sent, in that sense which Christ himself has declared is life eternal!

Pennsylvania.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania consists at present of the Bishop, forty-eight Presbyters, ten Deacons, and fifty-four congregations.

Since the last General Convention, the following persons have been admitted by the Bishop of this Diocese to the holy order of Deacons:—Henry M. Mason, now settled in North-Carolina, Samuel Bowman, the Rev. Thomas Jackson, of the Presbyterian Church, and now settled in Maryland, Robert Piggot, John H. Hopkins, Samuel Marks, the Rev. Christian F. Crusé, of the German Lutheran Church, and now settled in New-Jersey, Matthew Matthews, since removed to New-Jersey, William Levington, (a coloured man) since removed to Maryland, William Eldred, James De Pui, John B. Clemson, Caleb I. Good, David C. Page, Greenbury W. Ridgley, John Davis, the Rev. James C. Ward, (a coloured man) of the Presbyterian Church, William R. Bowman, William Bryant, William Henry Rees, Benjamin Hutchins.

Within the same period, the following Deacons have been ordained Priests:—The Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves, jun. the Rev. James Pilmore, then Minister of the Church at Natchez, Mississippi, the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, the Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, the Rev. Moses P. Bennet, the Rev. John H. Hopkins, the Rev. Samuel Bowman, the Rev. Norman Nash, the Rev. Robert Davis, the Rev. Enoch Huntington, the Rev. Samuel Marks, the Rev. Robert Piggot, the Rev. William Eldred, the Rev. David C. Page.

There are nine candidates for holy orders; viz. William Lucas, Pierce Connelly, James May, John Campbell, John

H. Marsden, Darius Williams, jun. John P. Robinson, Henry Hood, John T. Adderly.

There have been duly organized in this Diocese, and received into union with its Convention, Christ Church, Reading; St. Mark's Church, Lewistown; St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county; Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford county; St. John's Church, Franklin, Venango county; St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburgh; and St. Stephen's Church, Thompsontown, Mifflin county.

The following churches have been consecrated by the Bishop:—St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia; St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre; St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county; St. Mark's Church, Lewistown; Trinity Church, Pittsburgh; Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette county; Christ Church, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county; St. Thomas's Church, Morgantown, Berks county; Christ Church, Reading, Berks county; and St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford county.

Confirmation has been administered in the following churches:—St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre; St. James's Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county; St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia; St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia; Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia; St. John's Church, Norristown; St. James's Church, Lancaster; St. Mark's Church, Lewistown; St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia; Trinity Church, Pittsburgh; Christ Church, Brownsville; St. John's Church, Carlisle; Christ Church, Adams county; St. John's Church, York; St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county; St. Thomas's Church, Morgantown; Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county; St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia; Christ Church, Reading; St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford county; St. James's Church, Philadelphia; Christ Church, Philadelphia: and at the following places, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county; Holydaysburgh, Connelville, Fayette county; Marietta, Lancaster county; Springville, Susquehanna county; and New-Milford, Susquehanna county. The number confirmed in this Diocese since the last General Convention is 960.

The Diocese has been deprived by death of the venerable Joseph Pilmore, D. D., for many years Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

The number of baptisms reported since the last General Convention were as follows:—At the Diocesan Convention in 1824 there were reported 723, of whom 141 were adults; in 1825 there were reported 795, of whom 82 were adults; and at the last Annual Convention there were reported

304, of whom 65 were adults. The number of communicants reported to the last Diocesan Convention is 1886. Sunday schools and Bible classes exist in many of the parishes.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity continues its useful labours, and has been instrumental, under the Divine blessing, in establishing many congregations, which are now flourishing. Twelve clergymen have acted as its missionaries for the last three years, or have been assisted from its funds. Seven missionaries are at present in its employ.

Several young men are at present aided by societies established for the purpose, in preparatory studies for the ministry.

The Episcopal Fund is still small. It does not amount to more than \$ 10,400.

Upon a review of the state and condition of the Church in this Diocese, since the last General Convention, we have abundant cause of thankfulness for the measure of prosperity with which we have been favoured; and our gratitude ought to be increased by the circumstances which fully warrant the hope, that with the Divine blessing, we shall enjoy, for the ensuing three years, a continued and increasing advancement.

Delaware.

In taking a view of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware, we have to state that no material change has taken place since the meeting of the last General Convention; and it appears from the face of the Journals of the several State Conventions, that there are in this Diocese, fourteen churches, and only three officiating clergymen, who have regular charges. The Rev. Henry L. Davis, D. D., late of the Diocese of Maryland, and now Principal of the College at Wilmington, occasionally performs divine service and preaches in that place; and the Rev. Robert Clay still resides at Newcastle; but the infirmities of age render him unable to perform the duties of the desk and pulpit. Under these circumstances, it therefore appears that many of our congregations are destitute of the regular ministration of the word and ordinances of the Church. And we also would state, with the most sincere regret, that the Missionary Society, formed in June, 1823, is at this time in a declining state. But under all these discouraging appearances, we are happy to state that some improvement is making in our

churches in this Diocese. A new and commodious church has been built at St. James's, near Stanton, and has been consecrated by the Right Rev. Bishop White since the meeting of the last General Convention; and some improvements are making in other parts of the state.

Mr. Henry V. D. Johns was admitted to the holy order of Deacons at Nwecastle, in August last, by the Right Rev. Bishop White; and there are at this time two candidates for holy orders in this Diocese; both of them at present are prosecuting their studies in the General Theological Seminary at New-York. And it appears from the Journals, that there are about 375 communicants. And there have been admitted into our Chnrch, by the holy rite of baptism, 12 adults, and 130 infants.

The canons and rubricks of our Church are generally duly observed. And finally, we hope that the time to favour our Zion is not far distant; and this hope rests upon the great Head of the Church; for we think no truth more evident than that stated in holy writ, "Paul may plant, and Apollos water, but God giveth the increase." Under the influence of that divine energy from above, we hope to see our Church renovated, and its moral and spiritual condition assume its pimitive purity and eminence.

Maryland.

The Journals of the last four Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, all of which have been held since the General Convention of 1823, contain the following statements:—

Seven persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons, viz.—Lenuel Wilmer, John Frederick Schræder, Horatio N. Gray, John Claxton, John G. Blanchard, Johannes E. Jackson, Matthias Harris.

Sixteen persons have been admitted to the holy order of Priests, viz.—The Rev. Benjamin P. Aydelott, M. D., the Rev. William Armstrong, the Rev. Daniel Somers, the Rev. Joseph Spencer, the Rev. Grandison Aisquith, the Rev. Charles P. M'Ilvaine, the Rev. George M'Elhiney, the Rev. Lemuel Wilmer, the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, the Rev. John F. Schræder, the Rev. George B. Shaeffer, the Rev. Henry H. Pfeiffer, the Rev. Thomas Jackson, the Rev. Horatio N. Gray, the Rev. John G. Blanchard, the Rev. Johannes E. Jackson.

There are at present in the Diocese three candidates for orders, viz.—Mr. Thomas Billopp, Mr. Robert W. Golds-

borough, and Mr. T. Harrison. There are sixty-five parishes, and fifty-two clergymen. Six churches have been consecrated to the worship of Almighty God; 1123 persons have been confirmed; 4467 persons have been baptized; and there are 2615 communicants in the Diocese. Two clergymen have been partially employed, during the last year, in performing missionary duty.

There are in operation a missionary society; a society for the publication of Prayer Books and Homilies; two charity schools, one attached to St. Paul's, Baltimore, for the entire support and education of destitute children, and the other to St. Peter's, Baltimore, for the education of children; a society for the relief of the widows and orphans of clergymen; Sunday schools in most of the parishes; and several tract societies. The foundation of a building for the accommodation of the coloured persons attached to the Church in Baltimore, has been laid in that city, upon a lot given for the purpose by James Bosley, Esq.; and it is believed that through the zeal and liberality of several gentlemen who have engaged in the cause, it will be speedily completed. A minister, the Rev. William Levington, ordained by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, is already procured, whose services are both useful and acceptable.

Upon a general view of the condition of the Diocese, although it appears from the last annual report, that there are parishes suffering through a difficulty experienced in procuring pastors, there is ground for the persuasion, that the influence of the doctrines of the Church, and an attachment to her ritual, are extending and strengthening in Maryland.

Virginia.

The general interests of the Church in this Diocese exhibit very obvious marks of improvement during the last three years. Much, however, still remains to be done in building up the waste places of Zion, and supplying the wants of those who look to her for spiritual food. Among those who occupy on this ground there is no zeal wanting; but the labourers are few, and on this account, wholly inadequate to the demands arising from the large and widely scattered population of the Diocese. From present indications, it is confidently trusted, that by the Divine blessing, increasing prosperity will attend the well directed efforts of the ministry, and a brighter day dawn upon the Church. The Diocese has already experienced the most substantial benefits from the establishment of her Theological School, aided by

the Education Society of Virginia and Maryland; and she still looks to it, as to a precious fount, by whose streams her barren waste shall be watered and made glad.

The building of six new churches within the Diocese, and the consecration of most of them to the service of Almighty God, since the last General Convention, together with the repair of others, presents subject matter of much gratitude to the great Head of the Church, and tends, in no small degree, to confirm the rising hopes of her members.

As to the number of baptisms, communicants, and burials, no certain information can be had, from the imperfect state of the Journals; and the absence of the venerable Bishop of the Diocese, who is detained from this Convention by illness, precludes all access to much other information which should be contained in this digest.

The number of ordinations is supposed to be over twenty since the last General Convention. The number of the clergy 41.

North-Carolina.

With unfeigned thankfulness to Almighty God for his providential care, we are happy to announce the prosperity of the Church in this Diocese, and of its regular and continued, though it may not be very rapid, increase.

The number of clergy at present in the Diocese is ten besides the Bishop, viz.—The Rev. Adam Empie, the Rev. John Avery, the Rev. William M. Green, the Rev. Richard S. Mason, the Rev. Henry M. Mason, the Rev. Robert J. Miller, the Rev. Elijah Brainerd, the Rev. Thomas Wright, Presbyters; and the Rev. George W. Freeman, and the Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Deacons. The number of baptisms since the last General Convention has been 708; the number confirmed 364; and the number of communicants, as stated in the Journal of the last Annual Convention of this Diocese is 649; making an increase of 278 baptisms, and of 169 communicants, since the last Triennial Convention.

Since 1823 four persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons, viz.—Carolus C. Brainerd, James Otey, George W. Freeman, and Philip B. Wiley; and the following Deacons have received Priests' orders, the Rev. Henry M. Mason, the Rev. Joseph Pierson, and the Rev. Carolus C. Brainerd.

The changes which have taken place in the ministry consist in the removal of the Rev. Robert Davis to the Diocese of Pennsylvania; and of the Rev. James Otey to the town of

Franklin, Tennessee. The Rev. William Hooper, on his declaring his inability to comply with the rubricks, and to use some of the liturgical services of the Church, and on expressing his wish to renounce the ministry, was displaced therefrom according to the directions of the 7th Canon of 1820.

The Rev. Henry M. Mason has been chosen Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville. The Rev. Thomas Wright has removed from Calvary Church, Wadesborough, to St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ Church, Rowan county. The Rev. William M. Green has relinquished the charge of St. John's Church, Williamsborough, and Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, for that of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, and St. Mary's Church, Orange county. He was succeeded by the Rev. Carolus C. Brainerd in the care of the first mentioned churches. The Rev. Joseph Pierson, from the Diocese of New-York, was chosen to the charge of the congregations of St. Peter's Church, Washington, St. Thomas's Church, Bath, and of Zion Chapel and Trinity Chapel, Beaufort county. The Rev. Elijah Brainerd has also removed to this state from the Diocese of Vermont, and is engaged in a female academy.

With emotions of the sincerest sorrow, we here announce the decease of two eminently useful clergymen of this Diocese, the Rev. Joseph Pierson, and the Rev. Carolus C. Brainerd. While we bow with submission to the mysterious Providence that hath afflicted us, we pray the Almighty Guardian of the Church, that of his great mercy he would speedily supply the place of those we have lost; that he would send forth other labourers into the harvest.

Since the year 1823, six new congregations have been formed, viz.—St. Luke's Church, Salisbury; Union Church, Waynesborough; St. Paul's Chapel, Milton; St. Peter's Church, Washington; St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough; and St. John's Church, Beaufort county. The following churches have been consecrated:—Christ Church, Newbern; St. Peter's Church, Washington; St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough; St. John's Church, Beaufort county; St. John's Church, Williamsborough; and St. Thomas's Church, Bath. The two last, though long erected, (St. Thomas's as early as the year 1734) had never been solemnly dedicated to the worship of Almighty God according to the form prescribed by the Church.

There is a missionary society in this Diocese. Efforts have been made to raise a permanent fund for the support of the Bishop, and have been in great part successful. Pa-

rochial libraries have been established in some parishes, especially in St. James's Church, Wilmington. Sunday schools have been formed in most of the towns where there are pastors; and societies either for the relief of indigence, or the support and extension of religion, exist in several places.

The rubricks, constitution, and canons of the Church are rigidly adhered to with but one exception—that in some parishes the canon enjoining the Pastoral Letter from the House of Bishops to be read, has not been always complied with.

The distinguishing principles of the Church are better known, and more fully received than ever, owing principally to the diligent and earnest enforcement of them, both from the pulpit and the press, by the much loved and much venerated Bishop of the Diocese. The most perfect harmony and kindest fellow feeling exist among the clergy of this Diocese. It is hoped that there has been an increase of fervent piety and holy practice. May the God of all grace extend the good work begun, till the whole land be filled with followers of the blessed Saviour, with heirs of eternal life!

South-Carolina.

In this Diocese there are thirty-eight organized congregations, seven of which are without a minister. The clergy consist of a Bishop, thirty Presbyters, and five Deacons. Within the period embraced by this report, there have been seven persons admitted to the order of Deacons, viz.—Edward Neufville, Charles P. Elliot, Paul T. Keith, Philip Gadsden, Edward Thomas, George W. Hathaway, Isaac Low.

Seven have been admitted to the order of Priests, to wit:—The Rev. William H. Mitchell, the Rev. Charles P. Elliot, the Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, the Rev. Edward Philips, the Rev. Mellish J. Motte, the Rev. Edward Thomas, the Rev. Thomas H. Taylor.

Two clergymen have removed into this Diocese; two have removed from it; and four have departed this life.

There are five candidates for holy orders; and two have deceased.

One church, which was destroyed in the revolution, has been rebuilt. Four new churches have been consecrated, and a fifth is nearly ready for consecration.

The baptisms reported are—of infants 886—of adults 100—in all 986. The number of persons confirmed, is 519. There are 1988 communicants, of whom 475 are persons of colour.

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop has been circulated. A monthly religious publication by the members of our Church has been issued since January, 1824. And in some of the parishes library associations have been formed.

The following offerings of piety and benevolence have been received:—

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| Miss De Tolliniere's legacy to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity | \$ 7158 31 |
| Mrs. Gregorie's legacy to the same | 642 85 |
| Mr. Plowden Weston's donation to the same | 200 00 |
| Mr. William Clarkson's legacy to the same | 500 00 |

Total \$8501 16

The congregation of St. Paul's Church, Charleston, have liquidated a debt of \$ 30,000. A legacy to the Bishop's Fund of \$ 500, and one of \$ 500 to the Church on John's Island, are understood to have been made by the late Mrs. Rush. Some of the parishes have funds derived from private liberality, the interest of which is applicable to the support of their ministers.

The Bishop's Fund, amounting to \$9180 30, is gradually increasing by donations, and the addition to the capital of one-fourth of the annual interest. The other three-fourths, together with the contribution of about \$1000, received from the different parishes, are appropriated to the assistant Minister of the Church of which the Bishop is Rector. The Bishop receives no compensation for his Episcopal services.

Since the last General Convention, the agent of the General Theological Seminary visited some of the parishes, and obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$2782 60, of which the greater part has been paid.

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| There has been paid by this Diocese to the General Fund of that Institution | \$ 9017 60 |
| Due by subscribers to the same | 1877 00 |
| For the founding of the Bishop Dehon Scholarship | 3000 00 |
| For the founding of the Bishop Bowen Scholarship | 923 62 |
| Due by the subscribers to the same | 191 38 |
| For the founding of the Claremont Church Scholarship | 48 00 |
| Due by the subscribers to the same | 64 00 |
| Total paid and subscribed towards the endowment of the General Theological Seminary | \$15121 60 |

The candidates for holy orders from this Diocese, who have for a greater or less time pursued their studies at the Seminary, are in number 14.

The societies by which, under the Divine blessing, the welfare of the Church in this Diocese has been greatly promoted, are,

1. "The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church," instituted in 1762, chiefly, it is believed, through the instrumentality of the late Right Rev. Dr. Smith, the first Bishop of this Diocese, has at present 114 members, who contribute annually, \$10 each to the funds of the society, and an invested capital of \$55,042.

2. "The Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," instituted in 1810. It has 126 life members, and 234 annual subscribers. The former have contributed each \$50, and the latter pay annually \$5. The invested capital is \$35,017 88. The objects of this society are the support of missions—the assistance of indigent candidates for orders—the distribution of the Bible, Prayer Book, and approved books and tracts—and the founding of a theological library, for the use especially of the clergy, and those preparing for the sacred office. The library at present consists of 1500 volumes.

3. "The Charleston Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society, composed of young Men and others," was instituted in 1819. It has 18 life members, who have paid each \$20; and 250 other members, who annually contribute \$2.

4. "The Protestant Episcopal Female Domestic Missionary Society," formed in 1821, has seven life members, who have paid each \$20, and 243 members who pay annually \$2. This society provides for the support of the minister who officiates in St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston; built for the accomodation of the poor.

5. "The Juvenile Missionary Society," formed in 1825, consists of children, of whom there are 185. The annual income is about \$120.

6. "The Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Society," was founded in 1819, to provide books for the schools in Charleston, and clothing for the destitute children who attend them. It has 132 members, who pay annually \$1. The income of the society is about \$200.

Sunday schools are in successful operation in several of the parishes. The instruction is almost exclusively religious; and persons of colour, both adults and children, are among the instructed.

In conclusion, we have the satisfaction to state, that the canons and rubricks of the Church are generally observed, and that both clergy and laity are in a degree, which is a just occasion of pious satisfaction, of one mind and of one heart.

Georgia.

In this Diocese, it may with much propriety be said, "the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few." Perhaps no section of the United States affords greater encouragement for missionary services than Georgia.

With a large extent of territory, rapidly increasing in population, there are comparatively very few Christian ministers of any denomination; and of these few, no small proportion exercise their functions in connexion with secular callings, which preclude the possibility of their acquiring such theological knowledge as is indispensable to the edifying of those to whom they minister. Of clergymen of the Church there are but four upon the records of this Diocese; and one of these, in consequence of age, and other circumstances not within his own control, is enabled to contribute but little in the way of professional labour, to the necessities of the Church.

There are four regularly organized congregations in the Diocese, viz.—One at Savannah, one at Augusta, one on St. Simon's Island, and one at Macon, near the centre of the state. The one on St. Simon's, is composed of the few families that reside on the island, and would scarcely be able to afford a competent support to a minister, especially if he should have a family depending upon him. It is now vacant. The one at Macon has been organized since the last General Convention, under the faithful and zealous missionary labours of the Rev. Lot Jones, its present worthy Rector. At this place, which within a few years was a wilderness, was held the last Annual Convention of this Diocese.

At this Convention, the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, who, under the provisions of the 20th canon of 1809, exercises the Episcopal office in this Diocese, was present, and presided.

As this was the first and only Convention of the Church in this state, in which one in the Episcopal office had presided, the Bishop, in his address, briefly stated all the Episcopal acts which had been performed in the Diocese, so far as they had come to his knowledge. This statement was as follows:—

"Having had his attention invited to the condition of congregations of our communion in this state, Bishop Smith, of South-Carolina, as early as in 1798—and from that time forward, until his death, in 1802—by correspondence, sought to cherish and preserve them in soundness and stability.

Through the Rev. Mr. Strong, then of Oglethorpe county, he became acquainted with the merits of Mr. James Hamilton Ray, an officer at that time of Washington Academy, in Wilkes county, as a candidate for holy orders. Mr. Ray, as is shown by a register in my possession, was ordained Deacon and Priest, in the spring of 1801. He lived a useful and honoured minister in Greene county, a few years after, and died in 1805, greatly lamented, as the faithful and able pastor of a numerous and affectionate flock. At about the same time, or a little earlier, a Mr. Guirey, who had been a preacher of the Methodist persuasion, was admitted, on the faith of recommendatory testimonials from this state, to Deacon's orders. This appears to have taken place without the reasonable satisfaction of the judgment of persons most acquainted with Mr. Guirey; and the Bishop is known to have regretted that he had been misled by testimonials, at least carelessly given, into the measure. I am not informed where, or under what circumstance, Mr. Guirey exercised the ministry in this state.

“From 1802, until 1812, the Episcopal office was vacant in South-Carolina; and it was not until 1815, that any acts, proper to that office, were performed in behalf of your congregations. In the spring of that year, the late Bishop Dehon visited Savannah, consecrated the church there, then recently rebuilt, the Rev. Mr. Cranston being Rector of it, and administered confirmation; about 50 persons having, on that occasion, been presented to him as subjects of the rite. In March, 1821, St. Paul's Church, in Augusta, was consecrated by him who is now addressing you; assisted by the Rev. Mr. Smith, then, as now, Rector of it, and the Rev. Mr. Anthon, then officiating in South-Carolina. The congregation of this Church, recently re-organized, by the peculiarly happy labours of Mr. Smith, was then found in a flourishing condition, and 21 persons were confirmed.

“In April, 1823, Christ Church, in Savannah, was again visited—the Rev. Mr. Carter having succeeded Mr. Cranston (removed by death,) in the charge of it—when 84 persons were confirmed. In the month of November following, the Church at Augusta was visited by me, and 18 persons confirmed. Since that period, I have made no official visit to any part of the Diocese, until the late occasion, already reported, of my being at Savannah.”

Besides the acts above stated, the Bishop held a confirmation in Christ Church, Savannah, in the month of April last, when 46 persons were confirmed. Four persons were also confirmed at Macon, during the sitting of the Convention.

Of candidates for orders there are none, neither have any ordinations ever taken place in the Diocese. "It is melancholy to advert to the fact," says Bishop Bowen, in his address to the Convention, "that while other callings are so honourably supplied with the native talent and character of the state, that of the ministry, and especially in the communion of which we are members, should not yet have attained, in a greater degree, this important advantage."

The number of baptisms reported at the last Convention, was 41. The number of communicants, 164. Sunday schools are established in all the parishes, and are in a prosperous condition.

On the whole, though, for the want of missionary aid, little has been done, compared with what might otherwise, under the blessing of Providence, been effected, yet the harvest has richly repaid the labours which have been bestowed.

Ohio.

The Church in Ohio, from the period of its first organization, in 1818, to the present time, has encountered much difficulty, and suffered many trials. These have in part arisen from the scattered condition of its members, from the want of missionaries, and from the deaths of some, and the removals of others, of its clergy. Among those who have died, we have painfully to number the Rev. John M. Jones, the Rev. Philander Chase, jun., and the Rev. Roger Searle. Those who have removed out of the Diocese are, the Rev. Spencer Wall, the Rev. Thomas A. Osborne, the Rev. Rufus Murray, and the Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg. The following persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons, namely, John M. Jones, William Sparrow, Gideon M. Millan, and Cotesworth P. Bronson. Of these only, the Rev. Mr. Sparrow has yet received Priest's orders. The Rev. Joseph Lanston, from Maryland, has removed into the Diocese, and resides at Troy; and the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from Virginia, has taken charge of Trinity Church, Cleveland.

Owing to the small number of the clergy, the parochial reports exhibit but an imperfect return of the Church in Ohio. This return, as nearly as can be ascertained by reference to the Journals of the last three years, is as follows:—Communicants 768—baptisms 506, of whom 41 were adults—confirmations 287.

A Diocesan Theological Seminary, having the power of conferring degrees in the Arts and Sciences, under the name and style of "The President and Professors of Kenyon Col-

lege in the State of Ohio," has been established by the ecclesiastical authority, and recognized by the civil legislature, since the meeting of the last General Convention. It is deemed a matter of great importance, that this Institution, which bids fair to be so extensively useful to the Church in the western country, has been placed under the controul and supervision of the Bishops and General Convention. By its constitution, it is declared that nothing can be enacted contrary to "the doctrine, discipline, constitution, and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the course of study prescribed, or to be prescribed, by the Bishops." And to carry this into continued effect, the Bishops have a visitatorial power in their individual and collective capacity.

To found this institution, most benevolent donations have been made by pious and liberal friends in England; than which few things excite a deeper sense of gratitude. The whole amount of money collected in that country, is nearly £6000 pounds sterling; which, although munificent almost beyond example, yet, considering the great end in view, namely, the foundation of a literary, as well as a theological seminary, is obviously inadequate. A landed estate, giving great promise of its future enhancement in value, has been purchased in a healthy and central part of the state.

The magnitude of the undertaking requires, in addition to what has been so kindly contributed from abroad, some speedy aid from the members of our own Church in America, the interests of which it will so essentially subservé. The institution is already commenced at the Bishop's residence in Worthington. The present number of its students is 30; the candidates for orders three.

Mississippi.

The Church in this state has but recently been received into union with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Though in its infancy, a prospect is presented which affords ample encouragement to the continual exertions of its ministers, and the zealous co-operation of every member of the laity.

In the vast population which has journeyed to the western borders of our country, there are to be found many families who belong to the communion of our Church, who have been educated in its principles, nurtured in its faith, and governed by its discipline. To such as have been located in

this Diocese, the happy privilege has been granted of again worshipping their God and Redeemer in that "reasonable and holy manner which seems agreeable to scripture, and is in accordance" with the ancient custom of the primitive Church.

The short space of four years has only elapsed since the regular ministrations were first performed in this state by a clergyman of our communion, the Rev. James Pilmore, and that his pious exertions have been blessed, who can doubt that contemplates the present growing condition of the Church in Mississippi, and believes in the promises of God to his faithful people! There are at present in this Diocese four officiating clergymen, three Presbyters and one Deacon, and the like number of duly organized congregations.

The services of the Church are here regularly and stately performed; the sacraments rightly and duly administered; and the children instructed in, and examined on, the doctrines and duties contained in, the Catechism, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. It is also deemed proper to observe, that in no case are the rubrics of the Church here departed from; and while the clergy most ardently and earnestly urge the necessity of a holy life, devotion to God, and faith in the merits of the Saviour, as the surest foundations of Christian hope, they also regard a strict conformity to the prescribed offices of the Church as the best security to the continuance of that "unity of spirit, and bond of peace" bequeathed to the apostles by the chief Shepherd and Bishop of the Church.

But imperfect returns have been made of the number of candidates for orders. They have been received only from the Dioceses of Vermont, Connecticut, New-York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, South-Carolina, and Ohio. In these Dioceses it appears that the number of candidates for orders is 43.

In transmitting the preceding statements, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies solicit for the Church the prayers and blessing of the 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, November 14, 1826.

The following report was received from the joint Committee on the report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:—

The joint Committee of the House of Bishops, and of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully

REPORT,

That from an examination of the various reports which, from time to time, have been made upon the progress of the Theological Seminary, they have derived the high satisfaction of perceiving that the institution has justified the expectation of its most sanguine friends, and promises to return, in usefulness to the Church, all, and more than all, that its most liberal patrons have contributed to it.

It never was a question among reflecting men, whether it concerned the interests of the Church to possess a body of clergymen, thoroughly educated in all that regards their sacred calling, and trained by academical instruction to those methods of investigating and explaining the sacred Scriptures, by which her doctrines and her admirable liturgy, have been as firmly established in the judgment of the acute and inquiring scholar, as they have been in the affections and faith of her humblest member. The utility of such a body at all times, and its indispensable necessity, in times of learned impiety and scepticism, has always been self-evident. It is the glory of the Church of England, that among her prelates and ministers have long been counted, and are now to be found, the greatest names in every branch of learning, by which the sacred volume can be explained, illustrated, or defended; and it has been by their intimate acquaintance with the language, antiquities, history, connexion, and exposition, of the Old and New Testament, and with the faith and practice of the primitive Church, and also by their constant preparation for defence, that whenever the enemies of Christianity or the Church have invaded either, they have been defeated and put to open shame.

It was a debt of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, to these fathers of her liturgy, and defenders of the Christian faith, to endeavour to raise up worthy successors and assistants to them in this western world; and by the blessing of God upon the efforts heretofore made in this

behalf, it is now, as the Committee humbly hope, no longer doubtful, that the Theological Seminary will educate for the work of the ministry, a succession of persons to all future time, who shall be accomplished expositors and defenders of the sacred canon, champions of the Church, and at the same time humble, pious, and faithful followers and servants of its divine Master and Head. It is with feelings both of gratitude and joy, that the Committee are able to state, that of about 440, the supposed number of the clergymen of this Church, within the bounds of the United States, one-seventh part, 62 in number, have been students of the General Theological Seminary, who have been admitted to holy orders; and that there are now in a course of instruction 30 more, at whose admission to orders, this Convention will have the delightful recollection, and will deem it a cause of fresh gratitude to God, that it has encouraged and assisted the academical education of one-fifth of her ministers, within the space of about nine years. An institution thus intimately united with the Church, enjoying, it is humbly hoped, the smiles of its divine Protector, and promising to more than repay the donations of its friends, will, it is expected, grow daily in favour with Churchmen; and will receive, without hesitation, what it will be the duty of the Committee to recommend, a further aid to place her capital above the reach of invasion, and to enable her Trustees to proceed confidently in a scheme which will give lustre to our country, and security to our Church.

The course of education in the Seminary, having continued to be substantially the same which was reported to the last General Convention; and the fidelity of the Professors, and the proficiency of the Students, having been in all respects what was then anticipated—the duty of the Committee is limited to such a statement of its revenues and expenses as will show the present condition of the finances.

The present number of Students in the Seminary is 30.

The annual income of the entire property of the Corporation, exclusive of such parts as are appropriated to particular Scholarships, and of a sum advanced to the Building fund, and hereafter to be adverted to, is estimated at \$4233 33. The ordinary expenditures of the Seminary, after the new buildings shall be completed, will, it is supposed, amount to \$5100; leaving an annual deficit of \$866 67.

This deficiency, greatly to be lamented, and the consequences of which, your Committee hope they will not be thought to speak too strongly when they say, *must* be averted, arises from the application of a larger sum than was expected, to the erection of the new building.

The sum originally intended to be taken, and which was taken, from the funds of the institution for the building fund, was \$ 10,000, the residue of what was then thought necessary for that object, having been derived from private contributions in New-York. But circumstances have called for an additional expenditure of \$ 10,000; and the Trustees have been compelled to agree to an advance of \$ 5000, part of that sum, and to be responsible for the interest on a loan of like amount. The deficiency of income is to be traced to these circumstances; for the estimate of the Trustees, with great propriety, deducts the advance of \$ 5000 from the productive capital, and charges upon the income the interest of the other \$ 5000 to be raised on loan.

If the \$ 10,000 originally taken from the capital be replaced, and if the Corporation be relieved from the contemplated advance of \$ 5000, and from the responsibility for \$ 5000 more, the effect must necessarily be an enlargement of the income, to the extent of the interest on \$ 20,000; and consequently, at six per cent. interest, the revenue will exceed the expenditure to the extent of the difference between \$ 866 67 and \$ 1200, or \$ 333 33.

Upon a view of the whole case, the Committee are of opinion that the building ought to be considered as debtor to the funds of the institution for the sum of \$ 20,000; half of that amount being an advance of capital and credit by the Corporation, under the expectation of a return; and the whole, for the sake of the finances, requiring to be placed upon that footing. To rescue the institution from embarrassment, and to raise her above solicitude for necessary revenue, the Committee are of opinion that this Convention should recommend to the friends of the Church throughout the United States, to contribute to raise a fund of \$ 20,000 for the building of the General Theological Seminary; and to enable the building fund to relieve the productive funds of the institution, by replacing one-half of that amount, and by discharging the advance and responsibility for the other half.

This appeal to the friends of the Church can be made upon that basis only, on which all similar recommendations of this body must stand. They cannot *demand* any part of it. They have no authority to assess or apportion it among or upon the different Dioceses in the union, according to any ratio, either of extent, numbers, or affluence. They are perhaps fortunately destitute of all power in this regard, except the moral power which must attend every recommendation of such a scheme of charity, by such a body as the Legislature of the Protestant Episcopal Church. And who

can resist this? Most charities are consumed in the use. They are like the annual flowers of the field—there remains little after them, but the recollection of their beauty and grateful fragrance. But the endowment of a seat of learning, and above all, of Christian learning, is the planting of a tree whose fruits are perennial, whose roots strike deeply into the soil, and whose branches, spreading over the earth, and shooting up into the skies, continue from year to year, and from age to age, to reproduce and to commemorate the gift. Your Committee cannot believe, that such a recommendation of such a charity, will go without its effect; and although no apportionment of the necessary sum is entitled to be regarded as any thing more than a speculative statement, they cannot refrain from saying, that if the different Dioceses shall contribute to the building fund, in the ratio of about \$ 50 for each clergymen of the Church within their limits, the sum of \$ 20,000 will probably be raised, in addition to the expenses of agency and collection; and it is some encouragement to learn, that besides the sums which have been contributed to the building by persons within the Diocese of New-York, (\$ 10,000 having been already paid for that purpose in addition to the contributions to the general fund,) the members of the Church within the same Diocese, have agreed to raise \$ 5000 of the 20,000 now deficient.

The Committee, therefore, taking into consideration the necessities of the Seminary, the resolution of the Board of Trustees requesting this Convention to designate the amount to be raised in each Diocese, and their appointment of two of the alumni of the Seminary to procure additional subscriptions and donations, do submit the following resolution:

Resolved, by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops concurring, that it be recommended to the friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, to assist in raising the sum of \$ 20,000 for the building fund of the General Theological Seminary, in the proportion, as near as convenient, of \$ 50 for each clergymen of the Church; and that the efforts of the churches in the different Dioceses should continue to be made, for the enlargement of the general funds of the Seminary, and for the establishment of Scholarships.

Signed by order and in behalf the joint Committee,
HORACE BINNEY,
Secretary to the Committee.

On motion, the above report was accepted, and the resolution therein contained adopted; and they were ordered to be sent to the House of Bishops.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary made the following

REPORT.

The Committee of this House on the Theological Seminary, report in part:—That it appears the Dioceses of Maine, New-Hampshire, Vermont, Ohio, and Mississippi, have not nominated any Trustees; that the Diocese of Connecticut is entitled to seven Trustees, New-York to thirty-one, New-Jersey to three, Pennsylvania to nine, Delaware to one, Maryland to nine, North-Carolina to four, Georgia to one, which have been duly nominated; that Virginia, having forty clergymen, is entitled to six, but has nominated only five Trustees; that Massachusetts, Rhode-Island, and South-Carolina, nominated to the last General Convention the Trustees to which they were then entitled; and that the said Dioceses are still entitled to the same number; and that, according to the constitution, the same Trustees continue in office until their successors are appointed. The Trustees of the said Dioceses, therefore, are as follows:—

Massachusetts. The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., the Rev. James Morse, D. D., Gardiner Green, David Sears.—4.

Rhode-Island. The Rev. Salmon Wheaton, the Rev. Nathan B. Crocker.—2.

South-Carolina. The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, the Rev. Christian Hanckel, the Rev. Allston Gibbes, the Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D., Thomas Lowndes, William Heyward, D. E. Huger.—7.

Your Committee recommend that the nominations now made of Trustees be confirmed, as follows:—

Connecticut. The Rev. Daniel Burhans, the Rev. Truman Marsh, the Rev. Harry Crosswell, and the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble; Nathan Smith, Esq., Borage Beach, Esq., and Samuel W. Johnson, Esq.—7.

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, D. D., the Rev. James Milnor, D. D., the Rev. William

- Creighton, the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, M. D., the Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D., the Rev. Henry Anthon, the Rev. Lucius Smith, the Rev. John Reed, D. D., the Rev. Orin Clark, the Rev. William B. Lacey, the Rev. Francis H. Cuming, Wright Post, M. D., Nehemiah Rogers, David S. Jones, Esq., Henry M'Farlan, Thomas S. Townsend, Esq., Edward R. Jones, Stephen Warren, Esq., Robert Troup, Esq., Thomas L. Ogden, Esq., Isaac Lawrence, Esq., David E. Evans, Esq., Jacob Lorillard, the Hon. James Emott, the Hon. Nathan Williams, John C. Spencer, Esq., William Johnson, Esq.—31.
- New-Jersey.* The Rev. John Croes, jun., the Rev. William L. Johnson, Peter Kean, Esq.—3.
- Pennsylvania.* The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D., the Rev. Jackson Kemper, the Rev. James Montgomery, the Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, the Rev. John Rodney, jun., the Hon. William Tilghman, the Hon. David Scott, John Read, Esq., Dr. P. Mowry.—9.
- Delaware.* His Excellency Samuel Paynter.—1.
- Maryland.* The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., the Rev. John Johns, the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, the Hon. Judge Brice, John B. Eccleston, Alexander C. Magruder, Francis S. Key, John C. Herbert, and Tench Tilghman, Esqs.—9.
- Virginia.* The Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D., the Rev. William Meade, the Rev. Edward C. M'Guire, Dr. Carter Berkley, Mr. Philip Nelson.—5.
- North-Carolina.* The Rev. John Avery, the Rev. Adam Em-
pie, the Hon. Duncan Cameron, Josiah Collins, Esq.—4.
- Georgia.* The Rev. Abiel Carter.—1.

Your Committee further recommend that the resolution referred to them be adopted, as follows:—

Resolved, that it is the opinion of the General Convention that no Diocese is entitled to nominate Trustees of the

General Theological Seminary, on account of monies subscribed but not paid.

Whereupon, on motion, *resolved*, that the report be accepted; that the nominations therein contained be confirmed; and that the resolution recommended be passed.

The following resolution was then passed, and sent to the House of Bishops.

Resolved by this Convention, the House of Bishops concurring therein, that the joint Committee on the report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary be requested to direct the manner in which the report made by that Committee shall be published, with a view to giving it general notoriety among the members of the Church throughout the United States; and that the Secretary of this House be directed to take measures in this behalf accordingly.

The message received from the House of Bishops yesterday on the subject of the report of the Committee on the Psalms and Hymns in metre, was then called up.

A resolution was then offered that this House concur with the House of Bishops.

The following substitute was then proposed:—

Resolved, that it be made known to the Conventions of the several Dioceses or States, that it is proposed to adopt, at the next General Convention, the alterations in the present Hymns, and the additional Hymns, proposed by the Committee on the Psalms and Hymns in metre, as allowed to be sung in this Church. And, *resolved* farther, that, until the said Convention, the said additional Hymns may be used in this Church; provided that no definitive ratification of them take place until they shall have been approved by the next Convention.

On motion, the consideration of the above substitute was postponed, when the following resolution was introduced:—

Resolved, that the Psalms and Hymns in metre are not, in the opinion of this House, a part of the Book of Common Prayer, or offices of the Church. Provided, nevertheless, that they shall be of authority and binding until duly altered or amended.

Resolved, that the above resolution lie on the table.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating their concurrence with this House in accepting the report of the joint Committee on the report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and passing the resolution annexed thereto.

The Committee on Canons reported sundry canons, which were ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

The following was received from the House of Bishops:—
“Extract from the minutes of the House of Bishops.

“A report on the state of the Church was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; which having been read, on motion, *resolved*, that the House of Bishops return to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the documents on the state of the Church. They assure the House of their prayers, as requested; and they inform the House that a Pastoral Letter is ready, and will be sent to them when to them it shall be convenient.”

Resolved, that the House of Bishops be respectfully informed that this House will be happy to receive their Pastoral Letter this evening.

The House adjourned until 6 o'clock this evening.

6 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops to the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, having been sent down to this House, was read.

The resolution offered this morning, declaring the Psalms and Hymns in metre no part of the Book of Common Prayer, or offices of the Church, and laid upon the table, was called up, and passed.

The substitute for the resolutions of the House of Bishops, relative to the report of the Committee on the Psalms and Hymns in metre, proposed this morning, was called up, considered, and lost.

The resolution to concur with the House of Bishops, was then called up.

On motion, *resolved*, that the votes thereon be taken by ayes and noes.

The ayes and noes, being called for accordingly, were as follows:—

Ayes. The Rev. Mr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Smith, the Rev. Mr. Cutler, the Rev. Mr. Edson, the Rev. Mr. N. S. Wheaton, the Rev. Dr. Lyell, the Rev. Mr. Clark, the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Mr. Morehouse, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, the Rev. Mr. Kemper, the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, the Rev. Mr. Presstman, the Rev. Mr. Williston, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, the Rev. Mr. Henshaw, the Rev. Dr. Clowes, the Rev. Dr. Wilmer, the Rev. Mr. Meade, the Rev. Mr. M'Guire, the Rev. Mr. Hatch, the Rev. Mr. Avery.

the Rev. Mr. R. S. Mason, the Rev. Mr. Carter, the Rev. Mr. Morse, the Rev. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Codman, Mr. Newton, Mr. A. Jones, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Jackson, Judge Williams, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Read, Judge Johns, Mr. Key, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Eccleston, Dr. Berkeley, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Garnett, Mr. Mayo, Mr. G. Jones.—44.

Noes. The Rev. Mr. Boyle, the Rev. Mr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Burhans, the Rev. Mr. Sherwood, the Rev. Mr. Butler, the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, the Rev. Mr. Croes, the Rev. Mr. Green, the Rev. Mr. H. M. Mason, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Barlow, the Rev. Mr. Adams, the Rev. Mr. Muller, Mr. Clark, Mr. Binney, Mr. Meredith, Col. Drayton.—17.

And so it was *resolved*, that this House concur with the House of Bishops.

The resolutions received from the House of Bishops on Saturday, respecting certain changes in the order for reading the Psalter and Lessons, in the office of Confirmation, and in the rubrick at the end of the Communion service, were then called up for consideration.

A resolution was offered that the consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed; and lost.

The House adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Daniel Burhans, of Connecticut.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday morning and evening were read and approved.

The resolutions received from the House of Bishops on the subject of the Psalter, &c. being under consideration, it was moved to postpone the consideration of them for the purpose of considering the following resolution:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that a joint Committee to consist of — Bishops, and three Clerical and three Lay Delegates of this House, be appointed, to which Committee shall be referred the proposed alterations in the Liturgy; and that the said Committee report such alterations therein, if any, as they may deem expedient, in such form as will admit of their being acted upon by the next Convention.

A division of this resolution being called for, the question was put on the resolution to postpone; and it was lost.

A resolution was then offered to divide the message of the Bishops, so as to consider each resolution by itself; and lost.

Whereupon the question was put on the whole of the resolutions as received from the House of Bishops; and the ayes and noes being called for, they stood as follows:—

Ayes. The Rev. Mr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Smith, the Rev. Mr. Cutler, the Rev. Mr. N. S. Wheaton, the Rev. Mr. Butler, the Rev. Dr. Lyell, the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, the Rev. Mr. Clark, the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Mr. Morehouse, the Rev. Mr. Kemper, the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, the Rev. Mr. Clay, the Rev. Mr. Presstman, the Rev. Mr. Williston, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, the Rev. Mr. Henshaw, the Rev. Mr. Jackson, the Rev. Dr. Wilmer, the Rev. Mr. Meade, the Rev. Mr. M'Guire, the Rev. Mr. Hatch, the Rev. Mr. Avery, the Rev. Mr. Carter, Mr. Codman, Mr. Newton, Mr. A. Jones, Mr. Jackson, Judge Williams, Mr. Binney, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Read, Judge Johns, Mr. Key, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Eccleston, Dr. Berkeley, Mr. Nelson, Mr. G. Jones.—39.

Noes. The Rev. Mr. Boyle, the Rev. Mr. Crosswell, the Rev. Mr. Burhans, the Rev. Mr. Sherwood, the Rev. Mr. Croes, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, the Rev. Mr. Green, the Rev. Mr. R. S. Mason, the Rev. Mr. H. M. Mason, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Barlow, the Rev. Mr. Adams, the Rev. Mr. Morse, the Rev. Mr. Muller, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Clark, Mr. Meredith, Col. Drayton.—19.

And so it was *resolved*, that this House concur in the resolutions of the House of Bishops.

The Committee appointed to confer with the House of Bishops on the subject of the time and place of the meeting of the next Convention, reported, as the result of their conference, that the second Wednesday in August, 1829, at half past ten o'clock A. M., was recommended as the time, and the city of Philadelphia as the place, of the said meeting.

It was then *resolved*, that the report of the Committee be divided.

The question was then put on the proposed time, and it was *resolved*, that the second Wednesday in August, 1829, at half past ten o'clock A. M., be the time of the meeting of the next Convention.

The question was then put on the proposed place, and it was *resolved*, that the city of Philadelphia be the place of the meeting of the next Convention.

The report of the Committee, therefore, was adopted by this House, and information thereof sent to the House of Bishops.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a proposed resolution of the Convention, that on future occasions, it will be expedient to abstain from returning thanks for the sermons preached at the opening of Conventions; it being understood that the said sermons are to be published.

On motion, it was *resolved*, that this House concur with the House of Bishops in the said resolution.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a report from the joint Committee appointed by the last Convention, to obtain information relative to seminaries of learning, &c. and a request from the said Committee to be continued; and also the acceptance of the said report by the House of Bishops, and a proposal to grant the request.

Whereupon, on motion, *resolved*, that this House concur with the House of Bishops in accepting the report of the Committee, and granting the request therein contained.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating the adoption by that House of the report of the joint Committee on the General Theological Seminary; and its concurrence in the resolution of this House relative to the publication of the said report.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating the concurrence of the said House in the nomination of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; and in the resolution of this House concerning moneys subscribed to the said Seminary, but not paid.

It was then, on motion, *resolved*, that it be referred to the Bishops, and in those Dioceses where there are no Bishops, to the Standing Committees, to inquire in their respective Dioceses, and to consider for themselves, concerning the expediency of establishing a General Tract Society, to be conducted under the superintendence of the Bishops; and to report to the next General Convention.

The Committee on proposed canons made a report, proposing amendments to certain canons which had been referred to them, and the passage of certain other canons.

On motion, *resolved*, that the consideration of the report of the Committee on canons be postponed for the purpose of considering the following resolution:—*Resolved*, by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops concurring, that a joint Committee of this House and the House of Bishops, be appointed to revise the canons of this Church, and to prepare such alterations, amendments, and additions, as they may deem expedient; and that the said Committee report to the next General Convention.

Whereupon, the above resolution was passed.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating the concurrence of that House in adopting the report of the joint Committee on the subject of the time and place of the meeting of the next Convention.

The House adjourned until 6 o'clock this evening.

6 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the proceedings this morning were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to attend to the publication of Bishop Bowen's Sermon reported, that the sermon had been published accordingly.

Whereupon it was, on motion, *resolved*, that each member of the Convention be furnished with a copy.

On motion, *resolved*, that two members of this House be placed on the joint Committee appointed by the last Convention, and continued by this, on the subject of seminaries of learning, in the stead of the Rev. Mr. Hooper, who has ceased to be a minister of this Church, and Mr. Wilkins, who is absent from the country.

On motion, *resolved*, that the President of this House be one of the members thus appointed.

The Rev. Dr. Onderdonk was also appointed on the said Committee. So that the members of the said Committee appointed by this House, are Peter Kean, Esq., the Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D., the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, the Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D., and the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D.

The following resolution was then adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops :—

Resolved, by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops concurring, that it be made known to the several State Conventions of this Church, that it is proposed to consider of, and determine on, at the next General Convention, the propriety of altering the second clause of the eighth article of the Constitution of this Church, by adding the words, *or the articles of religion*, after the words, " other offices of the Church."

The following resolution was then passed, and sent to the House of Bishops :—

Resolved, by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops concurring, that a joint Committee of both Houses be appointed, to consider of the expediency of ob-

taining a copy-right for the work usually entitled the Book of Common Prayer, comprehending the entire work so called, and also for the Hymns recently allowed by this Convention; and if they shall deem it expedient, to take order for carrying the same into effect. And for this purpose this Convention does hereby transfer to the said Committee all its interest in the premises, to the intent that it may make the requisite assignment thereof, to any person or persons, the proceeds whereof are to be held by the Committee for such purposes as a future Convention shall prescribe.

The Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to whom was referred the report of the directors of the said society, made the following report:—

The Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society beg leave to report, that having examined the report of the Board of Directors, and also the records of the proceedings of the Executive Committee for the three years last past, they find that something has been done towards the accomplishment of the objects of the society, by the establishment of domestic missions within the territories of the United States, and the forming of auxiliary societies in several different Dioceses; but they regret to find that no missionary has yet been sent from this institution to any foreign land. The Committee are persuaded that this has not arisen from an unwillingness to encourage foreign missions on the part of the members of our Church, because it appears that a large proportion of the funds which have come into the treasury was contributed for this particular object; nearly \$2000 having been subscribed for a mission to the western coast of Africa, and other considerable sums for establishing missions in other parts of the world. Nor are the Committee willing to believe that the failure to establish a foreign mission or missions, has arisen from any indifference to that important object, or unwillingness to carry into effect the designs of the General Convention, on the part of the Board of Directors, or of the Executive Committee; but they are disposed to attribute it to unpropitious circumstances, which neither of those bodies could control.

The Committee, however, are unanimously of opinion, that regard to the reputation and interests of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, as well as justice to the benevolent intentions of the General Convention which formed the society, and to the many friends who have contributed to its support, demand that missionaries should, without delay, be sent from this Church to foreign

lands, to be her agents in promoting the Redeemer's glory, and fulfilling that solemn command which is no less obligatory on us than it was on those to whom it was originally addressed, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

In concluding this report, the Committee recommend the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to the prayers of the friends of religion, and offer the following resolutions to be adopted by this House:—

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society be requested to establish, and as soon as possible, occupy, a missionary station at Liberia, the American colony on the western coast of Africa, and also at Buenos Ayres, or its vicinity, in South-America.

Resolved further, that the several Bishops of this Church be respectfully requested to recommend, in their respective Dioceses, such measures as they may deem proper, for collecting funds for this society, and rendering its operations effective.

On motion, the above report was accepted, and the resolutions therein contained passed.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating the concurrence of that House in the proposition for altering the eight article of the Constitution.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating their concurrence in the resolution of this House relative to the appointment of a joint Committee of the two Houses to revise the canons, and proposing an additional resolution on the same subject.

Whereupon, it was, on motion, *resolved*, that this House concur with the House of Bishops in the additional resolution proposed by that House.

The Rev. Mr. Kemper, the Rev. Mr. Henshaw, the Rev. Mr. Crosswell, Judge Williams, Mr. Binney, and Mr. Eccleston, were appointed on the said joint Committee on the part of this House.

The Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, the Rev. Dr. Lyell, and Mr. William R. Whittingham, were appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of the Journal, Pastoral Letter, and other documents; and notice of this appointment sent to the House of Bishops; who communicated to this House, that they had appointed the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, and their Secretary, the Rev. Mr. De Lancey, a Committee for the same purpose, on the part of that House.

The following resolution was passed, and sent to the House of Bishops :—

Resolved, that the Committee on the subject of errors in editions of the Holy Bible printed from the standard edition of this Church, be authorized to procure a copy of the said standard edition.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Secretary be authorized to employ an assistant, who shall transcribe the minutes, papers, and proceedings of this House into the record book, under the direction of the Secretary ; and that he be authorized to defray the expenses out of the contingent fund.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating their non-concurrence in the resolution of this House relative to a copy-right of the Book of Common Prayer, and of the Hymns, and proposing a substitute therefor.

Whereupon, on motion, *resolved*, that this House non-concur in the substitute proposed by the House of Bishops ; and request a conference on the subject with that House.

The above resolution having been sent to the House of Bishops, they communicated their concurrence in the proposition for a conference, and that they had appointed the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, and the Right Rev. Bishop Kemp, to manage the conference on the part of that House.

Mr. Binney, and the Rev. Mr. R. S. Mason, were appointed for the same purpose on the part of this House.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating their concurrence in the resolution authorizing the purchase of a copy of the standard edition of the Holy Bible.

The following resolution, reported by the joint Committee on the subject of a copy-right of the Book of Common Prayer, and the Hymns, was read, adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops.

Resolved, that a joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to obtain a copy-right for the Hymns recently allowed by this Convention. And for this purpose, this Convention does hereby transfer to the said Committee, all its interest in the premises, to the intent that they may make the requisite assignment thereof, for the term of one year, to any person or persons, and upon the terms they may deem expedient ; the proceeds to be applied to the payment of the expenses which have been incurred by the Committee on Hymns, in the publication of sundry proposed hymns, and the surplus, if any, to be subject to the appropriation of a future Convention. And *resolved* further, that so much of

any former resolution of this Convention, as regards the copy-right of the said Hymns be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating that they also had adopted the above resolution, and appointed the presiding Bishop on the part of their House.

The Rev. Mr. Kemper, Mr. Meredith, and Mr. Binney, were appointed on the part of this House.

On motion, *resolved*, that the thanks of this House be presented to the President, the Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary, for the services rendered by them respectively, during the present session.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton was appointed to wait on the House of Bishops, and inform them that this House is now ready to rise, and respectfully request the Bishops to unite with them, and close the session of the Convention with suitable acts of devotion, and their benediction.

The House of Bishops then joined this House. The presiding Bishop delivered a short address; and read appropriate collects and prayers from the Liturgy. The two Houses united in singing the 133d Psalm in metre. The benediction was pronounced by the presiding Bishop. When the Bishops retired, and the House adjourned *sine die*.

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

WILLIAM H. WILMER, *President*.

Attested,

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Secretary*.

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HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

*Philadelphia, Tuesday, November 7, 1826,
10 o'clock A. M.*

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; and agreeably to a resolution of the last General Convention, Philadelphia being the appointed place of meeting, the Right Rev. William White, D. D. of Pennsylvania; the Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. of New-York; the Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D. of the Eastern Diocese; 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; and the Right Rev. John Stark Ravenscroft, D. D. of North-Carolina; attended divine service in St. Peter's Church.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. of South-Carolina; and a sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. of South Carolina. After which the communion was administered by the Right Rev. William White, D. D. of Pennsylvania; assisted by the Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. of New-York; the Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D. of the Eastern Diocese; and the Right Rev. James Kemp, D. D. of Maryland. After divine service the Bishops assembled in the Vestry-Room of St. Peter's Church.

The Right Rev. Richard Channing Moore, D. D. of Virginia, was detained from the Convention by sickness.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, seconded by the Right Rev. Bishop Kemp, the Rev. William H. De Lan-cey, of Pennsylvania, was appointed Secretary.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Secretary inform the President of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the House of Bishops have appointed the Rev. William H. De

Lancey their Secretary, and are now organized and ready to proceed to business.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, through the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, and William Meredith, Esq. that the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies had chosen the Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. of Virginia, their President, and the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D. of New-York, their Secretary; and that they were now organized and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, *resolved*, that the House of Bishops will attend morning prayer with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies every morning during the session of this Convention, and that the Secretary inform the other House of this intention, and also of the fact, that this House have adjourned until to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

Wednesday, 8th Nov. 1826, half past 9 o'clock.

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

Present as yesterday.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, seconded by the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, *resolved*, that the thanks of this House be given to the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen for the sermon preached at the opening of the Convention; and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the two pews on the right of the Chair had been appropriated to the use of the Bishops whenever they wish to attend the sittings of that House.

The Right Rev. Bishop Bowen asked and had leave of absence.

The Right Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D. LL. D. of the Diocese of Connecticut, appeared and took his seat.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing a joint Committee relative to the notification of errors in editions of the Bible printed under the operation of the 2d canon of 1823; which was ordered to be laid upon the table.

The Right Rev. Bishop Hobart presented the report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; which was read, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. [For this report see the Appendix.]

Thursday, 9th Nov. 1826, half past 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met, and attended morning prayer with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Present as yesterday, except the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, of South-Carolina.

The minutes were read and approved.

The House of Bishops were informed, that the absence of their Right Rev. Brother, the Bishop of the Diocese of South-Carolina, was occasioned by intelligence of the death of his daughter ;

Whereupon it was *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon Bishop Bowen, and to express to him the deep condolence of his Brethren with him in this afflictive dispensation of Providence.

The Right Rev. Bishops Hobart and Croes were appointed the Committee, and had leave of absence for the purpose. After their return,

On motion, the House took up the resolution received yesterday from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, relative to the appointment of a joint Committee, to whom may be communicated all errors, if any, in the editions of the Bible printed under the operation of the 2d canon of 1823, and concurred in it. The Right Rev. Bishop White, and the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, were appointed a Committee on the part of this House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies to the following purport, viz.—

“*Resolved*, if the House of Bishops concur therein, that the Church in the state of Mississippi be received into union with the General Convention.”

Whereupon *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to ascertain if the Church in the state of Mississippi has complied with the constitutional requisitions necessary to its admission into union with the General Convention ; and to report.

The Right Rev. Bishop Kemp, and the Right Rev. Bishop Chase were appointed the Committee.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Friday, 10th Nov. 1826, half past 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met, and attended morning prayer with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Present as yesterday.

The Right Rev. Bishop Bowen appeared and took his seat.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing a joint Committee on the report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; which was ordered to be laid on the table.

The following resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and ordered to be laid upon the table:—

Resolved, if the House of Bishops concur therein, that the next meeting of the General Convention be held on the second Wednesday in October, 1829, at half past 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion of the Right Rev. the presiding Bishop, a canon "*Relative to the Admission and Conduct of Candidates for Orders;*" and on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, a canon "*Regulating the Admission of Persons as Candidates for Holy Orders, and the time in which they are to continue Candidates before their Ordination;*" were adopted, and ordered to be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for their concurrence.

The presiding Bishop proposed a canon "*for determining the Rights and Duties of Presbyters and Deacons in respect to residence and accountability;*" which was ordered to be laid upon the table.

On motion, the House took up the resolution received this morning from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing a joint Committee on the report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; and concurred in it.

The Right Rev. Bishops Hobart, Kemp, and Croes, were appointed the Committee on the part of this House.

The Committee appointed on the communication of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, respecting the admission of the Church in the state of Mississippi into union with the General Convention, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, that the House of Bishops concur in the resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, admitting the Church in the state of Mississippi into union with the General Convention.

The Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, of South-Carolina, asked and had leave of absence during the remainder of the session of the Convention, on account of a recent domestic affliction.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1826, half past 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met, and attended morning prayer with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Present as yesterday, except the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, of South-Carolina.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, *resolved*, that the House of Bishops propose the following preambles and resolutions to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies:—

The House of Bishops, deeply solicitous to preserve unimpaired the Liturgy of the Church, and yet desirous to remove the reasons alleged, from the supposed length of the service, for the omission of some of its parts, and particularly for the omission of that part of the communion office, which is commonly called the *ante-communion*, do *unanimously* propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the following resolutions, to be submitted to the several State Conventions, in order to be acted upon at the next General Convention, agreeably to the eighth article of the Constitution.

1. *Resolved*, that in “The order how the Psalter is appointed to be read,” the following be added to the fourth paragraph—“or any other psalm or psalms, except on those days on which proper psalms are appointed:”—so that the whole paragraph will read as follows:—“The minister, instead of reading from the Psalter as divided for daily morning and evening prayer, may read one of the selections set out by this Church, or any other psalm or psalms, except on those days on which ‘proper psalms’ are appointed.”

2. *Resolved*, that in “The order how the rest of the holy Scripture is appointed to be read,” the following be inserted after the fifth paragraph:—“The minister may, at his discretion, instead of the entire lessons, read suitable portions thereof, not less than fifteen verses. And on other days than Sundays and holy days, in those places where morning and evening prayer is not daily used, he may read other portions of the Old and New Testament, instead of the prescribed lessons; it being recommended that, unless circumstances render it inexpedient, on the stated prayer days of Wednesdays and Fridays, the lessons for those days, or for one of the intervening days, be read.”

The Bishops, in the use of the office of Confirmation, finding that the preface is frequently not well suited to the age

and character of those who are presented for this holy ordinance, *unanimously* propose the following resolution:—

3. *Resolved*, that after the present preface in the office of Confirmation, the following be inserted, to be used instead of the former, at the discretion of the Bishop:—"It appears from holy Scripture, that the apostles laid their hands on those who were baptized; and this ordinance, styled by the apostle Paul, the 'laying on of hands,' and ranked by him among the principles of the doctrine of Christ, has been retained in the Church, under the name of *Confirmation*; and is very convenient, and proper to be observed, to the end that persons being sufficiently instructed in what they promised, or what was promised for them in their baptism, and being, in other respects, duly qualified, may themselves, with their own mouth and consent, openly before the Church, ratify and confirm the same, and also promise, that by the grace of God, they will evermore endeavour themselves faithfully to observe such things as they, by their own confession, have assented unto."

And to correct the injurious misapprehension, as to the meaning of certain terms, in the first collect in the office of Confirmation, the Bishops *unanimously* propose the following resolution:—

4. *Resolved*, that after the first collect in the office of Confirmation, the following be inserted, to be used at the discretion of the Bishop, instead of the first collect, "Almighty and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed, in baptism, to regenerate these thy servants, by water and the Holy Ghost; thus giving them a title to all the blessings of thy covenant of grace and mercy, in thy Son Jesus Christ, and now dost graciously confirm unto them, ratifying the promises then made, all their holy privileges; grant unto them, we beseech thee, O Lord, the renewing of the Holy Ghost; strengthen them with the power of this divine Comforter; and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen."

And whereas, in the opinion of the Bishops, there is no doubt as to the obligation of ministers to say, on all Sundays and other holy days, that part of the communion office which is commonly called the ante-communion, yet as the practice of some of the clergy is not conformable to this construction of the rubrick on this point, the House of Bishops propose the following resolution:—

5. *Resolved*, that the following be adopted as a substitute for the first sentence in the rubrick, immediately after the communion office :—

“ On all Sundays and other holy days, shall be said, all that is appointed at the communion, unto the end of the Gospel, concluding divine service, in all cases when there is a sermon or communion, and when there is not, with the blessing.”

The Right Rev. Bishop Brownell, of Connecticut, asked and had leave of absence during the remainder of the session of the Convention, on account of sickness in his family.

The House took up the canon offered yesterday by the presiding Bishop, and adopted it, and ordered it to be sent to the other House for their concurrence.

The presiding Bishop presented the second Triennial Report of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, which was ordered to be sent to the other House.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning.

Monday, Nov. 13th, 1826, half past 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met, and attended morning prayer with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Present as on Saturday, except the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell, of Connecticut.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes presented the report of the Committee of Publication, appointed by the last General Convention, which was read, accepted, and sent to the other House.

It is as follows :—

The Committee of Publication appointed by the last Convention, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT,

That among the objects of their appointment, was the printing of a report containing “ the Constitution of the Church as it was originally adopted in 1789, and the Canons, in the order in which they were adopted, noticing in *italics* the alterations in, and additions thereto.”

The object of this, your Committee conceived to be, a complete set of all the canons passed in 1789, and from that time to the year 1820 inclusive. This had been done in the volume of Journals, &c. published in Philadelphia, in 1817. The publication contemplated, also, would form a

pamphlet or volume, so large as to involve no inconsiderable expense. For this your Committee found themselves totally unprovided. A proposition was made by the Messrs. T. & J. Swords, in the city of New-York, that they would publish, on their own account, under the superintendence of your Committee, the Constitution, and a complete set of the Canons, now in force; and accompany them with such notices, exhibiting the history of legislation in this Church, as the Committee might prepare. Your Committee, therefore, believing that this measure was the nearest practicable approximation to the duty on this subject, which was committed to them, acceded to the proposal of the Messrs. Swords, and had printed at their office the edition of the Constitution, Canons, &c. of which a copy is herewith presented to the Convention.

Signed in behalf of the Committee.

JOHN CROES, Chairman.

Philadelphia, November 11, 1826.

The House took up the following resolution, received from the other House on Friday, viz.—

“*Resolved*, if the House of Bishops concur therein, that the next meeting of the General Convention be held on the second Wednesday in October, 1829, at half past 10 o'clock A. M.”

The House non-concurred in the resolution; and adopted the following as a substitute therefor, viz.—

Resolved, that the meeting of the next General Convention be held on the first Wednesday in August, 1829, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The presiding Bishop presented the report of the Committee on Psalms and Hymns, appointed at the last General Convention.

Whereupon the following resolutions were, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, adopted, and ordered to be sent to the other House for their concurrence :—

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on the Psalms and Hymns be adopted by this Convention; and that the Hymns proposed by them be set forth, and allowed to be sung in all congregations of the Church.

Resolved, that the Committee on the Psalms and Hymns be directed to make such arrangements as they may think proper for publishing the said Hymns, as well as the Hymns now in use, arranged under proper heads, with power of making merely verbal alterations; and that the book of Hymns published under their authority, shall be the standard copy.

Resolved, that the said Committee be empowered to take measures for securing the copy-right of the book of Hymns thus published, for the space of one year; the proceeds of the sale to be applied, in the first instance, to defraying the expenses incurred by the Committee in sundry publications of proposed Hymns; and the residue to be reserved, subject to the appropriation of the next General Convention.

Resolved, that the said Committee be continued, with a view to the Psalms in metre, and be directed to report on them at the next General Convention.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing a conference with this House on the subject of the time of the meeting of the next General Convention.

The proposition was agreed to, and the Right Rev. Bishops Hobart and Ravenscroft, were appointed a Committee for the purpose, on the part of this House.

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, Nov. 14th, 1826, half past 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met, and attended morning prayer with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Present as yesterday.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Right Rev. presiding Bishop read a Pastoral Letter, which was adopted.

The report of the joint Committee on the report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and having been read, was adopted.

A resolution relative to the publication of the above report was also received, and concurred in by this House.

A report on the state of the Church was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; which having been read, it was *resolved*, that the House of Bishops return to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies the documents on the state of the Church. They assure the House of their prayers, as requested; and they inform the House that a Pastoral Letter is ready, and will be sent to them when to them it shall be convenient.

A message and resolution were received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, respecting the nomination of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and relative to monies subscribed but not paid. The nomination was concurred in, and the resolution was adopted, by this House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, informing, that that House would, with pleasure, receive the Pastoral Letter this evening, from the House of Bishops. Whereupon the House of Bishops ordered their Pastoral Letter to be transmitted to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The House then adjourned until 6 o'clock this evening.

Nov. 14th, 6 o'clock P. M.

The House met.

Present as this morning.

The presiding Bishop offered the following, which was adopted:—

The House of Bishops respectfully propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, as follows:—

Resolved, as the sense of both Houses of this Convention, that on future occasions of the assembling of General Conventions, it will be expedient to abstain from returning thanks for the sermons respectively delivered before them; it being understood that the sermons are to be published.

The House adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday Nov. 15th, 1826, 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met, and attended morning prayer with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Present as yesterday.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Right Rev. presiding Bishop, from the Committee appointed at the last General Convention, to obtain information relative to seminaries of learning, reported,

That the Committee were not ready to furnish a detailed report on the subject, and asked to be continued until the next General Convention.

Whereupon, on motion, it was *resolved*, if the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concur therein, that the report be accepted, and the request of the Committee be granted.

In conformity to the provision of the third article of the constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the House of Bishops appointed the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D., of New-York, Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to preach the next triennial sermon before the said society;

and in case of his being prevented, the Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., of Maryland, to be his substitute.

The report of the joint Committee respecting the time and place of the meeting of the next General Convention, was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; and was concurred in by this House.

The House then adjourned until 6 o'clock P. M.

Nov. 15th, 6 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as this morning.

The minutes were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing a joint Committee to revise the Canons of the Church, and to prepare such alterations, amendments, and additions, as they may deem expedient. Whereupon the House concurred in the proposition, and proposed the following additional resolution, viz.—

Resolved, that the said Committee have power to make a new arrangement of the Canons; and that the Committee consist of three Bishops, to be appointed by the House of Bishops, and three Clergymen, and three Laymen, to be appointed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; that two Bishops and three of the other members constitute a quorum; and that a concurrence of a majority of the Bishops, and a majority of the other members present, be necessary to constitute a decision of the Committee.

The House of Bishops have appointed the Right Rev. presiding Bishop, and Bishops Hobart and Croes, a Committee on their part.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, informing this House that the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies had concurred in accepting the report of the Committee appointed at the last Convention on seminaries of learning, and in continuing the said Committee until the next General Convention.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, stating that they had concurred in the resolution of this House, relative to voting thanks for sermons preached at the opening of General Conventions.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, stating that that House had concurred in the resolutions of the House of Bishops respecting the liturgy.

A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and

Lay Deputies, proposing to make known to the several State Conventions, a proposition to consider of, and determine on, the expediency of altering the second clause of the eighth article of the Constitution of this Church; which was concurred in by this House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had appointed the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, the Rev. Dr. Lyell, and Mr. William R. Whittingham, a Committee to publish the Journal, &c. Whereupon this House appointed the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, and the Rev. William H. De Lancey, their Secretary, the Committee on their part.

A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, relative to empowering the Committee to whom errors in editions of the Holy Bible, printed under the second canon of 1823, are referred, to purchase a copy of the standard edition, at the expense of the Convention; which was concurred in by this House.

A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, relative to a copy-right of the Book of Common Prayer, and of the Hymns set forth by this Convention.

Whereupon, on motion, this House non-concurred in the resolution, and adopted the following as a substitute therefor, viz.—

Resolved, that a joint Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of obtaining a copy-right for the work usually called the Book of Common Prayer, and to make report thereon to the next General Convention; and that in case the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concur therein, the presiding Bishop be the Committee on the part of this House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, stating that that House had non-concurred in the resolution of the House of Bishops, respecting a copy-right of the Prayer Book, and proposing a Committee of conference on the subject.

Whereupon, the House agreed to the proposal, and appointed the Right Rev. Bishops Hobart and Kemp, the Committee to manage the conference on their part.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with the report of the above Committee of conference; whereupon the House of Bishops concurred with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in adopting the report; and appointed the Right Rev. presiding Bishop on the part of this House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, through the Rev. Dr. Wharton, stating that

that House was ready to adjourn, and requesting this House to unite with them in closing the session with offices of devotion.

Whereupon this House joined the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. A short address was delivered, and several appropriate collects and prayers from the Liturgy were read, by the presiding Bishop. The 133d Psalm in metre was then sung by the members of both Houses, and the benediction was pronounced by the presiding Bishop. After which, the Bishops having retired from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, this House adjourned *sine die*.

Signed by order of the House of Bishops,

WILLIAM WHITE, *Presiding Bishop*.

Attested,

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY, *Secretary*.

CANON

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION, 1826.

Regulating the Admission of Persons as Candidates for Holy Orders, and the time in which they are to continue Candidates before their Ordination.

Every person who desires to become a candidate for orders in this Church shall, in the first instance, give notice of his intention to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to such body as the Church in the Diocese or State in which he intends to apply may appoint; and if, after obtaining the canonical testimonials from the Standing Committee, he be admitted as a candidate by the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, by such body as the Church in the Diocese or State in which he intends to apply may appoint, he shall remain a candidate for the term of three years before his ordination, unless the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall deem it expedient to ordain the candidate, after the expiration of a shorter period, not less than one year.

The first paragraph of the 7th canon of 1808, and the first canon of 1823, are hereby repealed.

Done in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia, November, 1826.

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,
BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

*Report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary
of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.*

The Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in conformity with the second article of the Constitution, respectfully report to the General Convention, that,

Since the last meeting of the General Convention, the number of students who have entered the Seminary in each year, has been as follows:—

In the session commencing in November, 1823, fourteen.

In the session commencing in November, 1824, twelve.

In the session commencing in November, 1825, seven.

In the present session, commencing in October, 1826, fourteen.

The whole number of students now in the Seminary, is thirty.

The number of students who have completed the course of study, and received the testimonial of the Seminary, since the last meeting of the General Convention, is as follows:—

In July, 1823, five.

In July, 1824, three.

In July, 1825, three.

In June, 1826, six.

Several of the students have been dismissed on their own application, before completing the course of study, in each of the above years; only one of the students has died while prosecuting his studies in the Seminary.

The course of studies originally adopted, continues substantially the same; a few alterations having been made to render more equal the time devoted by the students to each professor. The fidelity of the professors, and the proficiency of the students, have been very satisfactorily evidenced at the several annual examinations, which are conducted in the presence of the Trustees.

The Trustees state, with regret, that they have been deprived of the faithful and valuable services of Professor Verplanck; his other duties preventing the continuance of his labours in the Seminary. The department of the Evidences of Christianity (formerly that of Professor Verplanck.) is, for the present, assigned to the Professor of Systematic Divinity.

The library has received many valuable additions; a number of which are text-books, or those required for the ordinary reading or reference of the students.

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| The property of the Seminary, exclusive of its real estate, consists of 200 Mechanics' Bank shares, which | |
| cost | \$ 5,350 00 |
| Bonds and mortgages of sundry persons, amounting to | 73,550 00 |
| Loans on notes of individuals, secured collaterally by transfers of stock | 5,636 00 |
| Cash in Bank, on the first instant | 518 14 |

Making together, \$ 85,054 14

In order to ascertain what portion of income of the above mentioned sum of \$85,054 14, may be applied to the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary, it will be necessary to deduct therefrom, the endowment of

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| The Warren Scholarship | \$ 2,000 00 |
| Bishop White do. | . 2,500 00 |
| Bishop Kemp do. | . 1,797 25 |
| Bishop Claggett do. | . 188 50 |
| North-Carolina Fund | . 2,848 22 |
| Claremont Scholarship | . 48 00 |

The balance of the appropriation made by the Trustees in the year 1824, towards erecting the building, yet unexpended 116 77

The further advance contemplated in aid of the building fund, as authorized by the Trustees in June last, in anticipation of funds to be collected out of the Diocese of New-York 5,000 00

14,498 74

... And there will remain the sum of \$ 70,555 40
The interest of which may be applied to the current ex-

penses of the Seminary. After the new building shall be finished, the ordinary expenditures of the Seminary will be,

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| Salaries to the Professors | \$ 3,750 00 |
| Librarian | 100 00 |
| Janitor | 150 00 |

The annual allowance to the Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning for four scholars, in consideration of a certain grant made by that society to Geneva College, as an equivalent for the relinquishment of the Branch School at that place

400 00

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| The interest on the <i>loan</i> of \$ 5000, in contemplation, authorized by the Trustees at their meeting in June last, in anticipation of further contributions towards the building fund, to be raised <i>within</i> the Diocese of New-York, estimated at | 300 00 |
| Incidental expenses | 400 00 |

Making together \$ 5,100 00

From this deducting the interest on the before mentioned principal sum of \$ 70,555, which at 6 per cent. per annum, is

4,233 33

There will remain a yearly deficiency of income, amounting to

\$ 866 67

The Finance Committee, under the authority vested in them by the Trustees, having commissioned the Rev. Mr. Griffin, and the Rev. Mr. Shelton, alumni of this Institution, to collect the outstanding claims of the Seminary, and to procure additional subscriptions and donations; the expectation is confidently indulged, that the friends of the Church will afford those gentlemen every assistance in their power, to enable them to bring the laudable work they have in hand, to a speedy and favourable issue.

In making up the following statement of the amount of monies contributed to the funds of the Seminary, in each Diocese, the Committee have met with much difficulty and embarrassment, in as much as some of the old subscription papers are imperfect, and others, as they have been informed, having passed through the hands of different agents, are not to be found. According to the best information they possess, there have been contributed in the

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| Diocese of South-Carolina | \$ 9,614 00 |
| North-Carolina | 4,078 00 |

Carried over \$ 13,692 00

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| | Brought over | \$ 13,692 00 |
| Maryland | | 4,968 00 |
| Virginia | | 625 00 |
| Pennsylvania | | 3,061 00 |
| Massachusetts | | 1,715 00 |
| Georgia | | 50 00 |
| New-York, viz.— | | |
| Mr. Sherred's legacy | \$ 60,000 | |
| Sixty-three lots of land in the city of New-York, given by C. C. Moore, Esq. | 20,000 | |
| Cash collected | 28,165 | |
| A Scholarship founded by E. War- ren, Esq., of Troy | 2,000 | |
| Donations of books, by the Corpora- tion of Trinity Church, New-York, and individuals in the same state | 6,500 | |
| The legacy of the late Godfrey Coon, granted by the Corporation of Trinity Church, New-York | 3,393 | |
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Total \$ 144,169 00

If from this sum total of contributions there be deducted the property now possessed by the Seminary, viz.—

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| The land granted by C.C.Moore, Esq. | \$ 20,000 |
| The books above mentioned | 6,500 |
| The amount already expended on the building | 19,575 |
| The bonds and other personal pro- perty above enumerated | 85,054 |
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| | 131,129 00 |

There remains a balance of \$ 13,040 00

Which must have been expended for commissions and expenses of collecting, and disbursements of this Seminary, under its various modifications, while at New-Haven, and previously at New-York ; and a small portion thereof, by the late New-York Education Society.

A three story stone building, 104 feet in length, and 52 feet in depth, erected upon the land given to the Institution by Clement C. Moore, Esq., is now nearly finished, and will be entirely completed early next spring. It is provided with accommodations for two professors, and for boarding and lodging forty students, with two lecture rooms, a library, and

temporary accommodations for a chapel. The edifice is in the plain Gothic style of architecture, and so constructed, that whenever the funds of the Seminary will justify the erection of a permanent chapel, library, and lecture rooms, the parts of the building now occupied as such, may be converted so as to increase the accommodations of the professors, and afford rooms for eight more students. The situation is airy, healthy, and pleasant, on the banks of the Hudson river, and in the neighbourhood of the city. The probable cost of the building, with the appendages, it is estimated, will be \$ 30,000; only \$ 10,000 of which, it is contemplated, shall be drawn from the permanent funds of the Institution; \$ 15,000 of the balance, (of which about \$ 10,000 are already paid,) to be raised in the state of New-York, and the remainder in other parts of the United States.

The Trustees, therefore, cannot but urge on the General Convention, the necessity of contributions throughout the union, for carrying through this important object. They beg leave also to express their earnest hope, that through the exertions of the friends of the Seminary throughout the United States, all the advances for the Seminary buildings, heretofore charged on its general funds, may be speedily replaced. In conformity also with a vote of their Board, passed in June last, they respectfully present to the Convention the following resolution:—

Resolved, that the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church be most respectfully requested to suggest any measures which may appear to them advisable, in furtherance of the above mentioned objects; and that they be specially requested to take into consideration the expediency of their designating the amount which, upon a fair estimate of the relative resources of the several Dioceses, ought to be raised in each, as well for the building fund, as towards the general funds of the Seminary.

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

H. U. ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

New-York, Nov. 3, 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. Gilcon W. Olney.
The Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portland.—2.

New-Hampshire.

The Rev. Charles Burroughs, Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
The Rev. Moses B. Chase, Rector of Christ Church, Hopkinton.
The Rev. Robert Fowle, Rector of Trinity Church, Holderness.
The Rev. James B. Howe, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.
The Rev. George Leonard, Rector of Trinity Church, Cornish.
The Rev. George Richardson, Deacon, officiating in Charlestown and Drewsville.
—6.

Massachusetts.

The Rev. Alfred L. Bairy, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton.
The Rev. Silas Blaisdel, residing in Boston.
The Rev. John L. Blake, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South-Boston.
The Rev. Solomon Blakeley, Rector of St. James's Church, Great-Barrington.
The Rev. James Bowers, residing in Framingham.
The Rev. Isaac Boyle, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.
The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Salem.
The Rev. Benjamin C. Cutler, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.
The Rev. Southerland Douglass, Deacon.
The Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.
The Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Lowell.
The Rev. Cheever Felch, Chaplain United States Navy.
The Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Deacon, officiating in Sutton.
The Rev. George Griswold, Deacon, Northampton.
The Rev. Galen Hicks, residing in Taunton.
The Rev. Aaron Humphrey, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough, Tri-
nity Church, Lenox, and St. John's Church, Washington.
The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D.
The Rev. James Morsa, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
The Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
The Rev. Joseph Muenscher, Rector of Christ Church, Leicester.
The Rev. George Otis, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, and Professor of
Latin in Harvard College.
The Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker, Deacon.
The Rev. Alonzo Potter, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.
The Rev. Titus Strong, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.

List of the Clergy.

The Rev. William Withington, residing in Dorchester.
The Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.—27.

Vermont.

The Rev. More Bingham, Deacon, Minister of Grace Church, Sheldon, and Trinity Church, Fairfield.
The Rev. John Bristed, Deacon, residing in Middlebury, and officiating in Ferrisburgh.
The Rev. Abraham Bronson, Rector of Zion Church, Manchester.
The Rev. Carlton Chase, Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows' Falls.
The Rev. Joel Clapp, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.
The Rev. Joseph H. Coit, Deacon, Minister of Bethel and Bethesda Churches, Arlington.
The Rev. Lewis M'Donald, Deacon, Minister of the Churches in Rutland.
The Rev. Sylvester Nash, Rector of Union Church, St. Albans.
The Rev. Richard Peck, Deacon, Berkshire and Montgomery.
The Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Minister of Christ Church, Guilford.
The Rev. Benjamin B. Smith, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.—11.

Rhode-Island.

The Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D. Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.
The Rev. Charles Henry Alden, residing near Providence.
The Rev. Lemuel Burge, Rector of St. Paul's Church, North-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.—6.

Connecticut.

The Right Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D. LL. D. Bishop, and President of Washington College, Hartford.
The Rev. George B. Andrews, Rector of the Churches in Kent, Sharon, and New-Preston, residing in Amenia.
The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Rector of the Church in Trumbull.
The Rev. David Baldwin, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford, and St. John's Church, North-Guilford.
The Rev. Stephen Beach, Missionary at Salisbury and parts adjacent.
The Rev. David Belden, residing at Wilton.
The Rev. Benjamin Benham, Rector of St. John's Church, New-Milford, and ——— Church, Brookfield.
The Rev. Daniel Burhans, Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown.
The Rev. Nathan B. Burgess, residing in Glastenbury.
The Rev. Joseph T. Clark, Minister of the Church at Woodbridge and at Amity.
The Rev. Peter G. Clark, rector of St. John's Church, Essex, Saybrook, and Union Church, Killingworth.
The Rev. Asa Cornwall, Rector of St. Peter's Church, and Assistant in the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire.
The Rev. Harry Crosswell, Rector of Trinity Church, New-Haven.
The Rev. George W. Doane, Professor of Belles Lettres and Oratory in Washington College, Hartford, and Rector of St. John's Church, East-Windsor.
The Rev. John M. Garfield, Principal of a Ladies Academy, New-Haven, and officiating at Branford and North-Branford.
The Rev. Alpheus Geer, Rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury, and ——— Church, Salem.
The Rev. Sturges Gilbert, Rector of the Churches in Woodbury, Roxbury, and Bethlehem.
The Rev. Bennet Glover, residing at Newtown.
The Rev. Samuel Griswold, residing at Barkhamstead.
The Rev. Frederick Holcomb, Rector of the Churches in Watertown and North-field.
The Rev. Origin P. Holcomb, Rector of the Churches in Wilton and Ridgefield.
The Rev. Orson V. Howell, Deacon.
The Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, Rector of the Churches in Danbury and Reading.

- The Rev. Hector Humphreys, Rector of ——— Church, Glastenbury, and Professor of Languages in Washington College, Hartford.
 The Rev. Reuben Ives, Cheshire.
 The Rev. William Jarvis, Rector of the Churches at Hebron and East-Haddam.
 The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Rector of Christ Church, Derby, and the Church at Humphreysville.
 The Rev. Isaac Jones, residing in Litchfield.
 The Rev. Henry R. Judah, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport.
 The Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of St. James's Church, New-London.
 The Rev. James Keeler, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Northford.
 The Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg, officiating in the Church at New-Preston.
 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. Seth B. Paddock, Rector of Christ Church, Norwich.
 The Rev. Joseph Perry, Rector of Christ Church, East-Haven, and Trinity Church, West-Haven.
 The Rev. William T. Potter, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-Haven.
 The Rev. Chauncey Prindle, residing at Oxford.
 The Rev. Menzies Rayner, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Huntington, and St. Peter's Church, Monroe.
 The Rev. Rodney Rossiter, Rector of St. Peter's and St. Matthew's Churches, Plymouth.
 The Rev. Edward Rutledge, Rector of the Churches in Stratford and Milford.
 The Rev. George A. Shelton, Deacon.
 The Rev. William Shelton, Rector of St. John's Church, Fairfield.
 The Rev. Reuben Sherwood, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.
 The Rev. Ashbel Steel, officiating at Brooklyn and parts adjacent.
 The Rev. Daniel Somers, residing at Norwalk.
 The Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.
 The Rev. Ransom Warner, Rector of the Churches in Simsbury and Granby.
 The Rev. Eleazar M. P. Wells.
 The Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.
 The Rev. George S. White, residing at Canterbury.—52.

New-York.

- The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D.D. Bishop of the Diocese, and 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. Jasper Adams, President of Geneva College.
 The Rev. Norman H. Adams, Deacon, Missionary at Unadilla, Otsego county, Bainbridge, Chenango county, and parts adjacent.
 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, Rector of Christ Church, Balston Spa, Saratoga county.
 The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin.
 The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, D. D. Principal of an Academy in the city of New-York.
 The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, and St. Thomas's Church, Mamaroneck, Westchester county.
 The Rev. Seth W. Beardstey, Missionary at Waddington, St. Lawrence county, and parts adjacent.
 The Rev. Alva Bennett, Deacon, Missionary at Windham, Greene county, and parts adjacent.
 The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-York.
 The Rev. William W. Bostwick, Missionary at Bath, Steuben county, and Peshyan, Yates county, and parts adjacent.
 The Rev. Thomas Breintnall, Rector of Zion Church, New-York.
 The Rev. David Brown, residing at Albany.
 The Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, and St. Thomas's Church, New-Windsor, Orange county.
 The Rev. William J. Bulkley, Missionary at Manlius, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent.

- The Rev. Moses Burt, Missionary at Ticonderoga, Essex county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rév. Richard Bury, Rector of Christ Church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county.
- The Rev. Leverett Bush, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Oxford, Chenango county.
- The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.
- The Rev. Lawson Carter, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Eastchester, Westchester county.
- The Rev. John A. Clark, Deacon, Missionary at Palmyra, Wayne county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Orin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county.
- The Rev. William A. Clark, Rector of All Saints' Church, New-York.
- The Rev. James P. F. Clarke, Rector of Christ Church, North-Hempstead, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Augustus L. Converse.
- The Rev. William Creighton, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Alexander H. Crosby, Deacon, Minister of Grace Church, White-Plains, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Francis H. Cuming, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Rochester, Monroe county.
- The Rev. Edward Davis, Deacon.
- The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county.
- The Rev. Cornelius R. Duffie, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Palmer Dyer, Missionary at Granville, Washington county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Manton Eastburn, officiating in 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 near Harlem, New-York.
- The Rev. Edward K. Fowler, Deacon.
- The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary in Albany and Greene counties.
- The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Missionary at Ithaca, Tompkins county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Edmund D. Griffin, Deacon.
- The Rev. William Hammel, residing in New-York.
- The Rev. William Harris, D. D. President of Columbia College, New-York.
- The Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Deacon.
- The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Samuel Haskell, residing at New-Rochelle, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Burton H. Hickox, Minister of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county.
- The Rev. John A. Hicks, Deacon, Assistant Minister of St. James's Church, New-town, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Algernon S. Hollister, Missionary at Paris, Oneida county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Reuben Hubbard, Rector of St. James's Church, Goshen, Orange county.
- The Rev. David Huntington, residing in Charlton, Saratoga county.
- The Rev. Nathaniel Huse, Rector of Christ Church, Binghamton, Broome county.
- The Rev. Edward J. Ives, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Phillipstown, Putnam county, and St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, Rector of St. James's Church, Newtown, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Samuel R. Johnson, Deacon, Minister of St. James's Church, Hyde-Park, Dutchess county.
- The Rev. Cave Jones, Chaplain in the United States Navy, and Superintendent of the Naval Seminary, Brooklyn, King's county.
- The Rev. William L. Keese, Deacon, Missionary at Sackett's Harbour, and Brownville, Jefferson 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. John M'Carty, Deacon, Missionary at Oswego and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Daniel M'Donald, D. D. Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages, and Greek and Roman Antiquities, in Geneva College.

- The Rev. Charles P. McDivaine, Chaplain and Professor in the United States Military Academy, West-Point.
- The Rev. John M'Vickar, D. D. Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy, Rhetoric, Belles Lettres, and Political Economy, 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. William A. Muhlenberg, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Rufus Murray, Deacon, Missionary at Mayville, Chatauque county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Otsego and adjacent counties.
- The Rev. Samuel Nichols, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bedford, and St. James's Church, North-Salem, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Beardsley Northrup, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterville, Delaware county.
- The Rev. George H. Norton, Missionary at Richmond, Ontario county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D. 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 Skeneatales and Marcellus, Onondaga county.
- The Rev. Marcus A. Perry, officiating at Rome, Oneida county.
- The Rev. Samuel Phinney, Principal of the Academy at Ithaca, Tompkins county.
- The Rev. William Powell, residing in West-Farms, 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. John C. Rudd, D. D. Principal of the Academy at Auburn, Cayuga county.
- The Rev. Richard Salmon, Missionary at Geneseo, Livingston county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county.
- The Rev. John F. Schroeder, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Charles Seabury, Missionary at Setauket and Islip, Suffolk county.
- The Rev. Samuel Seabury, Deacon, Missionary at Huntington, Suffolk county, and Oyster-Bay, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Addison Searle, Missionary at Buffalo, Erie county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. John Sellon, Rector of Christ Church, Ann-street, New-York.
- The Rev. Lucius Smith, Rector of St. James's Church, Batavia, Genesee county.
- The Rev. Orasmus H. Smith, Missionary at Moravia, Cayuga county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county.
- The Rev. John S. Stone, Deacon, Tutor in Geneva College.
- The Rev. William B. Thomas, Rector of Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county.
- The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene county.
- The Rev. William Thompson, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Frederick T. Tiffany, Deacon, officiating at Cooperstown, Otsego county, and parts adjacent.
- The Rev. Charles J. Todd, Deacon, Minister of St. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, St. Lawrence county.
- The Rev. Amos C. Treadway, Missionary at New-Hartford, Oneida county, and parts adjacent.

List of the Clergy.

- 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, New-York.
- The Rev. Frederick Vanborne, residing at Coldenham, Orange county.
- The Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D. Rector of Grace Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Thomas Warner.
- The Rev. William M. Weber, Deacon, Missionary at Waterloo and Vienna, Seneca county.
- The Rev. John West, Minister of St. John's Church, Phillipsburgh, Westchester 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. Henry J. Whitehouse, Deacon, residing in New-York.
- The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D. Rector of St. Peter's Church, Westchester, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Peter Williams, (a coloured man) Rector of St. Philip's Church, New-York, the congregation of which is composed of coloured persons.
- The Rev. Joseph B. Young, Deacon, Missionary at Perryville, Madison county, and parts adjacent.—114.

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 St. Paul's Church, Paterson.
- The Rev. Christian F. Cruse, Rector elect of St. John's Church, Salem, and Minister of St. George's, Pennesneck.
- The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Rector of Christ Church, Newton.
- The Rev. John Grigg.
- The Rev. Benjamin Holmes, Missionary to the congregation of St. Peter's, Morristown, St. John's, Knowlton, and the congregation at Orange.
- The Rev. William L. Johnson, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.
- The Rev. Matthew Matthews, Minister of Christ Chapel, Belleville.
- 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. Smith Pyne, Deacon, Minister of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.
- The Rev. John M. Ward, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's Church, Freehold.
- The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.
- The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ Church, Middletown.
- The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Trinity Church, Swedesborough.—17.
- The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, D. D. of the Diocese of New-York, officiates as Minister of St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey.
- The Rev. William Bryant, Deacon, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, officiates as Minister of St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and as a Missionary to St. Peter's, Berkeley, and St. John's, Chew's Landing.

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 Abercrombe, 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 at Brownsville, Fayette county.
- The Rev. Benjamin P. Aydelett, M. D. residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. John P. Bausman, Missionary, officiating in Brownsville, and Connesville, 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, officiating in Kittanning, Westmoreland county, and Butler, Butler county.
- The Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Samuel Bowman, Associate Rector of St. John's Church, Pequa, Chester county, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.
- The Rev. William R. Bowman, Deacon, Brownsville, Fayette county.
- 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, Delaware county, and St. Peter's Church, Great-Valley, Chester county.
- The Rev. William Bryant, Deacon, residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Levi Hull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chester county, and Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.
- The Rev. William Chadlerton, residing at Bristol.
- The Rev. Joseph Clarkson, Associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, Lancaster county, and St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county, and Rector of Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.
- The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of St. James's Church, Perkiomen, and St. John's, Norristown, Montgomery county.
- The Rev. John B. Clemsan, Deacon, officiating at Harrisburgh, Dauphin county, and Thomastown, Mifflin county.
- The Rev. Josh G. Cooper, Principal of the German-Town Academy.
- The Rev. John Davis, Deacon, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Robert Davis, Missionary, officiating in St. John's Church, Huntington, Huntington county.
- The Rev. William H. De Laneey, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Jacob De Pui, Deacon, officiating at Bloomsburgh, Jersey-Towns, and Sunbury.
- The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware county.
- The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Assistant Minister of the Swedish Churches in Philadelphia and Kingsessing.
- The Rev. William Eldred, Missionary in Columbia and Lycoming counties.
- The Rev. Caleb I. Good, Deacon, officiating in St. Gabriel's Church, Morlatton, and at Potts-Town.
- The Rev. Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. John's Church, York, and Christ Church, Huntington.
- The Rev. John H. Hopkins, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.
- The Rev. Enoch Huntington.
- The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, Deacon, residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Levi S. Ives, Associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.
- The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Jackson Kemper, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Samuel Marks, Missionary in Susquehanna and Bradford counties.
- The Rev. William C. Mead, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks county.
- The Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of St. Paul's, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.
- The Rev. Norman Nash, Missionary.
- The Rev. David C. Page, Missionary in Greensburgh, Westmoreland county.
- The Rev. Henry H. Pfeiffer, Assistant Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette county.
- The Rev. Robert Piggot, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.
- The Rev. William H. Rees, Deacon, residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Francis Reno, officiating in Beaver county.
- The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgley, Deacon, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. John Rodney, jun. Rector of St. Luke's Church, German-Town, Philadelphia county, and St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.
- The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

List of the Clergy.

- The Rev. Samuel Sigreaves, Easton.
 The Rev. Charles Smith, Minister of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford county;
 St. John's Church, Franklin, Venango county; and acting Missionary of the
 adjacent counties.
 The Rev. Joseph Spencer, Rector of St. John's Church, and Professor of Lan-
 guages in Dickinson College, Carlisle, Cumberland county.
 The Rev. John Taylor, residing in Pittsburgh, Alleghany county.
 The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, Rector of St. James's Church, Bristol.
 The Rev. George Weller, residing in Philadelphia, and officiating at Hamiltonville.
 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, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, and
 Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
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Delaware.

- The Rev. Robert Clay, residing in New-Castle.
 The Rev. Henry L. Davis, D. D. Principal of Wilmington College.
 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. Henry V. D. Johns, Deacon.
 The Rev. Stephen W. Prestman, Rector of Emmanuel Church, New-Castle, and
 St. James's, Staunton.
 The Rev. Ralph Williston, Rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington.—6.

Maryland.

- The Right Rev. James Kemp, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of St. Paul's parish, in-
 cluding Christ Church, Baltimore.
 The Rev. Walter D. Addison, Rector of St. John's Church, George-Town, Dis-
 trict of Columbia.
 The Rev. Grandison Aisquith.
 The Rev. Ethan Allen, Rector of Christ Church, Washington.
 The Rev. John Allen, Professor of Mathematics, University of Maryland, Balti-
 more.
 The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Rector of Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's
 parishes, Montgomery county.
 The Rev. William Armstrong, jun. Rector of Zion Church, Frederick county.
 The Rev. Charles C. Austin, Rector of St. Thomas's parish, Baltimore county.
 The Rev. John V. Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, Baltimore.
 The Rev. Thomas Bayne, Rector of St. Peter's, Talbot county.
 The Rev. John G. Blanchard, Rector of St. Ann's, Annapolis.
 The Rev. John L. Bryan, Rector of St. Mark's, Frederick county.
 The Rev. Lucius Carter, Deacon, Minister of Akakek Church, St. John's parish,
 Prince George's county.
 The Rev. John Claxton, Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Upper-Marlborough.
 The Rev. Timothy Clowes, LL. D. Rector of St. Paul's parish, Kent county, and
 Principal of Washington College, Chestertown.
 The Rev. Joseph S. Covell, Rector of Somerset parish, Somerset county.
 The Rev. William Duke.
 The Rev. Levin J. Gilliss, Rector of St. Paul's, Prince George's county.
 The Rev. Horatio N. Gray, Rector of Christ Church, George-Town.
 The Rev. William Hawley, Rector of St. John's Church, Washington City.
 The Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.
 The Rev. Henry N. Hotchkiss, Rector of St. Michael's, Talbot county.
 The Rev. Thomas Jackson, Rector of St. James's, Anne Arundel county.
 The Rev. William Jackson, Rector of Chester parish, Chester-Town, Kent county.
 The Rev. John Johns, Rector of All Saints', Frederick county.
 The Rev. Jonathan Judd, Great Choptank, Dorchester county.
 The Rev. Ravaud Kearney, Rector of William and Mary, and St. Andrew's
 parishes, St. Mary's county.
 The Rev. John R. Keech, Rector of St. John's parish, Baltimore and Hartford
 counties.
 The Rev. George Lemmon, Rector of St. John's parish, Hager's Town.

- The Rev. William Levington, (a coloured man) Deacon, Minister of St. James's, Baltimore.
The Rev. Charles Mann, Rector of William and Mary parish, Charles county.
The Rev. George McElhiney, Trinity Church, Charles county.
The Rev. Richard H. B. Mitchell, Rector of King and Queen parish, St. Mary's county.
The Rev. Ira Parker, Deacon, residing in Baltimore.
The Rev. Thomas K. Peck.
The Rev. Robert Prout, Durham parish, Charles county.
The Rev. William Rafferty, D. D. Rector of All Hallows, Anne Arundel county, and Principal of St. John's College, Annapolis.
The Rev. Thomas Reid.
The Rev. John Reynolds, St. George's parish, Hartford county.
The Rev. John J. Robinson, Teacher of an Academy, Baltimore.
The Rev. Neale H. Shaw, Rector of All Faith parish, St. Mary's county.
The Rev. Purnell F. Smith.
The Rev. William M. Stone, Rector of Stepney parish, Somerset.
The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Rector of All Hallows' parish, Worcester, and Worcester parish, Worcester.
The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Rector of Queen Ann's parish, Prince George's county.
The Rev. John T. Wheat, Elke Ridge.
The Rev. Charles S. Williams, Principal of Baltimore College.
The Rev. Lemuel Wilmer, Port Tobacco, Charles county.
The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D. Associate Minister of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.
The Rev. Noble Young, Durham.—50.

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, Rector of Hambleton and Leeds parish, Fauquier county.
The Rev. Hugh C. Boggs, Berkeley parish, Spotsylvania.
The Rev. John T. Brooke, Martinsburgh, Berkeley county.
The Rev. William D. Cairns, Deacon, North-End, Matthew's county.
The Rev. Mark L. Chevers, Suffolk parish, Nansemond county.
The Rev. Josias Clapham, King George Court-House.
The Rev. Nicholas H. Cobbs, Russel parish, Bedford county.
The Rev. John Cooke, Deacon, St. Martin's parish, Hanover and Louisa counties.
The Rev. William Crawford, Trinity parish, Louisa county.
The Rev. Robert B. Croes, Assistant Minister of the Monumental Church, Richmond.
The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D. Rector of Christ Church, Norfolk.
The Rev. John Dunn, Shelburn parish, Loudoun county.
The Rev. Stephen S. Gunter, Eastville, Northampton county.
The Rev. William H. Hart, Rector of Henrico parish, Richmond.
The Rev. Frederick W. Hatch, Fredericksville parish, Albemarle county.
The Rev. Johannes E. Jackson, Frederick parish, Frederick county.
The Rev. Alexander Jones, St. Andrew's parish, Charlestown, Jefferson county.
The Rev. William Jones, Surry county.
The Rev. Jacob Keeling, Suffolk, Nansemond county.
The Rev. Reuel Keith, Rector of Christ Church, and Professor in the Theological School of Virginia, Alexandria, District of Columbia.
The Rev. Edward R. Lippitt, Professor in the Theological School, Alexandria.
The Rev. William F. Lee, Goochland Court-House.
The Rev. Edward C. McGuire, St. George's parish, Fredericksburgh.
The Rev. John P. McGuire, St. Anne's parish, Essex county.
The Rev. William L. Marshall, Deacon, Oakhill, Fauquier county.
The Rev. William Meade, Frederick parish, Frederick county.
The Rev. Charles H. Page, Charleston, Kanawha county.
The Rev. John Phillips, Lunenburg Court-House.
The Rev. Franklin G. Smith, Lynchburgh, Campbell county.
The Rev. George A. Smith, Deacon, Fredericksburgh.

List of the Clergy.

The Rev. William Steele, St. James's parish, Mecklenburgh county.
 The Rev. Daniel Stephens, D. D. Staunton, Augusta county.
 The Rev. Andrew Syme, Bristol parish, Petersburg.
 The Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. President of William and Mary College,
 Williamsburgh.
 The Rev. John H. Wingfield, Portsmouth, Norfolk county.
 The Rev. John Woodville, Culpepper Court-House.—38.

North-Carolina.

The Right Rev. John Stark Ravenscroft, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of Christ
 Church, Raleigh.
 The Rev. John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
 The Rev. Elijah Brainard, Deacon, Warrenton.
 The Rev. Adam Empie, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
 The Rev. George W. Freeman, Deacon.
 The Rev. William M. Green, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough,
 and St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county.
 The Rev. Henry M. Mason, Minister of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
 The Rev. Richard S. Mason, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
 The Rev. Robert J. Miller, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Burke county.
 The Rev. Philip B. Whitley.
 The Rev. Thomas Wright, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ
 Church, Rowan county.—11.

South-Carolina.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of St. Michael's
 parish, Charleston.
 The Rev. William Barlow, Rector of Claremont.
 The Rev. David Irving Campbell, Minister of St. Stephen's parish, and the
 Chapels at the Black Oak and the Rocks.
 The Rev. John White Chandler, Rector of St. Mark's parish, Clarendon.
 The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Michael's parish,
 Charleston.
 The Rev. Francis Padmore Delevaux, Rector of St. Bartholomew's parish.
 The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.
 The Rev. Charles Pinckney Elliott, Charleston.
 The Rev. Patrick Hinds Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.
 The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Charleston.
 The Rev. Hugh Fraser, residing in All Saints', Waccamaw.
 The Rev. Christopher Edwards Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's parish,
 Charleston.
 The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's parish, Charleston.
 The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Rector of All Saints' parish, Waccamaw.
 The Rev. Paul Trapier Gervais, residing in St. John's, Colleton.
 The Rev. Thomas Gates, D. D. residing in Charleston.
 The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Deacon, Charleston.
 The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Charleston.
 The Rev. George W. Hathaway, Deacon, Minister of St. David's Church, Cheraw.
 The Rev. Paul Trapier Keith, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Princee George's
 parish, Winyaw.
 The Rev. Maurice Harvey Lance, Rector of Princee George's parish, Winyaw.
 The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Rector of St. James's parish, Santee.
 The Rev. Mellish J. Motte, Charleston.
 The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.
 The Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. residing at Rocky Mount.
 The Rev. Edward Neufville, Deacon, Missionary in Princee William's parish and
 the parts adjacent.
 The Rev. Thomas Osborne, Rector of Trinity Church, Edisto, and St. Stephen's,
 Edingsville.
 The Rev. Edward Phillips, Domestic Missionary, and Minister of St. Stephen's
 (a free Episcopal) Chapel, Charleston.
 The Rev. Milward Pogson, residing in Charleston.
 The Rev. Francis Huger Rutledge, Rector of the parish of St. Thomas and St.
 Dennis, and of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

List of the Clergy.

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The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's parish, Berkley.
The Rev. Thomas House Taylor, Rector of St. John's parish, Colleton.
The Rev. Edward Thomas, Missionary in Greenville District.
The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector of St. Luke's parish.
The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector of St. Helena parish, Beaufort.
The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon, residing in Columbia.—36.

Georgia.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. of South-Carolina, performing Episcopal offices, according to the canons.
The Rev. Abiel Carter, Rector of Christ Church, Savannah.
The Rev. Lot Jones, Rector of Christ Church, Macon.
The Rev. Hugh Smith, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Augusta.
The Rev. Samuel Strong, Oglethorpe county.—4.

Ohio.

The Right Rev. Philander Chase, D. D. Bishop, and President of the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Ohio, and of Kenyon College, residing in Worthington.
The Rev. Cotesworth P. Bronson, Deacon, Missionary.
The Rev. ——— Freeman, Minister of Trinity Church, Cleveland.
The Rev. John Hall, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Ashtabula.
The Rev. Samuel Johnston, Minister of Christ Church, Cincinnati.
The Rev. Joseph Lanston, residing at Troy.
The Rev. Gideon McMillan, Minister of St. James's Church, Piqua.
The Rev. Intrepid Morse, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Steubenville, and St. James's Church, Cross Creek.
The Rev. William Sparrow, Professor of Languages in Kenyon College.—9.

Mississippi.

The Rev. Adam Cloud, residing in Jefferson county.
The Rev. John W. Cloud, Minister of St. John's, Port-Gibson.
The Rev. James A. Fox, Rector of St. Paul's, Woodville.
The Rev. Albert A. Muller, Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez.
The Rev. James Pitmore, Rector of Christ Church, Jefferson county.—5.