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of the Proceedings of the
Bishops, Clergy, and Laity
of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America
in a General Convention
1829



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OF

THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BISHOPS, CLERGY, AND LAITY

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

United States of America,

IN

A GENERAL CONVENTION,

HELD IN ST. JAMES' CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, FROM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th, TO THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th,
INCLUSIVE, A.D. 1829.



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NOTICE.

The next General Convention will be held in the City of Philadelphia, on the second Wednesday in August, 1829, at 10 o'clock A. M.

LIST
OF THE
ATTENDING MEMBERS.

House of Bishops.

- The Right Rev. William White, D. D. of Pennsylvania, Pre-
siding Bishop.
- The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. of New-York.
- The Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D. of the Eastern
Diocese, comprising the States of Maine, New-Hampshire,
Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode Island.
- The Right Rev. Richard Channing Moore, D. D. of Virginia.
- The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. of New-Jersey.
- The Right Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D. LL. D. of
Connecticut.
- The Right Rev. John Stark Ravenscroft, D. D. of North-Caro-
lina.
- The Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D. of Pennsyl-
vania.
- The Right Rev. William Meade, D. D. of Virginia.



House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

Maine.

The Rev. Norris M. Jones.

New-Hampshire.

The Rev. Charles Burroughs.

Massachusetts.

The Rev. James Morss, D.D. The Rev. Theodore Edson,
The Rev. Alonzo Potter, The Rev. Alfred L. Baury.

Vermont.

The Rev. Abraham Bronson, The Rev. Joel Clapp,
The Rev. Sylvester Nash.

Rhode Island.

The Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, D.D.

Connecticut.

The Rev. Daniel Burhans, The Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton,
The Rev. Francis L. Hawkes, The Rev. Reuben Sherwood.

New-York.

The Rev. David Butler, The Rev. Benjamin T. Onder-
The Rev. Thomas Lyell, D.D. donk, D.D.
The Rev. Henry Anthon

New-Jersey.

The Rev. Chas. H. Wharton, D.D. The Rev. Clarkson Dunn,
The Rev. John Croes, jr. The Rev. Wm. L. Johnson.

Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Jas. Montgomery, D.D. The Rev. Jehu C. Clay,
The Rev. Jackson Kemper, D.D. The Rev. John H. Hopkins.

Delaware.

The Rev. Stephen W. Presstman, The Rev. Daniel Higbee,
The Rev. Isaac Pardee.

Maryland.

The Rev. Wm. E. Wyatt, D.D. The Rev. John Johns,
The Rev. William M. Stone.

Virginia.

The Rev. Edward C. M'Guire, The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet,
The Rev. Reuel Keith, D. D. M. D.
The Rev. Nicholas H. Cobbs.

North Carolina.

The Rev. John Avery, The Rev. Philip Wiley,
The Rev. William Green, The Rev. Charles P. Elliot.

South Carolina.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gads- The Rev. Allston Gibbes,
den, D. D. The Rev. Christian Hanckell.

Georgia.

The Rev. Edward Neufville.

Ohio.

The Rev. John P. Bausman, The Rev. Nathan Stem.

Mississippi.

The Rev. James A. Fox.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Massachusetts.

Edward A. Newton, Esq.

Vermont.

Cyril Fuller.

Rhode Island.

Alexander Jones, Esq. Stephen T. Northam, Esq.
Nathaniel Searle, Esq.

Connecticut.

Fitch W. Taylor.

New-York.

The Hon. James Emott, Stephen Warren, Esq.

*New-Jersey.*Mark W. Collet, Thomas Chapman,
Thomas Sinnickson.*Pennsylvania.*William Meredith, Esq. Edward J. Stiles, Esq.
Horace Binney, Esq. Nathaniel P. Hobart, Esq.*Delaware.*William T. Read, Esq. John Cummins, Esq.
Samuel Paynter, Esq.*Maryland.*Alexander C. McGruder, Esq. Robert H. Goldsborough, Esq.
Samuel J. Donaldson, Esq. Ezekiel F. Chambers, Esq.*Virginia.*Philip Nelson, Esq. Dr. Carter Berkeley,
James M. Garnett, Esq.*North-Carolina.*Edward L. Winslow, James W. Bryan, Esq.
William Norwood Gavin Hogg, Esq.*South-Carolina.*

John Potter, Esq. Philip Tidyman, M. D.

*Georgia.*The Hon. George Jones, Edward F. Campbell,
Dr. J. B. Read, Gerard M'Laughlin.*Mississippi.*

Justin W. Foote.

Kentucky.

John E. Cooke, M. D.

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

Rhode Island.

The Rev. Clement F. Jones.

Connecticut.

The Rev. William Barlow, The Rev. Hector Humphreys,
The Rev. Origen P. Holcomb, The Rev. Henry R. Judah,
The Rev. Horatio Potter.

New-York.

The Rev. John M. Guion, The Rev. Wm. A. Muhlenberg,
The Rev. Edward J. Higbie, The Rev. Samuel Nicols,
The Rev. Ravaud Kearney, The Rev. Addison Searle,
The Rev. Daniel McDonald, D.D. The Rev. Samuel H. Turner,
The Rev. Henry M. Mason, D. D.
The Rev. James Milnor, D. D. The Rev. George Upfold, M.D.
The Rev. David Moore. The Rev. John Wiley, jun.

New-Jersey.

The Rev. Matthew Mathews. The Rev. Simon Wilmer.

Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Jas. Abercrombie, D. D. The Rev. William Bryant,
The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, The Rev. Levi Bull,
The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D. The Rev. John B. Clemson,
The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, The Rev. Pierce Connelly,
The Rev. Samuel Bowman, The Rev. Joab G. Cooper,
The Rev. George Boyd, The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass,
The Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy,
The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson The Rev. John Rodney, jun.
The Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D. The Rev. Edward Rutledge,
The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, The Rev. George Sheets,
The Rev. William C. Meade, The Rev. Samuel Sitegreaves,
The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, The Rev. Benjamin B. Smith,
The Rev. Norman Nash, The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng,
The Rev. Robert Piggot, The Rev. Peter Van Pelt,
The Rev. William H. Rees, The Rev. George Weller,
The Rev. John Reynolds, The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D.
The Rev. Greensbury W. Ridgley The Rev. James Wiltbank.

Maryland.

The Rev. John V. Bartow, The Rev. John P. K. Henshaw,
The Rev. William Hawley, The Rev. Henry V. D. Johns.

Virginia.

The Rev. Caleb J. Good, The Rev. George A. Smith,
The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, The Rev. Andrew Symc.
The Rev. Edward W. Peet,

North-Carolina.

The Rev. John R. Goodman.

JOURNAL

OF THE

House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Philadelphia, August 12, 1829.

THIS being the place and day appointed for the meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, divine service was celebrated in St. James' Church.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Francis L. Hawkes, of Connecticut, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, D. D. LL. D., of the same Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Right Rev. the Senior Bishop, assisted by other Bishops present.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D., was then appointed Chairman pro tem., and the Secretary of the House at the last Convention acted as 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. James Morss, D. D., the Rev. Alonzo Potter, the Rev. Theodore Edson, the Rev. Alfred L. Baur.

From Vermont.—The Rev. Abraham Bronson, the Rev. Joel Clap.

From Rhode Island.—The Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, D. D.

From Connecticut.—The Rev. Daniel Burhans, the Rev. Francis L. Hawkes.

From New-York.—The Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D., the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D., the Rev. Henry Anthon.

From New-Jersey.—The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D., the Rev. John Croes, jun. the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, the Rev. William L. Johnson.

From Pennsylvania.—The Rev. James Montgomery, D. D., the Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., the Rev. John C. Clay, the Rev. John H. Hopkins.

From Delaware.—The Rev. Stephen W. Prossman, the Rev. Daniel Higbee, the Rev. Isaac Pardee.

From Maryland.—The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., the Rev. John Johns, the Rev. William M. Stone.

From Virginia.—The Rev. Edward C. M'Guire, the Rev. Reuel Keith, D. D., the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D., the Rev. Nicholas H. Cobbs.

From North-Carolina.—The Rev. John Avery, the Rev. William M. Green, the Rev. Philip B. Wiley.

From South-Carolina.—The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D., the Rev. Allston Gibbes, the Rev. Christian Hanckel.

From Georgia.—The Rev. Edward Neufville.

From Ohio.—The Rev. John P. Bausman, the Rev. Nathan Stem.

From Mississippi.—The Rev. James A. Fox.

LAY DEPUTIES.

From Vermont.—Cyrill Fuller.

From Rhode Island.—Alexander Jones, Esq.

From Connecticut.—Fitch W. Taylor.

From New-York.—The Hon. James Emott.

From New-Jersey.—Mark W. Collet, Thomas Chapman.

From Pennsylvania.—William Meredith, Esq., Horace Binney, Esq., Edward J. Stiles, Esq., Nathaniel P. Hobart, Esq.

From Delaware.—William T. Read, Esq., John Cummins, Esq., Samuel Paynter, Esq.

From Maryland.—Alexander C. Magruder, Esq., Samuel I. Donaldson, Esq., Robert H. Goldsborough, Esq., Ezekiel F. Chambers, Esq.

From Virginia.—Philip Nelson, Esq., Dr. Carter Berkeley, James M. Garnett, Esq.,

From North-Carolina.—Edward L. Winslow.

From South-Carolina.—John Potter, Esq., Philip Tidyman, M. D.

From Georgia.—The Hon. George Jones, Dr. J. B. Read, Edward F. Campbell, Gerard M'Laughlin.

From Mississippi.—Justin W. Foote.

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

The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D. was chosen President, and the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D. Secretary.

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

The Rev. Mr. Burhans, and Mr. Meredith were appointed.

The House of Bishops returned for answer that they also,

having elected the Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., their Secretary, were organized, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, *resolved*, That the rules of order of the last Convention be adopted for the government of this, and be read.

The rules of order were read accordingly, 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.

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.

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

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; and also for the quota required by a resolution of the Convention of 1823, towards the expenses of the Convention.

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

The Rev. Dr. Montgomery, Mr. Magruder, and Mr. Hobart, were appointed.

On motion, *resolved*, That the President appoint, at his leisure, a Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary, and another on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Resolved, That this House will meet daily at 9 o'clock A. M., and commence business with the Morning Prayer, and adjourn at 3 o'clock, P. M.; and that information of this be sent to the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, That seats be provided for the Right Rev. the Bishops, when they shall choose to attend the deliberations of this House; and that information hereof be sent to the House of Bishops.

Resolved, That a list of the members of this House be printed for the use of the House.

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Thursday, August 13, 1829.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D., of New-York.

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

From Maine.—The Rev. Norris M. Jones.

From New-Hampshire.—The Rev. Charles Burroughs.

From Massachusetts.—Edward A. Newton, Esq.

From Connecticut.—The Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton, the Rev. Reuben Sherwood.

From New-Jersey.—Thomas Sinnickson.

From North-Carolina.—The Rev. Charles P. Elliot, William Norwood.

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

Agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, the Secretary appointed the Rev. Wm. C. Meade, Assistant Secretary.

A Journal of a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Tennessee was laid before the House, with a request that the said Church be received into union with this Convention.

Resolved, That the said Journal be referred to a committee.

The Rev. Mr. Pressman, the Rev. Dr. Keith, and Mr. Winslow, were appointed.

The following documents relative to the election of the Rev. William Meade, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, were received.

Extracts from a printed "Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, which assembled in the town of Charlottesville, on Wednesday, the 20th day of May, 1829."

"Mr. Hugh Nelson offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid upon the table :

"*Resolved*, That this Convention deem it expedient, considering the age and bodily infirmity of our most venerated Bishop, to proceed to the election of an Assistant Bishop, who is not to be considered as entitled to the succession ; but that it shall be the right and duty of the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, on the demise of our venerated Bishop, to proceed to the election of a principal Bishop, as a successor to the said deceased Bishop."

"The Convention then proceeded, on motion, to the consideration of the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Hugh Nelson, and on the question being taken, the same was carried in the affirmative.

"**AYES.**—The Rev. Ebenezer Boyden, Nicholas H. Cobbs, John Cole, John Cooke, Henry W. Ducachet, Zachariah H. Goldsmith, John Grammer, Caleb J. Good, Johannes Edward Jackson, William Jackson, Thomas Jackson, William G. H. Jones, Reuel Keith, George Lemmon, William F. Lee, Edward C. M'Guire, John P. M'Guire, John Philips, George A. Smith, John H. Wingfield, and Franklin G. Smith.—Messrs. Thomas Marshall, Hector Harris, John H. Hill, William H. Thompson, Carter Berkeley, Junius A. Clay, Philip A. Bolling, Thomas Nelson, Obed Waite, Philip Nelson, Edward B. Withers, Westwood S. Armistead, Thurmer Hoggard, Hugh Nelson, John

Nelson, William Bolling, John Gray, William Mayo, Seth Ward, Parke F. Berkeley, John Stuart, Isaac Winston, Richard S. Ellis, Gerard Alexander, John L. Thomas, Benjamin B. Taliaferro, Henry Clagget, George W. Rothrock, and Francis J. Wiatt.—50.

“NOES.—The Rev. Robert B. Croes, Charles Dresser, James Doughen, Adam Empie, Frederick W. Hatch, Nahum G. Osgood, and Charles H. Page.—Messrs. Thomas Withers, jun., E. A. Morrison, John G. Williams, Walter W. Webb, Edmund I. Lee, and Peter M’Vickar.—13.

“The Convention then proceeded, agreeably to the resolution last adopted and the 5th article of the Constitution, to the election of an Assistant Bishop, after secret prayer to God.

“The Clergy then proceeded to nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and on counting the ballots, there were found twenty-five votes in favour of the Rev. William Meade, D. D. and two blank ballots, so that the Rev. William Meade, D. D. was declared to be duly nominated and appointed by the Clergy; and then the said appointment was presented to the order of the Lay Delegates, and upon a ballot being taken among them, there were found in favour of the Rev. William Meade, D. D. thirty-six votes, being the whole number of votes given in, and thereupon the Rev. William Meade, D. D. was declared to be duly elected.

“On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to announce to the Rev. Dr. Meade, his election to the office of Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, and thereupon the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet and Mr. Hugh Nelson, were appointed.

“The Committee then retired, and after some time returned, and reported that the Rev. Dr. Meade had consented to accept the office.”

Certificate from the Chairman pro tem. of the above Convention.

“This is to certify, that at the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, held at Charlottesville, on the 20th of May, 1829, the Rev. William Meade, D. D. was duly elected Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

“EDWARD C. M’GUIRE,

Chairman pro tem. of the Convention.

“*Philadelphia, August 13, 1829.*”

Certificate from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Moore.

“This is to certify, that the Rev. William Meade, D. D. was duly elected to the office of Assistant or Suffragan Bishop, of

the Diocese of Virginia, at a Convention of the Church, held in Charlottesville, in the month of May last past; at which time he obtained the vote of the whole Convention, two votes only excepted.

“RICHARD CHANNING MOORE,

“*Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia.*

“*Philadelphia, August 13, 1829.*”

On motion, resolved that the above documents be referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, Col. Chambers, and Mr. Binney.

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

On the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, The Rev. Mr. Potter, the Rev. Mr. Hawkes, the Rev. Dr. Lyell, Mr. Meredith, and Mr. Newton.

On the General Theological Seminary, The Rev. Mr. Gibbes, the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Dr. Montgomery, Mr. Meredith, and Col. Chambers.

A communication was received from the House of Bishops, accompanying certain documents respecting the Church of Denmark; and proposing a mode of preserving the said documents for the future order of the Convention. Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House concur with the House of Bishops in the proposed mode of preserving the said documents.

The Committee on unfinished business submitted 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 following matters recorded therein remain unfinished:

1. The fourth resolution upon the report of the Committee on Psalms and Hymns, originating in the House of Bishops, and concurred in by this House, which resolution is in these words:—

“*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.” *Vide* pp. 64. 80, of the last Journal.

2. The resolutions received from the House of Bishops on the subject of certain changes in the order for reading the Psalter and Lessons, in the office of Confirmation, and in the rubric at the end of the Communion service, and concurred in by this House. *Vide* pp. 65. 76.

3. The business committed to a joint Committee, relative to

Seminaries of Learning, &c., which Committee, by a concurrent vote of the two Houses, was continued *Vide* p. 66.

4. A resolution, relative to the establishment of a General Tract Society, which contemplates a report at this Convention. *Vide* p. 66.

5. A resolution, creating a joint Committee of this House and the House of Bishops, for the purpose of revising the Canons of this Church, &c., and requiring a report to this Convention. *Vide* p. 66.

6. A resolution relative to an alteration of 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 officers of the Church."

JAMES MONTGOMERY,
ALEXANDER C. MAGRUDER, } Committee.
NATH. P. HOBART,

Philadelphia, August 13, 1829.

Agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, the Delegates from the several Dioceses were called on to report what documents they had to present agreeably to the 45th Canon of 1808, and to lay the same on the Secretary's table.

The Committee on the state of the Church was then appointed, agreeably to the 45th Canon of 1808; as follows:—

The Rev. Mr. Jones, *of Maine,*
The Rev. Mr. Burroughs, *of New-Hampshire,*
The Rev. Mr. Edson, *of Massachusetts,*
The Rev. Mr. Bronson, *of Vermont,*
The Rev. Dr. Crocker, *of Rhode Island,*
The Rev. Mr. Burhans, *of Connecticut,*
The Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, *of New-York,*
The Rev. Mr. Croes, *of New-Jersey,*
The Rev. Mr. Hopkins, *of Pennsylvania,*
The Rev. Mr. Pressman, *of Delaware,*
The Rev. Mr. Stone, *of Maryland,*
The Rev. Dr. Ducachet, *of Virginia,*
The Rev. Mr. Green, *of North-Carolina,*
The Rev. Mr. Hanckel, *of South Carolina,*
The Rev. Mr. Neufville, *of Georgia.*
The Rev. Mr. Bausman, *of Ohio.*
The Rev. Mr. Fox, *of Mississippi.*

A communication was received from the Trustees of the New-York Protestant Episcopal Press. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in future, have the Journals of the General

Convention, the Pastoral Letters of the House of Bishops, &c. printed at the New-York Protestant Episcopal Press, provided said press will do the work on as reasonable terms as any other; and that the Secretary, in future, be careful to have the Journals printed in a type of a uniform character, and on paper of a uniform size, in order that they may be bound together.

Resolved, That the delegates from each Diocese shall be, tomorrow, called on to lay before this House, the certificate required by a resolution of the General Convention of 1823, "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 Seminary.

The Secretary submitted a report relative to his receipts and expenditures on account of the Conventional Fund, and an account of Messrs. T. & J. Swords, of New-York, against the Convention, for printing, &c.

On motion, the Secretary's report, and the account of the Messrs. Swords, were referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Cummins, Mr. A. Jones, and Mr. Chapman.

The following resolution was then proposed:—

Resolved, That with the consent of the House of Bishops, the next meeting of the Convention be held in the city of Philadelphia, on the third Wednesday in October, 1832.

The above resolution was, on motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Croes, the Rev. Mr. Wheaton, and Mr. Goldsborough.

The Triennial Report of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society was received from the House of Bishops, and referred to the Standing Committee on the said Society.

The Report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary was received from the House of Bishops, read, and referred to the Standing Committee on the said Seminary.

Agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, the Delegates from the several Dioceses were called on for the quotas of their respective Dioceses to the Conventional Fund, agreeably to the resolution of the Convention of 1823.

A resolution was then offered that the House of Bishops be requested to appoint a Committee of their House, to confer with the Committee of this House, on the subject of the documents respecting the election of an Assistant Bishop of Virginia.

Resolved, That the consideration of the above resolution be postponed, for the purpose of considering the following:—

Resolved, That two members be added to the Committee of this House, on the documents respecting the election of an Assistant Bishop of Virginia.

The consideration was postponed accordingly, and the proposed substitute passed.

The Rev. Mr. M'Guire and the Rev. Mr. Johns were appointed accordingly.

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The House adjourned.

Friday, August, 14, 1829.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Henry W. Duchacet, M. D. of Virginia.

The following gentlemen, having produced testimonials of their respective appointments, appeared and took their seats:—

From New-York, The Rev. David Butler, Stephen Warren, Esq.

From North-Carolina, James W. Bryan, Esq.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered yesterday, respecting the time and place of the meeting of the next Convention, reported a resolution, that with the consent of the House of Bishops, the next Convention shall meet on the second Wednesday in October, 1832, in the city of New-York.

A division of the resolution being called for, the vote was taken on the proposed time of meeting, and the same was adopted; and then on the proposed place, which was also adopted.

The above decision was sent to the House of Bishops.

The Committee to whom was referred the document and application from the Church in the State of Tennessee, made the following Report:—

“The Committee appointed to consider the application of the Church in Tennessee to be admitted into union with this Convention; beg leave respectfully to report—

“That they have had the same under their consideration, and that from a copy of the Journal of a Convention held by the Churches in that State, which they have examined, they find that, by the second article of their Constitution, the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America

is acceded to and adopted, and its authority fully recognized and acknowledged by them. They therefore submit the following resolution—*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, that the Church in the State of Tennessee be admitted into union with the General Convention,

“S. W. PRESSTMAN, *Chairman of the Committee.*”

The report was accepted, and the accompanying resolution passed, and sent to the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Articles of the Constitution of this Church, and the Canons of the same, which relate to the election, consecration, and duties of Bishops, be printed for the use of this House.

A Report was received from the joint Committee on the Canons, appointed by the last Convention, as follows:—

“The joint Committee on the Canons beg leave to state to the House of Bishops, and to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in General Convention, that previous to the present Session of the Convention, they made several efforts to perform the important duty assigned to them; but owing to the residence of the members of the Committee in four different States, and the inability of forming a quorum without the presence of members who reside in three of them, they have made but little progress until the present Convention. Having now devoted themselves assiduously for several days to the duty, and perceiving from what remains to be done, that there will not be sufficient time for the consideration of their report, even if it should be completed in the course of the session, they think it expedient to ask for a continuance of their power until the next General Convention, and for authority to give such publicity to their Report, if finished before that time, as will enable the deputies to that Convention to come prepared for its consideration at the opening of the session.

“It is nevertheless the purpose of the Committee, in case their request be granted, to avail themselves of the quorum now present, to complete, as far as practicable, the difficult and responsible duty committed to them. They, therefore, request the House of Bishops, and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to adopt the following resolution:—

“*Resolved*, That the joint Committee appointed to revise the Canons of the Church, be continued until the next General Convention, and that they be authorized to give such publicity to their revision of the Canons, if completed before that time, as they may deem expedient for the information of the Church.

account of the Messrs. T. & J. Swords, submitted a Report, which, on motion, was referred back to the same Committee, with instructions to report what Dioceses (if any) have not paid their respective quotas at former Conventions; and to recommend a proper mode of raising funds for paying the remaining debt of the Convention.

The Journal of the proceedings of the first Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Kentucky, with a request for the said Church to be received into union with this Convention, was received, and referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Mr. Burhans, the Rev. Mr. Edson, and Mr. Foote.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating their concurrence with this House in passing the resolution attached to the Report of the joint Committee on the Canons.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating their concurrence with this House in receiving the Church in the State of Tennessee into union with the Convention; and containing a recommendation to the Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee to repeal a portion of one of their Canons.

Resolved, That the above communication from the Bishops lie upon the table.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously passed:—

Whereas, since the last meeting of this Convention, by the inscrutable dispensation of Providence, the Rev. William H. Wilmer, D. D. has been removed from a scene of wide and increasing usefulness; and whereas, considering the relation in which the deceased for many years stood to this House, it is becoming that a suitable notice of this lamented event should appear on its Journal; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary record on the minutes of the meeting of this day an expression of the great respect entertained by this House for the memory of the deceased; and more especially the recollection cherished by many of its members of the candor, urbanity, impartiality, and ability, with which he fulfilled the duties of its presiding officer for several successive sessions.

The following resolution was also unanimously passed:—

Resolved, That this House have heard with profound gratitude to the Almighty, who overruleth all events, and with lively satisfaction, of the munificent bequests of the late Frederick Kohne, Esq. in favour of several general institutions of our Church, and that they entertain the opinion, that by those

deeds he has reflected honour on his native and adopted country, and on the Church of which he was a member.

On motion, *resolved*, that so much of the Report of the Committee on unfinished business as relates to the resolution of the last Convention respecting an alteration of the eighth Article of the Constitution, be now taken up for consideration. Whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that this Convention agree to and ratify the alteration of the eighth Article of the Constitution, proposed by the last Convention.

The foregoing was sent to the House of Bishops.

A resolution was received from the House of Bishops, that under existing circumstances it is not expedient to adopt the proposed resolutions relative to the Liturgy and office of Confirmation, and that they are, therefore, dismissed from the consideration of the Convention.

On motion, this House concurred in the above resolution; and notice was accordingly sent to the House of Bishops.

The Report of the Committee on the documents relative to the election of an Assistant Bishop of Virginia, was, on motion, taken up, and read.

The following resolutions, proposed as a substitute for that contained in the Report, were then offered, seconded, and considered :—

Resolved, That the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, being satisfied as to the pious and moral qualifications of the Rev. Wm. Meade, and of his soundness in the faith, and of his sufficiency in good learning for the office of Bishop in this Church, are ready to proceed to sign the testimonial required by the Canon of the Church, first declaring,

That as an important principle of Ecclesiastical policy has been blended with the election of the Rev. William Meade as the Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Virginia, by a resolution of the Virginia Convention, passed at the session of his election, in the following words, viz. ‘ *Resolved*, that this Convention deem it expedient, considering the age and bodily infirmity of our most venerated Bishop, to proceed to the election of an Assistant Bishop, who is not to be considered as entitled to the succession; but that it shall be the right and duty of the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, on the demise of our venerated Bishop, to proceed to the election of a principal Bishop as a successor to the said deceased Bishop.’ Therefore resolved, that this House deem the principle contained in the said resolution in relation to the “succession of the Bishop elect,” and to the “right and duty of the Virginia Convention on the

demise of the present Bishop, to proceed to the election of a principal Bishop, as a successor to the said deceased Bishop," is highly inexpedient and wholly inadmissible.

Resolved, That with the expression of this opinion, this House will proceed to sign the canonical testimonial of the Rev. William Meade, Assistant Bishop elect in the Diocese of Virginia, which testimonial, accompanied by the foregoing resolutions, shall be sent to the House of Bishops.

A resolution was then offered and seconded, that the consideration of the above subject be postponed, for the purpose of introducing the following:—

Whereas, the condition attached to the resolution of the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, under which the Rev. Dr. Meade has been elected Assistant Bishop of the said Diocese, whereby his jurisdiction is made dependent on the life of the present Diocesan, is deemed by a majority of this House a constitutional impediment, on account of which his consecration ought not to take place:

And whereas, this House has full confidence in the qualifications of the Rev. Dr. Meade for the Episcopal office, and is very anxious that no unnecessary delay should take place in the very desirable event of his consecration; therefore,

Resolved, That this House will proceed to sign the testimonial in his behalf required by the third Canon of 1808, first declaring, that to the clause of the said testimonial, "that we do not know or believe there is any impediment, on account of which he ought not to be consecrated," the majority of its members expressly attach the exception, that the above mentioned condition is considered as a constitutional impediment to the consecration.

Resolved, That the testimonial, thus signed, together with this preamble, and these resolutions, be sent to the House of Bishops, with the respectful request that the presiding Bishop preserve the said testimonial, to be used as a testimonial in full, and without qualification, whenever the said presiding Bishop shall have satisfactory evidence that the Convention of Virginia have resolved that the Assistant Bishop shall succeed the Diocesan in case of survivorship.

Resolved, That an attested copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be sent to the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, and another to the secretary of the Convention of that Diocese.

The House then adjourned.

Monday, August 17, 1829.

The House met.

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

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

The resolution offered on Saturday to postpone the consideration of the substitute offered for the resolution reported by the Committee on the subject of the election of an Assistant Bishop for Virginia, was called up and considered. The ayes and noes being called for, they were taken as follows :—

Ayes. The Rev. Mr. Butler, the Rev. Dr. Lyell, the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, the Rev. Mr. Anthon, the Rev. Mr. Croes, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, the Rev. Dr. Montgomery, the Rev. Mr. Clay, the Rev. Mr. Presstman, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, the Rev. Mr. Stone, Mr. Collet, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Binney, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Hobart, Mr. Read, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Potter, Dr. Read, Mr. Campbell, Mr. M'Laughlin, Mr. Foote.
—25.

Noes. The Rev. Mr. Jones, the Rev. Mr. Burroughs, the Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Potter, the Rev. Mr. Edson, the Rev. Mr. Baury, the Rev. Mr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Clap, the Rev. Mr. Nash, the Rev. Dr. Crocker, the Rev. Mr. Burbans, the Rev. Mr. Hawkes, the Rev. Mr. Sherwood, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, the Rev. Dr. Kemper, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, the Rev. Mr. Pardee, the Rev. Mr. Johns, the Rev. Dr. Keith, the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, the Rev. Mr. Cobbs, the Rev. Mr. Avery, the Rev. Mr. Green, the Rev. Mr. Wiley, the Rev. Mr. Elliot, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, the Rev. Mr. Neufville, the Rev. Mr. Bausman, the Rev. Mr. Stem, the Rev. Mr. Fox, Mr. Newton, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Jones, Mr. Scarle, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Emott, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cummins, Mr. Paynter, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Nelson, Dr. Berkeley, Mr. Garnett, Mr. Winslow, Mr. Norwood, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Hogg, Dr. Tidyman, Dr. Jones.—51.

And so the resolution to postpone, was lost.

The question was then put on considering the substitute proposed for the resolution reported by the Committee; and the ayes and noes being called for, stood as follows :—

Ayes. The Rev. Mr. Jones, the Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Potter, the Rev. Mr. Edson, the Rev. Mr. Baury, the Rev. Mr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Clap, the Rev. Mr. Nash, the Rev. Dr. Crocker, the Rev. Mr. Butler, the Rev. Dr. Kemper, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, the Rev. Mr. Pardee, the Rev. Mr. Johns, the Rev. Mr. M'Guire, the Rev. Dr. Keith, the Rev. Dr. Du-

cachet, the Rev. Mr. Cobbs, the Rev. Mr. Avery, the Rev. Mr. Green, the Rev. Mr. Wiley, the Rev. Mr. Elliot, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, the Rev. Mr. Neufville, the Rev. Mr. Bausman, the Rev. Mr. Stem, the Rev. Mr. Fox, Mr. Newton, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Jones, Mr. Searle, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Emott, Mr. Cummins, Mr. Paynter, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Nelson, Dr. Berkeley, Mr. Garnett, Mr. Winslow, Mr. Norwood, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Hogg, Dr. Tidyman, Dr. Jones, Dr. Read.—48.

Noes. The Rev. Mr. Burroughs, the Rev. Mr. Burhans, the Rev. Mr. Hawkes, the Rev. Mr. Sherwood, the Rev. Dr. Lyell, the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, the Rev. Mr. Anthon, the Rev. Mr. Croes, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, the Rev. Dr. Montgomery, the Rev. Mr. Clay, the Rev. Mr. Presstman, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, the Rev. Mr. Stone, Mr. Collet, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Binney, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Hobart, Mr. Read, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Potter, Mr. Campbell, Mr. M'Laughlin, Mr. Foote.—29.

And so it was determined that the House would consider the substitute offered for the resolution reported by the Committee.

After considering the same, the vote was put on adopting the said substitute; and the ayes and noes being called for, they were as follows:—

Ayes. The Rev. Mr. Jones, the Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Potter, the Rev. Mr. Edson, the Rev. Mr. Baurly, the Rev. Mr. Bronson, the Rev. Mr. Clap, the Rev. Mr. Nash, the Rev. Dr. Crocker, the Rev. Dr. Kemper, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, the Rev. Mr. Pardee, the Rev. Mr. Johns, the Rev. Mr. M'Guire, the Rev. Dr. Keith, the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, the Rev. Mr. Cobbs, the Rev. Mr. Avery, the Rev. Mr. Green, the Rev. Mr. Wiley, the Rev. Mr. Elliot, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, the Rev. Mr. Neufville, the Rev. Mr. Bausman, the Rev. Mr. Stem, the Rev. Mr. Fox, Mr. Newton, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Jones, Mr. Searle, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Emott, Mr. Cummins, Mr. Paynter, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Nelson, Dr. Berkeley, Mr. Garnett, Mr. Winslow, Mr. Norwood, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Hogg, Dr. Tidyman, Dr. Jones, Dr. Read.—47.

Noes. The Rev. Mr. Burroughs, the Rev. Mr. Burhans, the Rev. Mr. Hawkes, the Rev. Mr. Sherwood, the Rev. Mr. Butler, the Rev. Dr. Lyell, the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, the Rev. Mr. Anthon, the Rev. Mr. Croes, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, the Rev. Dr. Montgomery, the Rev. Mr. Clay, the Rev. Mr. Presstman, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, the Rev. Mr. Stone, Mr. Collet, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Binney, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Hobart, Mr. Read, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Donaldson,

Mr. Chambers, Mr. Potter, Mr. Campbell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Foote.—30.

And so the House agreed to adopt the substitute for the resolution reported by the Committee.

The canonical testimonial in favour of the Rev. William Meade, D. D. Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Virginia, was then signed by a majority of the House, and sent, with the documents relating to his election, to the House of Bishops.

The following resolution was adopted:—*Resolved*, that the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to consider the expediency of setting forth a prayer, and if they deem it expedient, to prepare such a prayer, to be set forth for use in our churches, as an act of intercession in behalf of the General Convention, during the meetings of the same.*

A resolution respecting the deficiency in the number of the clergy, was offered, and referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, and the Rev. Mr. Gibbes.

Leave of absence, for the remainder of the session, was granted to the Rev. Mr. Higbie, and the Rev. Dr. Crocker.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating their concurrence in agreeing to and ratifying the proposed amendment of the eighth Article of the Constitution, by adding the words *or the articles of religion* after the words "other offices of the Church."

The article, therefore, is altered accordingly.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating certain proposed alterations to the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, which had been agreed to by that House.

The message was referred to the Committee on the Society.

A report, in part, was received from the joint Committee on Canons, which was ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

The following report was made by the Committee to whom was referred the Journal of the Convention of the Church in Kentucky:—

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

That they have had the same under consideration, and that from a Journal of a Convention, held by the Churches in that State, which they have examined, they find, that by the third Article of their Constitution, the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal

* Through inadvertence, the above resolution was not sent to the House of Bishops.

Church in the United States of America, is acceded to and adopted, and its authority fully recognized and acknowledged by said Church in Kentucky. They therefore submit the following Resolution :—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that the Church in the State of Kentucky, be admitted into union with the General Convention.

DANIEL BURHANS, *Chairman*.

On motion, the House agreed to the resolution admitting the Diocese of Kentucky into union with this Convention ; and the resolution was sent to the House of Bishops for their concurrence.

Leave of absence, on account of sickness in his family, was granted, for the remainder of the session, to the Rev. Dr. Keith.

On motion, *resolved*, that the House will not grant leave of absence to any member, except for satisfactory reasons, stated to the House, and entered on the minutes.

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, August 18, 1829.

The House met.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Theodore Edson, of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom were referred the Secretary's report of receipts and expenditures, and the account of Messrs. T. & J. Swords, presented the following report :—

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

That the expenses incurred under the direction of the Convention of 1826, were,

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| For printing Bishop Bowen's Sermon, - - - | \$42 66 |
| For printing done by Atkins and Alexander, - - - | 3 75 |
| For printing Pastoral Letter, and paper, - - - | 42 00 |
| For printing Journal of the General Convention, 2000 copies, and paper, - - - - - | 274 32 |
| For printing Circulars to the Secretaries of Conventions, - - - | 3 88 |
| For printing notices respecting postage of Journal, - - - | 2 00 |
| For transcribing in minute book the proceedings of Convention of 1826, - - - - - | 30 00 |
| For printing by William Stavely, - - - - - | 15 50 |
| For Stationary from J. Dobson, - - - - - | 3 75 |

Carried up, \$417 86

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| | Brought up, | \$417 86 |
| To the above add balance due to T. & J. Swords on | account allowed by Convention of 1826, - - | 188 20 |
| And for paper, twine, postage, &c. for transporting | Journal for 1823, omitted in former account, - | 3 00 |
| And for do. do. do. for 1826, - | | 3 00 |

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Receipts by the Secretary of this Convention, all of which, by his account, appears to have been appropriated towards paying the expenses.

Through the Rev. Mr. Weller, Assistant Secretary of last Convention,

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| From South Carolina, - - - - | \$27 00 |
| From Virginia, - - - - | 26 00 |
| From Ohio, - - - - | 6 75 |
| From Mississippi, - - - - | 3 00 |
| From North Carolina, for 1823, - - - | 6 00 |
| From Maryland, for 1823, - - - | 37 00 |

Through the Rev. Mr. Rodney, acting Assistant Secretary, from sundry Dioceses, - - - -

From Maryland, for 1826, - - - - 38 00

From John C. Lowber, Esq. part of \$42 75, the quota of Pennsylvania, the balance having been paid for sundry expenses, by the Hymn Committee - - - 15 25

From New-Jersey, - - - - 12 75

From New-York, - - - - 75 00

Balance received from the Rev. Dr. Rudd, late Secretary, - - - - 5 00

278 75

\$333 31

Add interest on a balance of \$81 11, due to T. & J. Swords, from Nov. 15, 1826, to Aug. 11, 1829. 15 38

Balance due from General Convention, \$348 69

The Committee on accounts respectfully report, that there is wanting, for the purpose of satisfying the balance of expenses incurred by the order of former Conventions, the sum of \$348 69, and the Committee recommend, that a request be made of the several State or Diocesan Conventions, to contri-

bute their respective quotas, and in order to the effecting that object, they submit the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Secretary of this House be and he is hereby authorized, to write to the Secretaries of each State or Diocesan Convention, and request that a special assessment of one dollar for each Clergyman be collected, and remitted to said Secretary, for the purpose of paying the debt now due from the General Convention.

The Committee report further, conformably to the resolution referring the accounts back to them, that they have made the necessary examination in order to ascertain which Dioceses have not paid their respective quotas, but were unable to obtain satisfactory information, inasmuch as the receipts from sundry Dioceses have been reported in the account of the Secretary in aggregate.

JOHN CUMMINS,

Chairman of the Committee.

On motion, the House adopted the resolution presented by the Committee.

The Committee to whom was yesterday referred the resolution respecting the deficiency in the number of the Clergy, reported the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, there exists an alarming deficiency in the number of our Clergy, so that many of our congregations are unsupplied, and our Missionary Societies are unable to obtain as many Missionaries as they wish ; therefore,

Resolved, That the House of Bishops be, and they hereby are, respectfully requested, if they deem the measure expedient, to bring this subject, in any way they may think proper, to the view of the members of our Church, urging upon them the especial obligation to assist, by the formation of education societies, or otherwise, pious and indigent candidates for the sacred office ; and also recommending to the Clergy to present the same subject to the consideration of pious parents and youth in their respective congregations.

On motion, the above was adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The Rev. Mr. Burhans applied for, and obtained, leave of absence for the remainder of the session, after to-day, on account of the existence of epidemic disease in his parish.

The communication from the House of Bishops on the subject of receiving the Diocese of Tennessee into union with this Convention, being called up for consideration, it was resolved that this House concur with the House of Bishops in their recommendation relative to one of the Canons of the Convention of that Diocese.

A report was received from the joint Committee to whom was referred, by the last Convention, the subject of procuring a copyright of the Hymns, and sent to the House of Bishops.

A resolution on the same subject was presented, and ordered to lie on the table.

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

Resolved, If the House of Bishops concur, that the joint Committee to obtain a copyright for the Hymns, be authorized, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Psalms and Hymns, to defray the expenses incurred by sundry individuals in publications which have been of essential aid to the Committee on Psalms and Hymns in preparing their reports, and to appropriate the surplus to paying the balance of debt incurred at former meetings of this Convention, and that the said surplus be paid to the Secretary of this House for that purpose.

The report of the joint Committee on the Canons was called up for consideration, and five Canons adopted by this House, and sent to the House of Bishops for their concurrence, with the following titles, viz.

"Of those who have officiated as Ministers among other Denominations of Christians, and apply for Orders in this Church."

"Offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished."

"To govern in the case of a Minister declaring that he will no longer be a Minister of this Church."

"Concerning Ministers removing from one Diocese or State to another."

"Of Assistant Bishops."

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a record of their proceedings relative to the consecration of the Assistant Bishop elect of Virginia.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating their concurrence in the resolution of this House relative to the appropriation of funds in the hands of the Committee holding the copyright of the Hymns, with a proviso in which they requested the concurrence of this House. Whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That this House concur in the above proviso ; and that notice of such concurrence be sent to the House of Bishops.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, on the subject of the resolution sent from this House relative to the deficiency in the number of the clergy.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating their concurrence in the resolution of this House,

admitting the Diocese of Kentucky into union with this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Stone and Mr. Hogg asked for, and obtained, leave of absence for the remainder of the session, on account of illness in their families.

Resolved, That when this House adjourn, it will adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, for the purpose of attending the consecration of the Assistant Bishop elect of Virginia, and to assemble for business immediately after the services connected with that solemnity.

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, August 19, 1829.

The House attended Divine Service in St. James's Church, on occasion of the consecration of the Rev. William Meade, D. D. Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Virginia.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D., of Virginia, and the sermon preached by the Right Rev. the Presiding Bishop; by whom, assisted by the other Bishops present, the consecration was performed.

After the services, the House assembled, and resolved to adjourn until 5 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, August 19, 5 P. M.

The House met.

The minutes of the proceedings on Monday and Tuesday were read and approved.

The following preamble and resolution were passed:—

Whereas, in the celebration of the Communion office there is a variety of posture observed, and it is desirable that uniformity, as far as practicable, should be obtained in this respect. Therefore,

Resolved, That this House do respectfully request of the House of Bishops the expression of their opinion as to the proper postures to be used in the said office, with a view of effecting uniformity in that respect during its celebration.

A report was received from the joint Committee on the Psalms in metre.

A resolution was offered, that the said report be recommitted to the same Committee, with instructions to print and circulate a report at least one year before the meeting of the next General Convention.

A resolution was laid upon the table indefinitely to postpone the consideration of the above resolution.

A Canon "*Respecting Churches in which Divine Service is celebrated in a Foreign Language*," was proposed, and referred to

a Committee consisting of Mr. Meredith, the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, and Mr. Magruder.

The House adjourned.

Thursday, August 20, 1829.

The House met.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. James Morss, D. D., of Massachusetts.

John E. Cooke, M. D., of Kentucky, produced testimonials of his appointment as a Lay Deputy from that Diocese, and took his seat.

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.

MAINE.

It is with great pleasure your Committee is enabled to state, that, through the blessing of Almighty God, the Church, in this portion of the Eastern Diocese, is in a more flourishing condition than at any former period. Since the last meeting of the General Convention in 1826, another Church has been organized, and admitted to a seat in the State Convention, who have erected a commodious edifice for public worship, and who, there is good reason for believing, will continue to persevere as zealously as they have begun. The Rubrics and Canons of the Church are, in general, uniformly complied with. Great attention has been bestowed on the subject of the *religious education of children*; and in no part of the United States are the Sunday Schools better ordered, better conducted, or better attended.

In behalf of *Missions* considerable interest is excited, though the amount contributed for that purpose does not admit of any assistance being afforded to societies beyond the limits of the Diocese. Indeed, were the amount contributed tenfold what, at present, it is, there would be ample employment for the whole of it, in extending the bounds of the Church in this State. No

part of the Union affords a more extensive field for missionary exertion, and none, certainly, more needs assistance. With a population of near 300,000 souls, which is daily increasing, there are, as yet, but *three* organized Episcopal congregations; whereas, were the necessary means afforded, before a twelve-month, double that number could be added to our communion. *This consideration*, it is hoped, will induce some, to whom a gracious Providence has given wealth and abundance, to bestow some portion of it, in promoting the cause of their Redeemer and benefactor, in this distant region.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

There are eight Episcopal churches in this State. Two are in Claremont; the rest are in the towns of Portsmouth, Hopkinton, Holderness, Cornish, Charleston, and Drewsville. There are five Presbyters in the State, the Rev. Messrs. Charles Burroughs, Moses B. Chase, Robert Fowle, James B. Howe, George Leonard; and four Deacons, the Rev. Messrs. Edward Ballard, Orange Clark, Benjamin Hale, and Robert Mead. Mr. Ballard officiates at Drewsville and Charleston; Mr. Hale is Professor of Chemistry, &c., at Dartmouth College, Hanover; Mr. Clark has at present no parish; Mr. Mead, it is said, resides in Walpole, but for many years has neglected to discharge any ministerial functions; Mr. Enoch Hale is a candidate for Orders, and proposes to reside at Great Falls, and occasionally to read prayers to a few Episcopalians of that place. Since the last Convention a beautiful and commodious church has been built at Hopkinton. In consequence of the omission of returns from some of the parishes, a correct return of parochial reports cannot be furnished.

Within the past year, it has pleased God to remove by death the Rev. George Richardson, who was a man of much piety and usefulness. Sunday Schools are established in almost every Church. A general interest is felt in the General Missionary Society of the Church. Two societies, auxiliary to the one last mentioned, have been formed in St. John's Church, Portsmouth; and a Female Missionary Society has been established at Hopkinton. Strict attention is paid in the State to the regulations and rubrics of the Church.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We are happy to record the blessing of God on this portion of his vineyard, manifested in the continuance and gradual in-

crease of that prosperity with which this Church has been favoured for several years past.

The present number of Clergy is thirty-one. The following persons have been ordained Deacons, viz.:—James M. Tappan, Henry C. Knight, William Horton, George F. Haskins, Joseph H. Price, James Everett, and James H. Tyng.

The Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker, the Rev. Eleazar M. P. Wells, the Rev. Thomas W. Coit, the Rev. William Crosswell, the Rev. Daniel Le Baron Goodwin, and the Rev. James Everett, have been ordained Priests. The Rev. George W. Doane, the Rev. William Crosswell, the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, the Rev. John West, the Rev. Lott Jones, and the Rev. Sturges Gilbert, have been received into the State. And the Rev. Southerland Douglas, the Rev. George Griswold, the Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott, the Rev. Henry C. Knight, and the Rev. James M. Tappan, have removed from it.

The Rev. George Otis, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, has departed this life. The vacancy occasioned by this afflicting dispensation of Divine Providence has been filled by the removal of the Rev. Thomas W. Coit from the rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Salem, to that of Christ Church, Cambridge, into which he has been recently instituted. The Rev. William Crosswell has been instituted Rector of Christ Church, Boston, rendered vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Eaton. The Rev. George W. Doane has become the assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston.

The number of congregations has increased since the last General Convention, and is now twenty-eight. Four new Churches have been consecrated—one in Marshfield, one in Ashfield, one in Sutton, and one in Taunton. In Boston, Northampton, Blandford, Otis, and Vandeusenville, respectively, houses of worship have been commenced, and some of them are nearly completed. The number of baptisms reported is 823. Confirmations 229. Communicants 1415.

By a comparison of parochial reports from year to year, we observe, with devout gratitude to Almighty God, a very gradual but regular increase and advancement of the Church in this State. Since the last General Convention, the number of congregations, ministers, baptisms, confirmations, and communicants, has increased, if not with so much rapidity as could have been wished, yet with such constant growth as to indicate to the mind of the grateful believer, the continual dew of the divine blessing.

The amount of Missionary exertions, which we consider as some criterion of the state of religion, has been much greater since the last General Convention than at any former period.

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| The receipts of the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, from June 1826 to June 1827, | | |
| amount to, | - - - - - | \$ 771 10 |
| From June 1827 to June 1828, | - - - - - | 1675 19 |
| From June 1828 to June 1829 | - - - - - | 1604 54 |
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| Money paid to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and to other general Missionary objects connected with the Church, | | |
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We cannot but express the hope that these exertions may be still increased, until the Church in Massachusetts shall sustain her full share of the enterprize of sending the Gospel to every creature

In the county of Berkshire a Missionary has been employed by the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society with very satisfactory results. A new congregation has been organized at Otis, which gives promise of being a valuable acquisition to the Church. In Lenox the Church is in a prosperous and growing condition, and in Blandford the hopes of Episcopalians are revived. In other parts of the state efficient missionaries are employed with encouraging prospects.

In Taunton a Church, which had been planted previous to the revolution by missionaries of the Society for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts, and had since become nearly extinct, has been revived; a congregation has been gathered, a commodious church has been erected, and a useful minister is now employed there with good hope of success. It is believed that the Church, by suitable endeavours, might be revived in other places.

We cannot but observe, however, the great want of Clergymen for this kind of service. The harvest is great. The field is extensive and hopeful. But the want of labourers is painfully felt. There are not less than seven feeble parishes where missionaries might be advantageously employed; besides other places in the State where the services of an Episcopal Clergyman would be well received, if they could be obtained. There is only one candidate for the ministry in the State. A source of supply which has long been found to be insufficient, is becoming less and less so. While the field is widely extending itself before us, it is truly painful to observe, that the supply of labourers is diminishing.

A State Sunday School Union Society has been formed auxiliary to the General Union, and has been more than a year in operation. The parochial reports exhibit a flourishing condition of our Sunday Schools generally. Classes for Biblical instruction have been formed in most of the parishes, and appear to have been attended with a divine blessing to the Church. It is believed that the interest of vital religion is advancing, and that an increase of devotional spirit is manifest in a growing attachment and careful adherence to the services and institutions of the Church.

VERMONT.

The situation of the Church in this state, has not materially varied within the last three years. Four have, at different times, been added to the list of Clergy; but five have removed; so that the number is reduced from ten to nine. The number of Parishes is about the same. Two new church edifices have been built, one at Middlebury, and the other at Woodstock; and preparations are going on for building one at Arlington. Some of the Parishes have been much weakened by removals, as well as by the common dispensations of Providence; but yet, the number of communicants remains about the same, somewhat more than 800. Libraries have recently been formed in some of the Parishes, in conformity with a recommendation of the State Convention; and Sunday Schools are in operation wherever the churches are supplied with clergymen; some of them connected with the general Union, and some of them furnished with considerable libraries. There are two candidates for the ministry belonging to this state; and several others in a course of education for the sacred office. One person has been ordained Deacon, and five have been ordained Priests, within the last three years.

Respecting the lands belonging to the Society for propagating the Gospel, it is considered that all the material points of law have been settled in favour of the church; but still there are some suits in court, which occasion considerable expense, and prevent the occupation of a portion of the lands. Some assistance, however, has been afforded to each of the Parishes for the last year. There is a Missionary Society in this state.

Baptisms reported in three years,—adults 63; children 163; marriages 127; funerals 160.

RHODE ISLAND.

It appears that the Church in this state continues to flourish. By the blessing of God upon the regular and rubical use of her

evangelical services, and the faithful preaching of the Gospel, she is gradually adding to her numbers, and growing in the affections of the people. Two Parishes have been organized, and received as members of the Convention within a year, under circumstances of good promise to the best interests of the community. A feeling favourable to the religious education of children pervades almost all classes of people in this portion of the Eastern Diocese. They contribute freely to the support, and gladly put their children under the influence of, Sunday School instruction. Very little has been done in behalf of missions, except by St. Michael's Church, in Bristol, of which the Bishop is Rector. But it may be hoped, from the zeal in relation to this subject, which was manifested by the members of the last State Convention, and the measures they adopted, that the time is not distant, when the spirit of missions will be so identified with the spirit of Christianity, as to produce results of some importance, to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

CONNECTICUT.

The number of Clergymen in this Diocese, at the Convention in June last, was 59 ; and the number of Parishes 78.

Since the last Triennial Convention, ten Presbyters and ten Deacons have been ordained ; and seven hundred and eighty-four have received the rite of confirmation. The present number of candidates for holy orders is 12. There has been a respectable increase in the number of communicants ; but the imperfect returns exhibited in the parochial reports, render it impossible to state the exact amount of that increase. Sunday Schools have been organized in nearly all the parishes in the Diocese. They are, for the most part, in a very flourishing condition, and are in connexion with the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, whose system of instruction is generally adopted.

The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese, continues to give assistance to a few Missionaries, who are usefully employed in building up decayed parishes, and forming new congregations, in various parts of the Diocese.

The cause of missions, domestic and foreign, is assuming more and more the importance it deserves, in the estimation of the Episcopalians of Connecticut ; and a general conviction exists, that it is closely identified with the prosperity of the church at home, and the increase of individual piety. Some of the congregations have set a noble example of Christian liberality to-

wards this object ; and from no quarter do the friends of missions meet with any thing deserving the name of opposition.

The destitution of the means of religious instruction in the colony at Liberia, led to a correspondence between some of the clergy of this and the neighbouring Dioceses ; which resulted in the establishment of an **AFRICAN MISSION SCHOOL**, in the city of Hartford, in the autumn of 1828. The object of this institution is, to prepare young men of colour for usefulness in the colony, in the capacity of Missionaries, Catechists, and Schoolmasters. No sooner was the institution made public, than liberal contributions from various quarters showed how deep an interest was taken in the prosperity of the scheme. The only embarrassment hitherto experienced, has arisen from the scarcity of suitable candidates for admission into the school ; a circumstance easily explained, by the difficulty of making the intelligence known among the people of colour. The present number of pupils is four, one of whom is a graduate of Amherst College. On leaving the school, the pupils are to be placed at the disposal of the Domestic and Foreign Church Missionary Society.

The establishment of Washington College, of which a statement was given in the last Triennial Report, was an event of the highest importance to the Church. To the liberality of the Episcopalians of Connecticut ; and more particularly, to the exertions and sacrifices of the city of Hartford, is this institution indebted for its endowment. Its progress hitherto has been fully equal to the expectations of its friends. At its third annual Commencement, on the first Thursday in August, 1829, the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on twenty young men, alumni of the Institution. Notwithstanding the short time it has been in operation, its literary exhibitions have evinced a proficiency in classical and scientific studies, not inferior to that exhibited in the older institutions of our country.

The want of ministers to serve at our altars gave rise to the **CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY** ; the object of which is, “to assist meritorious young men, members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the attainment of a collegiate education ; and when the state of the funds may be thought to justify the measure, candidates for Holy Orders may be assisted in obtaining their theological education.” This is justly regarded as a most important event to the welfare of the Church ; and through the exertions of its indefatigable agent, the Rev. William Barlow, funds to the amount of more than \$6000 have already been secured. Such is the comprehensive plan of the institution, that its benefits are confined to no one diocese or college. Scholarships may be formed in any part of the country ; and their founders

have the right secured to them of nominating the candidates to enjoy the benefits of the same, and at any college they may prefer. A number of beneficiaries are already enjoying the fruits of this institution.

On the whole, the prospects of this Diocese are highly encouraging. It is believed, that in no part of our country are the doctrines of the Gospel preached with more faithfulness, or with a more sensible influence on the hearers.

NEW-YORK.

This Diocese consists at present of 128 clergymen (the Bishop, 111 Presbyters, and 16 Deacons) and 163 congregations; being an increase, since the last General Convention, of 14 clergymen, and 10 congregations.

The following ordinations of Deacons have taken place:—

Hiram Jelliff, John D. Gilbert, William R. Whittingham (since removed to New-Jersey,) Albert Hoyt (since deceased,) Hiram Adams, John W. Curtis, William A. Curtis (since removed to Connecticut,) Samuel Fuller, jun., (since removed to Connecticut,) George L. Hinton, Edward Andrews, John R. Goodman (since removed to North-Carolina,) Isaac Pardee (since removed to Delaware,) John C. Porter, Ephraim Punderson, Antoine Verren of the French Protestant Church, Henry S. Atwater, Henry Gregory, Edward Ballard (since removed to New-Hampshire,) John M. Guion, Ulysses M. Wheeler, Edward Y. Higbie, John Wiley, jun.

Total number of persons ordained Deacons, 22; of whom 14, viz. Messrs. Whittingham, Adams, J. W. Curtis, W. A. Curtis, Fuller, Hinton, Pardee, Porter, Punderson, Ballard, Guion, Wheeler, Higbie, and Wiley, are alumni of the General Theological Seminary.

The following Deacons have been ordained Priests:—The Rev. Samuel R. Johnson, the Rev. John M'Carty, the Rev. John A. Clark, the Rev. William M. Weber, M. D., the Rev. George A. Shelton, the Rev. Samuel Scabury, the Rev. Alexander H. Crosby, the Rev. Hiram Jelliff, the Rev. Edward Davis, the Rev. William L. Keese, the Rev. Frederick T. Tiffany, the Rev. Norman H. Adams, the Rev. Edward Andrews, the Rev. Antoine Verren, the Rev. Hiram Adams, the Rev. Edward K. Fowler, the Rev. Albert Hoyt (since deceased,) the Rev. Charles J. Todd, the Rev. Southerland Douglas, the Rev. John W. Curtis.

Total number of Deacons ordained Priests, 20.

The following clergymen have been instituted into their respective rectorships:—The Rev. George Uphold, M. D., Rector

of St. Thomas's Church, New-York; the Rev. Levi S. Ives, Rector of St. Luke's Church, New-York; the Rev. Antoine Verren, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New-York; the Rev. Henry Anthon, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New-York; and the Rev. Richard D. Hall, from Pennsylvania, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county.

The following clergymen have also been settled in their respective stations:—The Rev. Lawson Carter, Rector of Trinity Church, New-Rochelle, Westchester county; the Rev. John W. Curtis, from Pennsylvania, Rector of Grace Church, White Plains, and St. Thomas's Church, Mamaroneck, Westchester county; the Rev. Alexander H. Crosby, Rector of St. John's Church, Phillipsburgh, Westchester county; the Rev. Samuel Seabury, Rector of St. George's Church, Hallet's Cove, Queen's county; the Rev. George A. Shelton, Rector of St. James's Church, Newtown, Queen's county; the Rev. Edward Davis, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Charlton, and St. Mary's Church, West-Charlton, Saratoga county; the Rev. John C. Rudd, D.D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Auburn, Cayuga county; the Rev. Richard S. Mason, from Pennsylvania, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county; the Rev. John A. Clark, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, New-York; the Rev. William B. Thomas, Rector of Christ Church, Duanesburgh, Schenectady county; the Rev. Charles P. M'Ilvaine, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county; the Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Rector of St. John's Church, Brooklyn, King's county; the Rev. John Sellon, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county; the Rev. Southerland Douglas, from Maryland, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Rochester, Monro county; the Rev. George L. Hinton, Deacon, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, New-York; the Rev. William H. Lewis, from Connecticut, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county; the Rev. Richard Bury, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany; the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county; the Rev. Manton Eastburn, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, New-York; the Rev. John Grigg, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county; the Rev. Hiram Jelliff, Rector of St. James's Church, North Salem, Westchester county; the Rev. Phineas L. Whipple, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county.

Thirty-five missionaries are at present employed in this Diocese, of whom the following have entered on their duties since the last General Convention:—The Rev. Hiram Adams, the Rev. Edward Andrews, the Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, the Rev.

Moses P. Bennet, the Rev. Moore Bingham, the Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., the Rev. Henry S. Atwater, Deacon, the Rev. Edward K. Fowler, the Rev. John D. Gilbert, Deacon, the Rev. Burton H. Hickox, the Rev. John W. Cloud, Deacon, the Rev. Reuben Hubbard, the Rev. Marcus A. Perry, the Rev. Ephraim Punderson, Deacon, the Rev. Ralph Williston, from Pennsylvania, and the Rev. William Shelton.

There are sixteen candidates for orders, viz. :—Robert W. Harris, James D. Carder, James A. M'Kenney, John V. Van Ingen, Seth Davis, John M. Forbes, John F. Ernst, Henry J. Morton, Hewlett R. Peters, Solomon Davis, Edward B. Eastburn, Seth S. Rogers, Benjamin I. Haight, Thomas C. Reed, Manuel Fetter, and Robert B. Van Kleek. Of these, Messrs. Harris and Peters are alumni, and Messrs. M'Kenney, Van Ingen, Forbes, Ernst, Morton, Eastburn, and Haight, are students, of the General Theological Seminary.

There have departed this life since the last General Convention, the Rev. Cornelius R. Duffie, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, New-York; the Rev. Orin Clark, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county; the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New-York; the Rev. Cave Jones, Chaplain U. S. Navy, and Superintendent of the Naval Seminary, Brooklyn, King's county; and the Rev. Albert Hoyt, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Walden, Orange county.

The following Churches have been duly organized, and received into union with the Convention :—the Church of the Ascension, New-York; St. John's Church, Brooklyn, King's county; St. Paul's Church, Angelica, Allegany county; Zion Church, Rome, Oneida county; Trinity Church, Pennfield, Monro county; St. Luke's Church, Medina, Orleans county; Christ Church, Sherburne, Chenango county; Christ Church, Pompey, Onondaga county; Trinity Church, Watertown, Jefferson county; St. Paul's Church, Big Flats, Tioga county. Total 10.

The following Churches have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God :—St. John's Church, Stillwater, Saratoga county; St. John's Church, Brooklyn, King's county; St. Mark's Church, Le Roy, Genesee county; St. Andrew's Church, Walden, Orange county; Christ Church, Greenville, Greene county; St. Peter's Church, Bainbridge, Chenango county; ——— Church, Syracuse, Onondaga county; St. George's Church, Hallet's Cove, Queen's county; All Saints' Church, New-York; St. Mary's Church, West Charlton, Saratoga county; ——— Church, Brownville, Jefferson county; St. Paul's

Church, Troy, Rensselaer county ; St. Paul's Church, Mayville, Chataque county ; St. Paul's Chapel, Sheldon, Genesee county ; St. James' Church, Skencateles, Onondaga county ; St. Luke's Church, Colesville, Broome county ; Christ Church, Oswego, Oswego county ; St. Michael's Church, Geneseo, Livingston county ; Zion Church, Palmyra, Wayne county ; the Church of the Ascension, New-York.—Total 20.

The Bishop of this Diocese has also consecrated _____ Church, Detroit, Michigan Territory.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, belongs to the old corporation of that name, and has been erected on account of the insufficient room afforded by their former Church for the large and increasing congregation in that city.

The number of persons confirmed by the Bishop has been 1954.

As the last General Convention was held a short time after the Convention of this Diocese of 1826, and the present Convention precedes that of the Diocese for 1829, the following statements are drawn from the Parochial and Missionary Reports to but two Conventions, those of 1827, and 1828.

Baptisms, (adults 342, children 2726, not specified 404) 3472
Marriages, 1253.

Funerals, 2499.

Communicants, (reported to the last Diocesan Convention,) 5556.

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| Collections, for the Episcopal Fund, | - - - | \$1338 | 31 |
| do. do. Missionary Fund, | - - - | 5702 | 54 |
| do. do. Diocesan Fund, | - - - | 1202 | 33 |

The charter of the old Episcopal Charity School, in the city of New-York, has been so altered as to change it into the New-York Protestant Episcopal Public School, comprising, in various departments, and under different teachers, every grade of instruction, from that heretofore existing in the Charity School, to the highest branches of an English education, and preparation for entering college. In every department the price of education is much reduced, and provision is made in each for its being gratuitously imparted.

The various societies for religious charities continue in active and efficient operation. Sunday Schools are very numerous and flourishing, and almost all in connexion with the General Sunday School Union. The system of instruction, and the books of that Union, are found of the most valuable character. In the city of New-York, a number of zealous and liberal individuals have formed a *Protestant Episcopal Press*, to be devoted to printing, publishing, &c. &c. for our Church at large. It has gone into vigorous operation, and promises the most extensive usefulness.

NEW-JERSEY.

The Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey, although its comparative increase is not equal to that of the Churches in many of the States, in which the population is continually advancing, by the formation of new settlements, has made greater progress within the last ten or twelve years than at any period since its reorganization, at the close of the revolution. Its number of Clergymen is now twenty—the Bishop, eighteen Presbyters, and one Deacon. The number of congregations is thirty-one, worshipping in thirty Churches, some of them new, and all, with scarcely an exception, in good repair. Twenty-four of the congregations enjoy stated regular service. The residue, at present, are only occasionally supplied, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring Clergymen to act as missionaries.

During the recess of the General Convention, the Bishop has admitted to the order of Priests the Rev. Smith Pyne. In the same period he has instituted Mr. Pyne into the Rectorship of St. John's Church, at Elizabethtown, and the Rev. Benjamin Holmes into that of St. Peter's Church, at Morristown.

The following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese:—the Rev. William Chaderton, now residing at Burlington; the Rev. William Douglass, as Minister of St. James' Church, Piscataway, and Trinity Church, Woodbridge; the Rev. Henry M. Mason, as Minister of St. John's Church, at Salem, and St. George's Church, Pennsneck; the Rev. Edmund D. Barry, D. D., as Minister of St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey; the Rev. William R. Whittingham, as Minister of St. Mark's Church, Orange; and the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, officiating at St. John's Church, Elizabethtown. The Rev. Christian F. Crusé, who had left the Diocese in 1828, has also returned to it, and is now the Principal of the Academy at Newark.

The Diocese has been deprived, by death, of the venerable Dr. Abraham Beach, and by removal to Connecticut, of the Rev. Smith Pyne, now the Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.

Three new congregations, under the names of St. Peter's Church, at Morristown, St. Mark's Church, at Orange, and St. Luke's Church, at Hope, have been organized in the Diocese, since the last report, and received by the Convention into union. The first two have erected handsome and comparatively spacious Churches for their accommodation, which have been consecrated by the Bishop to the service of Almighty God.

Confirmations have been administered in the following Churches:—St. John's, Salem; St. Andrew's, Mount Holly;

St. Mary's, Burlington; St. Michael's, Trenton; Christ Church, Newton; Christ Church, Shrewsbury; St. Peter's Spotswood; St. Peter's, Perth Amboy; St. Mark's, Orange, and St. Peter's, Morristown.

The number of baptisms reported is 660. The number of persons confirmed has been 140. The communicants are about 800.

Two persons in the Diocese are preparing for admission as candidates for orders.

The Churches within his charge, with occasional exceptions, are still visited by the Bishop, once in each year; and the Canons, Rubrics, and usages, are generally observed.

The Sunday Schools continue to flourish; and as a Diocesan Sunday School Society, auxiliary to the General Sunday School Union of our Church, was instituted by the Convention at its recent sitting; it is to be hoped, that both their number and usefulness will be considerably increased.

The annual avails of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese—which was instituted more than twenty-five years since—have been much enlarged within a few years, by the productions of the genius, taste, and industry of zealous missionary associations of ladies, in several of the Churches, who are still “not weary in well doing;” and the increasing good effects of the institution, under the Divine blessing, have continued to be manifested, especially since the last report.

The fund for the relief of widows and children of Clergymen, who have been members of the Diocese, is, at present, rapidly increasing. Its amount exceeds \$12,000.

The Episcopal Society for the promotion of Christian knowledge and piety is uniform in its operations and progress. It gratuitously distributes, as usual, Bibles, Prayer Books, and religious tracts; makes donations to the Missionary fund; and though much circumscribed in its local limits, has now a permanent fund of about-fourteen hundred dollars.

The institution of the Bishop-Croes Scholarship in the General Theological Seminary, reported, at the last General Convention, as being in progress, is now happily completed; and the amount deposited in the Treasury of that important nursery of the Church.

Among the prosperous characteristicks of the Church in the Diocese, it merits especial notice, and cannot but afford high gratification to pious and benevolent minds, that generally, through the Divine goodness, more attention to, and more interest and zeal in, the concerns of religion, are apparent among its members, than has sometimes been the case in former years,

and it is believed, not without corresponding beneficial effects. This, as well as its external prosperity, calls for devout thankfulness to the Father of Mercies, and should prompt its members to offer up the most earnest and fervent supplications, through the merits of Christ, that it may not only be continued, but increased.

PENNSYLVANIA.

This Diocese consists at present of the Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, fifty-three Presbyters, twelve Deacons, and seventy-one Congregations; being an accession, since the last General Convention, of eight Clergymen, and seventeen Congregations.

The following ordinations of Deacons have taken place:

By the Bishop of the Diocese there have been ordained, Pierce Connelly, James May, John P. Robinson, Raymond Alphonso Henderson, and William Lucas, since removed to Connecticut.

By the Assistant Bishop, John W. James, John T. Adderly, William Hilton, and F. H. L. Laird.

Total number of persons ordained Deacons, 9; of whom, William Lucas was an alumnus of the General Theological Seminary.

The following Deacons have been ordained Priests:

By the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. William Bryant, then of New-Jersey, but now of Pennsylvania, the Rev. James De Pui, the Rev. William R. Bowman of Louisiana, the Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, the Rev. John B. Clemson, the Rev. William Levington of Maryland, a coloured man, and the Rev. Pierce Connelly.

The Assistant Bishop has ordained, the Rev. Raymond Alphonso Henderson. Total number of Deacons ordained Priests, 8.

There are fifteen candidates for holy orders: John H. Marsden, John Campbell, Henry Hood, Darius Williams, jun., George E. Hare, George P. Geddinge, David Dick, Matthew H. Henderson, Frederick Beasley, Samuel W. Selden, Sansom K. Brunot, Lyman N. Freeman, Charles Shaler, Richard Collier, and Edward Y. Buchanan.

The Rev. Benjamin Allen has departed this life.

The following Churches have been duly organized, and received into union with the Convention:—St. Paul's Church, Erie, Erie County; Trinity Church, Connellsville, Fayette County; Trinity Church, Philipsburgh, Centre County; Grace Church, Menalen Township, Fayette County; St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler County; St. James's Church, Venango Furnace, Venango County; St. Mary's Church, Hamiltonville,

Philadelphia County ; Zion Church, Marietta, Lancaster County ; St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County ; St. Peter's Church, Pike Run Township, Washington County ; St. John's Church, Mercer, Mercer County ; Grace Church, Penn Township, Philadelphia County ; St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, Northumberland County ; St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland Township, Chester County ; Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery County ; St. Peter's Church, Blairsville, Indiana County ; and St. Paul's Church, Kittenning, Armstrong County.

The following Churches have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God :—By the Bishop of the Diocese, St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin County ; St. Mary's Church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia County ; St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County ; Grace Church, Penn Township, Philadelphia County ; and St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland Township, Chester County. By the Assistant Bishop, St. Gabriel's Church, Sugarloaf Township, Columbia County, and Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County—in all, seven churches.

The number of persons confirmed, has been one thousand and seventeen, of whom 628 received that holy rite from the Assistant Bishop.

Many of the parochial reports as printed on the journals, are imperfect. The number of baptisms reported since the last General Convention, is 2211, of whom 294 were adults. The number of communicants, according to the journal of the last Convention of the Diocese, is 2563.

On the 10th day of May, 1827, the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk was elected to be Assistant Bishop of this Diocese during the life of the present Bishop, and to be the Bishop of the Diocese after his demise. Dr. Onderdonk was consecrated to the Episcopacy on the 25th of October, in the same year, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, by Bishop White ; Bishop Hobart of New-York, Bishop Kemp of Maryland, Bishop Croes of New-Jersey, and Bishop Bowen of South Carolina, being present and assisting.

The funds for the support of the Episcopate are the following, viz. : the generous bequest of the late Rev. Dr. Pilmore, \$7,969 12 ; the fund raised by annual collections in the different churches, \$12,478 55 ; a loan of \$30,000 ; and the legacy of Mr. Doz, \$4701 33.

The Missionaries employed within the past year under the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, were eleven in number.

The fund for the support of the widows and children of deceased Clergymen, amounts to \$42,595 33.

The state of religion, on the whole, appears encouraging. Sunday School instruction flourishes in many Parishes, and is carefully maintained in nearly all. Infant Schools have been established with much success in some instances, and promise a high degree of usefulness. Occasional examples have occurred in a few of the Congregations of a peculiar degree of religious sensibility, followed by numerous and solemn professions. In other places, large additions have been made to the Congregations and to the number of communicants, accompanied by a gradual increase of general seriousness, and devotional regularity. And a much more earnest attention is manifested on the subjects of Theological and Christian education, and the great cause of Missionary exertion.

And although the Diocese has not escaped its share of the agitation usually incident to the management of elections, whether in Church or State; although we have had to lament, in some particulars, the evils of a temporary alienation amongst brethren, and in many others, the spirit of worldliness, indifference, and neglect; although we have great reason to long for an increase, not only in the number of our ministers, but in the zeal of their labours, and in the consistent diligence of their flocks; yet is there cause of deep and fervent gratitude to the gracious Head of the Church for the blessings which he has vouchsafed to us, and ground to hope that the Diocese of Pennsylvania will experience an increasing measure of prosperity for the years to come.

DELAWARE.

In the Diocese of Delaware there are five clergymen resident, four of whom have parishes, the other, from age and infirmities, only occasionally exercising his ministry.

In Newcastle county the churches are in good repair, and supplied. In the two remaining counties the state of the Church has not materially altered since the last report—with this exception—that a commodious and handsome place of worship has recently been erected in Smyrna, Kent county, and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk. A clergyman has been invited to officiate in this church, and has accepted the invitation.

Attached to several of the churches are flourishing Sunday Schools, in which deep interest is felt, and from which there has been a happy result. There has, in some of the parishes, been laid the foundation of libraries attached to the churches, and thus an example set worthy of general imitation. It is to be

regretted, that the Diocesan Missionary Society has been totally inefficient from the inability to obtain missionaries.

The Church in Delaware, availing itself of the provision in the twentieth Canon of 1808, invited the Right Rev. Bishop White to visit and perform Episcopal offices in this Diocese, and a similar invitation has been given to the Right Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, as Assistant Bishop, whose services have produced and revived feelings promotive of the best interests of the Church.

The number of communicants, so far as they can be ascertained, is 217. The difference under this head, between the present and former return, is attributable to an error in that, and not to any diminution of communicants.

MARYLAND.

It appears from the journals of the several Conventions which have been held in this Diocese since the last meeting of the General Convention, that four persons have been ordained Deacons, and thirteen admitted to the holy order of Priests. There are now in the Diocese fifty-one clergymen and four candidates for Orders, and three Churches have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God.

According to the parochial Reports, 3302 persons have been baptized, 575 confirmed, and there are now 2325 communicants in the Church. But it is to be observed, that in some instances no parochial Reports have been made, and that in others there does not appear to be as much accuracy as it would be desirable to find in them.

The Diocesan Missionary Society, formed some years since, appears to have been useful in some of the parishes which had been deprived of the ordinances of the Gospel, and it is a matter of deep regret that it has not received that pecuniary aid which the situation of many parts of the Diocese so imperiously demands. Sunday Schools have been formed in most of the parishes, and have been eminently useful, and some of them have become auxiliary to the General Sunday School Union of the Protestant Episcopal Church. There are Charity Schools also attached to St. Paul's parish, and St. Peter's Church, in the city of Baltimore, and in that first named, 23 female orphans are supported as well as instructed. The Episcopal Female Tract Society of Baltimore, which has been mentioned in former reports, continues to render essential service to the cause of religion and the Church. Societies of a similar description, most of them auxiliary to the one just named, have been formed in other parts of the Diocese, and have, with the Prayer Book and Homily Society of Maryland, been instrumental in diffusing among

our members a knowledge of the doctrines, liturgy, and government of the Church. The funds of the corporation for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, are considerable, and the products of them have been beneficially applied, in many instances, to the relief and comfort of those for whom it was intended. At a late meeting of the Convention a Society was formed for the relief of aged and infirm Ministers of the Church.

Since the last meeting of the General Convention, the Diocese of Maryland has been called to mourn the death of its much beloved Bishop Kemp. The Journals of the two last Conventions record the deep affliction which was produced by this event, and the various communications of the different Ecclesiastical bodies, expressing their condolence with the Church in the Diocese, in the heavy loss which it has sustained, and the sentiments of love and veneration which the Diocese at large cherished for him.

Under the Constitutional and Canonical provisions of this Diocese, for the performance (during a vacancy in the episcopate) of duties not peculiarly belonging to the Episcopal office, the Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., has been elected President of the Convention.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, on the invitation of the Standing Committee, has visited and performed Episcopal services in several portions of the Diocese; and his services have produced the happiest effects, and tended, in a high degree, to sustain the cause, and extend the influence, of our Church in Maryland.

Episcopal duties have also been performed in several parishes in the District of Columbia, by the Right Rev. Bishops of Ohio and Virginia, on the invitation of the Standing Committee, made at the request of the parishes in which the services were rendered.

VIRGINIA.

The prospects of the Church in the Diocese of Virginia continue encouraging, and indeed are greatly more so than at the time of the last report. The number of clergy has considerably increased; the principles of the Church are better understood, and more than ever loved; and the influence of pure and undefiled religion more extensively felt. Arrangements have been made for the *permanent* establishment of the Theological Seminary of the Diocese; and a system adopted for its future management, calculated, it is confidently believed, very greatly to extend the influence, and multiply the benefits, of that institution. A Diocesan Missionary Society has been recently established, from whose operations much is expected;

and by means of which our numerous waste places, we trust, will soon be, in some hopeful measure, supplied with the ministrations of the Gospel; and the doctrines and institutions of the Church made known in the hitherto neglected and destitute but important western section of the State beyond the mountains. Auxiliaries to the Education Society, one of the favourite institutions of the Diocese, have considerably multiplied; and by them uncommon exertions have been made, within the last two years, for the vigorous and successful prosecution of the noble and truly pious object of assisting devout and gifted youths in preparing for the Gospel ministry.

Besides the repair of several of our old churches, almost in ruins, and the re-occupation of some hitherto almost or entirely deserted, it is pleasing to report the building and consecration of several entirely new.

The number of clergy is now 44; and there is the prospect of an early addition to their number from among the candidates for Orders now prosecuting their studies at the Seminary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The situation and prospects of this Diocese are such as to encourage its labourers, and call forth lively thanksgiving to Him who ruleth over the whole Church.

Since the last General Convention of 1826, there have been baptized 489, (of whom about 60 were adults,) and confirmed 160. The present number of the Clergy is 12, viz.: one Bishop, nine Presbyters, and two Deacons. The number of communicants is 640. Many have been added since the last report; and it may be well here to correct an inaccuracy in that report. The number of communicants was at that time stated to be 649, whereas there could not have been more than 500, which would show an increase, since that period, of 160. The number of Sunday scholars is about 500; and an increasing zeal in the cause of Sunday School instruction is manifest in all our congregations. In almost every instance, our schools are connected with our General Sunday School Union, and are reaping much benefit from its excellent system of instruction.

The number of Congregations is 24.

Three persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons, viz.: Messrs. Jarvis B. Buxton, Francis L. Hawkes, and John H. Norment.

Four Clergymen have been ordained Priests, viz.: the Rev. George W. Freeman, the Rev. James H. Otey, the Rev. John R. Goodman, and the Rev. Philip B. Wiley.

There are at present two candidates for Holy Orders, viz.:

Mr. William Norwood, and Mr. Joseph H. Saunders ; the former of whom is pursuing his studies in the General Theological Seminary.

The following changes have taken place in the Ministry. The Rev. Richard S. Mason has removed to the Diocese of New-York ; the Rev. Henry M. Mason, and the Rev. Francis L. Hawkes, to the Diocese of Connecticut ; the Rev. Adam Empie to Virginia ; and the Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott to the Eastern Diocese.

The following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese, viz. : the Rev. Charles P. Elliott from South Carolina, the Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott from the Eastern Diocese, the Rev. William D. Cairns from Virginia, and the Rev. John R. Goodman from Pennsylvania.

Lay-reading, in the vacant Congregations, has been attended with much profit.

Much good has been done by the Female Associations of Industry.

The Episcopal Fund is at present estimated at \$11,405.

The Bishop has been freed from parochial charge.

The Canons and Rubrics are, in all cases, complied with ; and above all, a spirit of love and harmony pervades the councils, as well as the daily intercourse, of its Ministers and Members.

At the last Convention, the Bishop expressed his heartfelt gratification, and unfeigned thankfulness, for the increasing piety which was apparent in all the Congregations during his last visitation.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

In this Diocese, there are 43 organized Congregations, eight of which are without a minister. The Clergy consist of the Bishop, 29 Presbyters, and four Deacons. One of these has been absent from the Diocese since 1826, but has never applied for or received his dismission from the Diocese, according to the Canons. Twenty-five of our Ministers are clerically employed ; one is President of the College in Charleston ; and eight are without cures. Within the period embraced by this report, three persons have been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, viz. : Thomas I. Young, John S. Field, and Alexander W. Marshall ; and four Deacons have been admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, viz. : the Rev. Paul T. Keith, the Rev. Edward Neufville, the Rev. Thomas I. Young, and the Rev. William S. Wilson.

Two Clergymen have removed from the Diocese, two have come into it, one has been displaced from his grade in the ministry, and two have departed this life. Several distinguished lay-

men have been removed by death, and also one of our candidates for holy orders. The number of candidates is five. Two Churches have been consecrated, and one is nearly ready for consecration.

The baptisms reported are, of infants, 882 ; of adults, 117 ; and 368 persons have been confirmed. There are 1974 communicants reported, of whom 476 are persons of colour.

The monthly religious publication, entitled "The Gospel Messenger, and Southern Episcopal Register," which was commenced in January, 1824, is still continued, under the direction of members of our Church.

The Bishop's Fund is slowly increasing, and amounts to \$9637,80 ; which sum is invested in public securities.

The religious Societies mentioned in our last report, are engaged in their useful labours with undiminished zeal. They have had in their service within the last three years nine Missionaries. Several sewing societies for pious and charitable purposes ; a female Bible, Prayer Book, and Tract Society ; and a society for the special purpose of increasing the Bishop's permanent Fund, (which is under the control of the Diocesan Convention, and of which three-fourths of the interest *may* be applied to the immediate support of the Episcopal office in the Diocese, if needed,) have been instituted. Of this last named society, for the scheme of which we are indebted to the judicious zeal of one of our clergy, who is also a very active officer of the same, any person can become a member by paying one dollar annually, or a member for life, by paying twenty dollars, regulations which, it is hoped, will ensure a large number of members, and render the society eminently efficient.

Our Sunday Schools are in successful operation, and have been greatly aided by the books of the Sunday School Union of our Church. The number of teachers reported to our last Convention, was 150, and of scholars, 1215.

This Diocese has never been insensible to the interests of the General Theological Seminary, nor unwilling to do what it could to promote them. In conformity to the recommendations of the last General Convention, measures were taken for procuring our quota in aid of the Building Fund of the Seminary. The subject was brought before the Convention in 1827, by the Bishop, and a Committee of the same Convention reported a scheme of contributions ; according to which we have the satisfaction to report that \$1040,74 has been paid in. The balance due, viz. \$609,26 (the whole quota being \$1650, at the rate of \$50 for each of our 33 clergymen*) we have no doubt would

* When the subscription was opened we had 33, now we have 34 clergymen.

have been obtained, but for the late bequest of Mr. Kohne, which some persons may plead, not correctly, as we think, as a reason for not giving, since many years will probably elapse before the Seminary will receive this bequest.

There was paid to the general fund of the Seminary, prior to the General Convention of 1826 (See p. 48

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| of the Journal) by this Diocese - - - | \$9017 60 |
| Since that period paid into the same fund - - | 269 60 |
| On account of the Building Fund, paid in - | 1030 74 |
| For the founding of the Claremont Scholarship paid in | 48 00 |
| The Bishop Dehon Scholarship Fund is - - | 3567 68 |
| The Bishop Bowen Scholarship Fund at present is | 1551 57 |

Total contributed to this object - \$15485 19

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, instituted by the General Convention, (we regret we are not able to report a larger number,) has only five Annual and twenty-one Life Members in this Diocese.

We have the pleasure to report, that the Canons and rules of the Church are observed. Indeed we know of no clergyman among us who habitually disregards them.

In conclusion, we would refer, for further information as to the state of the Church in this Diocese, to our former Reports, as we deem it unnecessary to repeat statements which are made therein.

GEORGIA.

The Church in this Diocese has undergone no material change since the last General Convention, but continues to labour under the depression arising from the want of clergymen, not only for the supply of parishes already organized, but also for the raising up of new congregations in districts where every encouragement is offered for successful ministerial exertion. Efforts have not been wanting to remedy the evil, in the formation and encouragement of Missionary Societies, and in the repeated applications which have been made to individuals, as well as to the Church at large, for co-operation in reaping the wide-spread harvest which is here presented.

The Rev. Lot Jones, by whose assiduous labours Christ Church at Macon was founded and organized, has resigned its rectorship, and removed from the State. The Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott, of Gardiner, in Maine, being obliged to visit the South on account of his health, kindly consented to accept a missionary appointment to St. Simon's Island, upon the duties of which he entered in November last. "A very gratifying proof of the

estimation in which his services were held, and of the favourable impression he had produced, as well as of the desire of the people for the enjoyment of the ministrations of the Church, was furnished by the resolutions adopted at a meeting, held for the purpose of securing his permanent settlement on the island; by which, considering the small number of those who could contribute, a very liberal offer was made for his support." The relation in which he stands, however, to the Church at Gardiner, forbids the hope that he can continue much longer to occupy this important station.

To counterbalance, in some degree, the discouragements arising from the sources already named, it is cause of devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, that he has not left himself without witness among us, in the increasing prosperity and flourishing condition of the congregations in Savannah and Augusta. The former has, indeed, sustained a severe loss, since the last meeting of this body, in the removal by death of the Rev. Abiel Carter, to whose sound and enlightened views and instructions may be mainly attributed its present firmness and stability in the faith. The latter, also, by a similar dispensation of Divine Providence, has been deprived of the active exertions of one of its warmest and most devoted friends among the laity. But these occurrences, though deeply and sincerely lamented by all, have not essentially retarded the advancement of the general interests of these Churches, but rather operated favourably, we trust, in the production of an increase of piety, over which, to whatever cause it may be attributed, we are constrained to rejoice.

There is in this Diocese but one candidate for Holy Orders, viz. Mr. Theodore F. Bartow, who was admitted within the last year. The number of communicants is about 200. Sunday Schools are established in Savannah and Augusta, in connexion with the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and are in a prosperous condition. There are also two Societies auxiliary to the General Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, which annually transmit their mite to the Treasurer of that important institution. In addition to which there are several others of a local nature, to whose exertions we look, with anxious expectation, for the future enlargement of the borders of Zion, and humbly hope, that under the Divine blessing, we shall not look in vain.

OHIO.

The Diocese of Ohio reports the number of clergy to be 15, consisting of a Bishop, 13 Presbyters, and one Deacon.

Since the Report of 1826, Messrs. Marcus T. C. Wing, Nathan Stem, and William Preston, have been admitted to the order of Deacons; and the Rev. Cotesworth P. Bronson, the Rev. Gideon M'Millan, the Rev. Nathan Stem, and the Rev. William Preston, to the order of Priests. When in Philadelphia, in 1827, Bishop Chase, by the obliging permission of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, ordained Mr. George Mintzer a Deacon, who officiated faithfully a short period at St. Clairsville and Morristown, and then removed to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. In Washington, District of Columbia, in 1828, the following persons he ordained Priests, viz. the Rev. Henry V. D. Johns, the Rev. William F. Chesley, the Rev. John Fenner, and the Rev. Robert B. Drane; and also the Rev. Merwin Allen, in Baltimore, in 1829.

The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin from New-York, the Rev. Alvah Sanford from Vermont, the Rev. C. W. Fitch from Virginia, the Rev. Benjamin P. Aydelott, and the Rev. John P. Bausman, from Pennsylvania, have removed into this Diocese.

The number of candidates for Orders is two, and doubtless it will receive accessions from the pious young men, now pursuing their classical studies at Kenyon College.

The Journals of 1827 and 1828 exhibit an increase of 101 communicants. Baptisms 329, of whom 35 were adults.

In casting our eyes over this extensive Diocese, where the hand of God has lavished its bounties, we grieve to see the moral waste that spreads around. Multitudes there are without a Sabbath, without a preacher, without a sanctuary, without ordinances, "living without hope, and without God in the world." In some places, false teachers have crept in; in some, contentious disputants bear sway; some seem to preach for "envy and strife," supposing "to add affliction to the bonds" which already fetter the powers, and limit the exertions, of the "faithful in Christ Jesus." The Convention of Ohio are not indifferent to this state of things; and in the strength of God, they are addressing themselves to the work of reformation, and to the maintenance of true religion. Ministerial faithfulness amongst us is encouraged by large and attentive audiences; by frequent additions to the Church, of such, we trust, as shall be eternally saved; and by the extension of that influence which the power of truth seldom fails to exert. Amongst the members of the Convention, there is a pervading spirit of good fellowship. The zeal and love of the excellent Bishop are felt and imitated. And where there are harmony of views, and concentration of strength, happy results may be rightfully anticipated.

In such paucity of ministers, and feebleness of means, we have not neglected those powerful auxiliaries to the ministry of

reconciliation, which are found in the Prayer Book, Sunday School, and Tract Associations. These have been established, and are operating to a considerable extent. There is also a Missionary Society, which has been useful, and may be made most extensively so; as from the peculiar circumstances of our new settlements, it probably possesses the greatest power of influencing them. What more can be done for the Church in this Diocese? Our hope is in God, to bless Kenyon College. Under Him, that institution may furnish missionaries to the wandering and unsettled, and pastors to organized congregations. Its prosperity, of course, has been, and is, matter of deep anxiety to the Convention. So far, through the indefatigable labours of the venerable Bishop, and the smiles of approving Heaven, difficulties, apparently insuperable, have been overcome; embarrassments, painfully depressing, have been relieved; and success still calls for increased exertion. The centre building has been completed; but much remains undone. All is lost if effort be relaxed. And the Church in this Diocese cannot cease to make our appeal to the friends of science and literature, of our own Church, and the cause of Christ throughout the land, whilst an institution, upon which such destinies hang, is in jeopardy.

MISSISSIPPI.

In this Diocese are five Congregations, one in Natchez, one in Woodville, one in Jefferson county, one in Port Gibson, and one in Vicksburgh.

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| Within the last three years there have been | |
| Baptisms, (Adults 8, Infants 57) | 65 |
| Marriages | 30 |
| Funerals | 20 |
| The number of Communicants is | 50 |

Trinity Church in Natchez, the only one in the Diocese that affords a salary adequate to the support of a minister, is, at this time, vacant.

The Rev. John C. Porter, of the Diocese of New-York, has been, for some time past, officiating in St. Paul's Church, at Woodville. He has received a call to the Rectorship of the Church, but has not as yet decided upon accepting it.

Christ Church in Jefferson County is under the care of the Rev. James A. Fox.

The Congregation of St. John's Church, at Port Gibson, under the care of the Rev. Spencer Wall, are destitute of a house for public worship. They hold their services either in the Court house or in a Church belonging to the Methodists.

In Vicksburgh a considerable sum of money has been subscribed for the purpose of erecting a Church, and the congregation are very desirous of procuring the services of a minister.

Since the last General Convention, this Diocese has been bereaved of one of her most zealous and active ministers, the Rev. James Pilmore, by whom Trinity Church, Natchez, and Christ Church, Jefferson county, were organized. In this secluded region, where many labourers are needed, and but few are found, his loss is deeply felt.

The Rev. John W. Cloud has removed from this Diocese to that of New-York.

There has been formed in this Diocese a society, styled "The Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in Mississippi." This Society has distributed a considerable number of Prayer Books and Tracts.

There are, within the limits of this Diocese, several flourishing villages, where it is thought Churches might be organized, could missionaries be found who would devote themselves to such an undertaking.

In transmitting this report, 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 Clergy and Members of the Church.

Signed by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.
W. E. WYATT, *President*.

Attest, BENJ. T. ONDERDONK, *Secretary*.
Philadelphia, August 20, 1829.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating their concurrence in passing the five Canons adopted by this House.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating their adoption of the resolution of this House respecting the time and place of the meeting of the next General Convention, with an amendment respecting the time of meeting.

Resolved, That the above message be laid on the table.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Right Rev. the Bishops be respectfully requested to consider of, and report to the next General Convention, a plan for extending to the States and Territories in which the Church is not organized, Episcopal services, and Episcopal supervision.

The above was sent to the House of Bishops.

The delegation from Maine, agreeably to instructions from the Convention of that Diocese, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this House appoint a Committee to take into consideration the order in which the Holy scriptures are read throughout the year, for the purpose of revising the same.

On motion, *resolved*, That the consideration of the above resolution be indefinitely postponed.

The standing committee on the Theological Seminary made the following report :

The Committee 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 they have examined the various reports and documents which, since the date of the last General Convention, have appeared relative to the condition and progress of the Seminary, and that this duty has been discharged with mingled emotions of pleasure and of regret ; of *pleasure*, from the satisfactory evidence they furnish that the Professors have continued to discharge their respective duties most ably and faithfully, and that the Students have made a proficiency in their sacred studies, honourable alike to themselves and their teachers ; and from the pleasing fact which they disclose of the entire completion of the Seminary Building, furnishing accommodation for two Professors, and for boarding and lodging forty students, with a spacious room for the Library, which is also used as a Chapel. But what constitutes the principal ground of congratulation to the Convention and of gratitude to the merciful Dispenser of blessings, is the large and munificent bequest made to the Seminary by the late Frederick Kohne, Esq. The Trustees having at their last meeting made a suitable acknowledgment of this splendid benefaction, your committee would only express their cordial concurrence, which they do in harmony with the expressed sentiment of this House. But these causes of gratulation are not unaccompanied with several grounds of *regret*.

1. That the number of Students has been and is so far short both of the necessities of the Church and of the number of candidates for Holy Orders.

2. That its present revenue is not adequate to its necessary expenditure.

3. That so little attention has been given to the recommendation of the last General Convention in relation to the plan for raising the sum of \$20,000 for the building fund of the Seminary, by a contribution from the different Dioceses in the propor-

tion of \$50 for each Clergyman ; New-York and South Carolina being the only Dioceses who have complied with the said recommendation, and they have collected and paid into the treasury a considerable amount of their allotment.

4. That all these considerations furnish incontestible proof of the want of that general interest and co-operation in behalf of the institution, which its friends fondly hoped would have been conciliated by the fact of its almost unanimous establishment by the General Convention, in a spirit of harmony and good feeling which augured the most auspicious results ; by its admirable adaptation to the relief of the wants of the Church in relation to ministers thoroughly furnished for their high and holy work, and by the acknowledged qualifications of those to whom the duty of instruction has been confided.

But the discouragement and regret arising from these considerations are much relieved by the anticipation of a time when the funds of the institution will be abundantly competent to all its wants and purposes, and besides securing to the Professors adequate salaries, will enable the Trustees to increase the facilities of Theological Education by the establishment of scholarships ; the multiplication of which is a matter of paramount interest, and indispensable to any considerable increase in the number of its beneficiaries. This is a subject to which your committee would beg leave respectfully to call the earnest attention of this House, as suggesting the most effectual mode of supplying the requisite number of students. The many young men of piety and merit, who have their views directed to the ministry of the Church, but whose circumstances do not permit them to devote themselves exclusively to the acquisition of the necessary knowledge, constitutes a most urgent call upon the members of the church to make adequate provision for their case ; and in no way can this be more efficiently done than in the endowment of scholarships in this Seminary, in which behalf the interest and efforts of churchmen should be generally enlisted, both individually and congregationally. And were any considerable number of our most competent churches to resolve to provide the means of maintaining respectively one beneficiary, while passing through his Theological course, we should have no longer occasion to lament that so few comparatively are reaping the benefits of this institution. When the trifling amount of the required pecuniary sacrifice, is compared with the auspicious results in contemplation, may it not be hoped that an appeal, in this behalf, from this Convention, will meet with a cordial response from those members of the Church who feel a concern in this most important interest. And in this we are en-

couraged by the fact that the expense of board in the Seminary, including washing, is less than \$2 per week. On this subject, as well as in relation to a plan for increasing the present revenue of the Seminary, your committee will submit, at the conclusion of their report, such resolutions as they may deem proper ; but before they do so, they will make a few statements necessary to throw light on the actual condition of the Seminary.

The course of education, having been substantially the same as heretofore reported ; and the Professors and Students, in the fidelity of the one, and in the proficiency of the other, having fully gratified the anticipations then entertained, little remains for your committee but to make known to this House the actual condition and prospects of the finances.

The last report having been made a few weeks *after* the regular time of commencing the session at the Seminary in October 1826, and the present one being made during the recess, there will appear, for this reason, an unfavourable disparity in the number of students between the two. The number at the last report was *thirty*. At the present, embracing for the reason above stated, only the accessions of two years, viz. 1827 and 1828, the number is only *fifteen* ; an equal number having left the Seminary before completing the prescribed course. The accessions at the opening of the session in October next, it is hoped will more than supply the deficiency ; but on this point we have no data to enable us to form a satisfactory calculation.

The number of those who have received the honours of the Seminary since the last report is *twenty*.

The income of the property of the Seminary, exclusive of such parts as are appropriated to several scholarships, is estimated at \$3,771 30, being less than the amount of income reported at the last Convention, by \$462 03, which deficit is accounted for by the necessary drafts upon the vested funds of the Seminary for the payment of salaries and other debts, and to meet the heavy expense incurred by the filling up of water lots.

The ordinary expenditures of the Seminary amount to \$5000, which exceeds the income by the amount of \$1228 70.

This deficiency is much to be lamented, and had the beneficial plans suggested by the last report been executed, would not now have existed, to the grief, and we may add, the *reproach*, of the Church. But great as the deficiency is, your Committee think it can easily be supplied, and they trust that they do not overrate the liberality and interest of the friends of the Seminary, in the calculation that by an annual sermon and collection in its behalf in our churches throughout the country, a sum may be realised more than adequate to the restoration of the balance

between its expenditures and its revenue. In casting about for the means of meeting the present exigency, the consequences of which, to use the language of the last report, *must* be averted, they have not been able to devise any plan that promises better results than the one just mentioned. This plan would not only supply the deficit in the finances, but, by presenting the claims and importance of the Seminary to the attention of the Churchmen of our country, would prove the surest means of exciting that interest and zealous co-operation which are eminently due to it, as an instrument of incalculable good to the Church, and as a charity that addresses itself most powerfully to the attachment and fidelity of her members, who, in consideration of the deplorable want of qualified labourers for the fields that are every where ripening to the harvest, will not surely be indifferent to an institution which offers the best possible provision for furnishing them, and who, from their love to the Church, and their interest in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, will not, *cannot* refuse their aid to what is so intimately connected with the prosperity of both.

The Board of Trustees at their meeting in June of this year, taking into view the exigencies of the Seminary, adopted the following preamble and resolution:—"Whereas, the available funds of the Seminary are insufficient to meet its annual expenditure, and will be so until the munificent bequest of Mr. Kohne, and other contingent funds, become available; and it is improper and inexpedient to encroach upon the vested permanent fund, or to anticipate the bequest above referred to, or any other contingent or expected funds; therefore *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the parochial Clergy of the Church to have collections made in their respective churches, on some Sunday before the first of June, 1830, for the purpose of supplying the said deficiency."

It is hoped that the wishes of the Board may be generally complied with, and if their recommendation need any further sanction and authority, they will be found in the analogous resolution which forms the first of the two which your Committee will now respectfully submit, in the humble hope and prayer, that, under the divine blessing, they will lead to the accomplishment of their respective objects, from which, if we are faithful to our own responsibility, that blessing will not be withheld.

Resolved, by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops concurring, that until the income arising from the available property of the Seminary be equal to its ordinary expenditures, it be recommended to the Parochial Clergy of the church, to have collections annually made in their

respective churches, on some Sunday before the first of June, in each year, for the purpose of supplying the deficiency in that income.

Resolved, by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops concurring, that it be earnestly recommended to the ministers and members of this church, to exert their influence in their respective spheres of action, for the establishment of *Scholarships* in the Seminary, for the purpose of aiding young men in their support while engaged in their Theological studies.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Committee.

ALLSTON GIBBES, *Chairman*.

August 19th, 1829.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions therein passed, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The same Committee also made the following Report:—

The Committee of this House on the Theological Seminary, report, That it appears the Dioceses of Maine, Ohio, and Mississippi have not nominated any Trustees, and that the only one nominated by Georgia is deceased.

That the following Dioceses have not contributed any funds to the Seminary, viz. Maine, Vermont, Ohio, Mississippi.

That New-Hampshire is entitled to elect two Trustees, but has elected only one; that Massachusetts is entitled to six, but has nominated only five.

That the following Dioceses, not having nominated to the present General Convention any Trustees, are entitled to the same Trustees as have been before nominated to, and confirmed by, the General Convention; who, according to the constitution, continue in office until their successors are appointed:—

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

New-York. The Rev. William Harris, D. D., the Rev. David Butler, the Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D., the Rev. William Berrian, D. D., the Rev. John M'Vickar, D. D., the Rev. James Milnor, D. D., the Rev. William Creighton, the Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D., the Rev. Henry Anthon, the Rev. Lucius Smith, the Rev. John Reed, D. D., the Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., the Rev. Francis H. Cuming, Nehemiah Rogers, David S. Jones, Esq., Henry M'Farlan, Thomas S. Townsend, Esq., Edward R.

Jones, Esq., Stephen Warren, Esq., Robert Troup, Esq., Thomas L. Ogden, Esq., Isaac Lawrence, Esq., David E. Evans, Esq., Jacob Lorillard, Esq., the Hon. James Emott, the Hon. Nathan Williams, John C. Spencer, Esq., William Johnson, Esq.—28.

Delaware.

His Excellency Samuel Paynter.—1.

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:—

New-Hampshire. The Rev. Charles Burroughs.—1.

Vermont.

The Rev. Abraham Bronson.—1.

Massachusetts.

The Rev. James Morss, D. D., the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., Gardiner Green, David Sears, James Bowdoin.—5.

Connecticut.

The Rev. Daniel Burhans, the Rev. Harry Crosswell, the Rev. Truman Marsh, the Rev. Bethel Judd, Nathani Smith, Esq., Burrage Beach, Esq., Samuel W. Johnson, Esq., Richard Adams, Esq.—8.

New-Jersey.

The Rev. John Croes, jun., the Rev. William L. Johnson, the Rev. Matthew Matthews, George C. Thomas, Esq.—4.

Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D., the Rev. James Montgomery, D. D., the Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D., the Rev. John Rodney, jun., the Rev. George Weller, the Rev. William Cooper Mead, the Hon. David Scott, Dr. P. Mowry, John Read, Esq., William Meredith, Esq., the Hon. John Read, Daniel St. Clair, Esq.—12.

Maryland.

The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., the Rev. John Johns, the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, the Rev. John V. Bartow, the Hon. Nicholas Brice, John B. Eccleston, Esq., Alexander C. Magruder, Esq., Francis S. Key, Esq., John C. Herbert, Esq.—9.

Virginia.

The Rev. Reuel Keith, D. D., the Rev. Nicholas H. Cobbs, the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D., the Rev. Edward C. M'Guire, Dr. Carter Berkeley, Mr. Philip Nelson.—6.

North-Carolina. The Rev. John Avery, the Hon. Duncan Cameron, Josiah Collins.—3.

South-Carolina and New-York are the only Dioceses that have contributed to the Building Fund of the Seminary, in compliance with the resolution of the last General Convention.

Signed, by order and in behalf of the Committee,
ALLSTON GIBBES, *Chairman.*

The above report was accepted; the nominations therein contained confirmed; and notice thereof sent to the House of Bishops.

The message of the House of Bishops, proposing an amendment to the resolution of this House respecting the time and place of the meeting of the next General Convention, was called up for consideration.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House disagree to the amendment proposed by the House of Bishops.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to confer with the Bishops on the subject of the time and place of the meeting of the next Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Hawkes, the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, Dr. Jones, and Mr. Chambers were appointed, and notice sent to the House of Bishops.

The Committee to whom was referred the Canon "*Respecting Churches in which divine service is celebrated in a foreign language,*" reported favourably to the passage of the same; whereupon, the said Canon was passed, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, made the following report:—

The Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society having had under consideration the last triennial Report of the Society, and the several annual Reports of the Board of Directors, beg leave respectfully to report—

That these documents afford gratifying evidence of the growing prosperity and usefulness of this Institution. During the three years last past, churches have been erected under its auspices at St. Louis and Detroit. Missionaries, most of whom are now labouring with highly encouraging prospects, have been sent to St. Augustine, Pensacola, and Tallahassee in Florida; and to Tuscaloosa in Alabama; the operations at Green Bay, for some time suspended, have been resumed; a settlement of the Oneida Indians in Michigan has been taken under the care of the Society; and a Missionary Agent has been despatched to Greece to make preparations for establishing Schools, and dis-

persing Christian instruction, among that interesting and unfortunate people. For the zeal with which these measures have been prosecuted by the Society, and more especially by its Executive Committee, and its late able and faithful Secretary, the Committee, in behalf of the Convention, would render them their unfeigned acknowledgments.

But while thus much has been accomplished, and while the Committee would acknowledge it with devout gratitude to Almighty God, they still cannot but express their regret that these efforts have borne so small a proportion—they will not say to the magnitude of the cause or the ability of churchmen—but so small a proportion even to that missionary zeal which is actually existing in our Church. The truth is, and the Committee feel themselves bound to state it distinctly, this Society has not yet received, or at least has not, till very recently, received, even from the friends of Missions amongst us, that general and cordial support which was so earnestly to have been desired. The Committee are far from imputing this to any fault in the executive officers of the society. Those gentlemen have been subjected to peculiar and most discouraging embarrassments. Almost destitute of pecuniary means, unable, on many pressing emergencies, to procure Missionaries of the suitable character, it surely cannot be deemed strange that the sphere of their labors has been limited, and that the instruments employed have sometimes proved inadequate. To your Committee it has appeared plain that this imperfect support is to be ascribed not so much to these causes as, 1st, to the want of plans for raising funds, organized on systematic principles, and emanating from the Board of Directors; and 2d, to some provisions of the constitution, which, while serving, in some measure, to impede the operations of the Society, have had the still more disastrous effect of estranging from it many who should have been its friends.

It affords the Committee, therefore, no little pleasure to be able to say that these impediments are now in the way of being removed. To the defects in the constitution, the Board of Directors seem to have given much and anxious attention, and the result of their labours is seen in certain amendments which they have proposed to the Society for adoption, and which, having been adopted by the Society, and sanctioned by the House of Bishops, have been presented to this House for concurrence. The Committee, after giving to the subject considerable reflection, are of opinion that these amendments are well calculated to promote the interests of the Society, and they therefore recommend them to the favourable consideration of the House.

The Committee, are also happy to perceive from their last Re-

port, that the Board of Directors themselves are aware of the importance of some systematic and extended measures for the raising of funds. The plan which they proposed is to establish auxiliaries, and organize, as subsidiary to these, parochial and other small associations. Having tested, as the Society has, the insufficiency of mere casual donations, and congregational collections, invited as it is by the practice of all similar institutions to the adoption of the course here suggested by the Board, and firmly persuaded as your Committee are, that this is the only mode by which the Society can secure those regular and perennial and increasing contributions to its treasury, which are indispensable to the prosecution of any extended or profitable enterprise, they hope, ere long, to see it carried into effect. It is to be understood, of course, that these measures are not to be prosecuted where they are not approved by the Bishop of the Diocese, and are never to be brought in collision with those Missionary Associations, the objects of which are more strictly of a local and domestic nature.

In connexion with this subject, the Committee would advert to another consideration which seems to them important. On looking over the past efforts of the Society, they are forcibly impressed with the belief that those efforts have been spread over too large a surface ;—that they have been divided between too many and various objects. In the infancy of the Institution, when its means were limited ; when the few Missionaries, ready to serve it, had their eye on such different fields of labour, and when the Directors were urged importunately from every side, to exhibit some fruit of their exertions, such an error was not unnatural. But your Committee are nevertheless persuaded that it was an error. They believe that concentrated action alone is powerful action. If we would have our contributions and exertions produce the greatest possible amount of good ; if we would ensure those early and signal returns, so calculated to cheer the hearts and redouble the exertions of the benevolent, we must restrict ourselves to a small number of objects. In support of these let all possible energy be enlisted. Let every practicable means be adopted, consistent with other and paramount claims, to awaken a wide spread and permanent interest in their behalf. But let no new enterprise be undertaken without the most urgent reasons. It is from considerations like these, that your Committee have deemed it their duty to recommend, that the foreign operations of the Society be limited to the Missions already established, or about to be established. It has already two stations among the Aborigines of our own country. There is one Missionary on the shores of the Mediterranean ; and it is

understood, that the earliest opportunity will be taken to despatch another to Liberia. And when we consider the peculiar debt which we owe to Africa, and the facilities for providing her with Missionaries which are to be afforded by the Mission School at Hartford; when we consider further, that there is both about the inhabitants of Greece, and the natives of our own country, something which commends them with especial force to the sympathies of our nature; it will be obvious, that there can be no objects more important or feasible—none better calculated to enlist the support of all our people, and none, which, if vigorously prosecuted, give promise of such abundant success.

With respect to the domestic operations of the Society, the principle here mentioned, though applicable, is not applicable in the same sense, nor to the same extent. It follows, from the nature of the case, that the stations at present occupied by the Society, if properly conducted, will soon be able to dispense with its aid, and that then, if not sooner, the Board will be called to the selection of new scenes for its operations. On this subject your Committee have deliberated with deep and anxious interest. They see our young country, at the west and south, advancing with unexampled and almost fearful rapidity. They see that in the extension of Christianity, and in the establishment of the institutions of our Church, are to be found most important and indispensable safeguards to its peace and prosperity. But they perceive that there will be great difficulty in deciding to what points the chief energies of this Society shall be directed; where, in that vast expanse which is ripening as wheat unto the harvest, it can put in its sickle with the best prospect of reaping an abundant and glorious harvest. It is plain, that before these questions are decided, we must ascertain where are the greatest spiritual necessities, and where the most favorable openings for the introduction of our Church. And on this subject, it has appeared to your Committee, in common with all others who have given it their attention, that there is a great deficiency of definite and authentic information. They have been forcibly impressed with the effect which has been produced by the recent visit to Tennessee and Kentucky, of the Bishop of North Carolina; its effect in enlarging our acquaintance with the true condition of that interesting region, and in disclosing to us the extensive and touching demands which are made from thence for the services of our Church. Could such visits be made more frequently, and extensively, and leisurely, it is obvious, that while a most favourable impression would be made in behalf of our Church, a mass of information would be collected, which to this Society would be invaluable. It is, there-

fore, with the most lively satisfaction, that your Committee have heard, that a proposition is now before the Board of Directors, to invite one of our Prelates to visit the valley of the Mississippi, with a reference to this object; and that it is contemplated, that on his return, he shall make it his especial business to awaken throughout the Southern Atlantic States, a more extensive and active interest in behalf of this Society. Your Committee can think of no enterprise better calculated to reflect honour on the Episcopal character, or promote the permanent welfare of our brethren at the west, and they therefore recommend it to the favourable consideration of this House.

In conclusion, the Committee would apologize for the length to which they have extended their report. They trust they will not be thought to have transcended their powers, or to have called the attention of the Convention to matters of an irrelevant or unimportant nature. When it is considered that this Society was formed by the General Convention and operates under its immediate supervision; when it is remembered that it was designed to present to all in our communion who are interested in missions, a reservoir where their liberality may collect and flow forth in streams to bless and make glad our sinful world; when it is remembered that while none are coerced to join it or contribute to its funds, it still stands an authorised channel through which the accumulated charities of the church may be so guided as to subserve its own high interests; when these things are considered, your Committee cannot but look upon this institution as one of the most important—they may say *the* most important—in our church. It is evident that a spirit of active philanthropy is abroad in the world. It is evident that it is beginning to pervade our own communion. Our highest dignitaries are seen, at one time, traversing mountains to visit distant and scattered members of their spiritual flocks; at another, collecting around them the children of the forest, who have been reclaimed from Pagan darkness through their instrumentality, and dispensing to them Christian counsel and blessing; and again standing up before the highest and most solemn council of the church, and pleading in behalf of the missionary cause. At such a time, if we would give to this spirit a proper direction; if we would not compel it to resort without our own pale for a field over which to expatiate; if we would render it the means of binding together brethren of the same household, instead of dividing them asunder; if, in one word, we would render it subservient, as easily we may, to the extending of our borders and the consolidating of our strength; then must we look with favour on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. We

may not feel prepared to embark in its support, but we must be willing to bid it God speed. Careful, in the first place, to give it such a form as will recommend it to the favour and patronage of all who ought to be its friends; careful to see that in the conduct of its affairs there is activity in raising the means, caution in selecting the missionaries, and economy in disbursing the resources; we must then call on all who feel an interest in this object, on all who, loving the Lord Jesus Christ, are constrained by that love to labour for the salvation of those who are afar off, to give it their united, their hearty, and their steady support.

The Committee would recommend to the House the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all Protestant Episcopalians who contribute to the support of general missions, to make the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society the channel of their contributions.

2. *Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution adopted by the Society, and sanctioned by the House of Bishops, be concurred in by this House.

3. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Board to take the earliest opportunity of sending a missionary to Liberia, on the coast of Africa, and to restrict their foreign operations to that post, and the others already established.

All which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

A. POTTER, *Chairman*.

The above report was accepted, and the resolutions therein offered, passed.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating their agreement in the proposition of a conference respecting the time of the meeting of the next Convention; and that they had appointed, on their part, the Right Rev. Bishops Hobart and Meade.

The report of the joint committee on the Psalms in metre, was called up for consideration.

A resolution for the indefinite postponement of the subject was offered, and lost.

A resolution was offered to recommit the report to the same committee.

A substitute for the last resolution was then offered, as follows:

Resolved, That the report of the joint committee on the Psalms in metre, be referred to a committee consisting of three Bishops, to be chosen by the House of Bishops, and of four

Clergymen and four Laymen, to be chosen by this House ; of whom four, provided a Bishop be one, shall be a quorum ; and that the committee be required to print and circulate their report at least one year before the meeting of the next General Convention.

The above substitute was adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The Committee of conference with the Bishops, respecting the time of the meeting of the next General Convention, reported, as the result of the conference, a resolution fixing on the third Wednesday in May, 1832.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating their concurrence in the report of the Committee of Conference.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House do not concur in the report of the Committee ; but adhere to their first resolution on the subject, appointing the second Wednesday in October, 1832, as the time of meeting.

The above resolution was sent to the House of Bishops.

The resolution respecting the copy right of the hymns, was then called up, and read as follows :—

Resolved, by the House of Clerical and Lay Delegates, the House of Bishops concurring, that the Committee appointed at the last triennial Convention of 1826, to take out a copy right of the Book of Hymns &c., and to assign the same for one year, be authorized, if they deem it expedient, to assign the residue of the term of the copy right for such consideration as they may deem acceptable ; taking care to provide by the conditions of their assignment for the printing and publishing a full supply of copies for the use of the Church, and at reasonable prices.

The following was offered as an amendment :—

Resolved, by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops concurring, that the copy right of the Hymns secured to this convention, be, and the same hereby is, renounced ; and it is hereby declared that no restriction shall be imposed upon the publication of the Hymns.

The following was then proposed as a substitute :—

Resolved, that the Committee be authorised to make a contract with a printer on terms which will ensure the sale of the book at the lowest possible prices.

The question being put on the above substitute, it was lost.

The amended resolution was then carried ; and sent to the House of Bishops.

A message was received from the House of Bishops communicating their concurrence in the original resolution of this

House respecting the time of the meeting of the next Convention, with an amendment, substituting the third Wednesday for the second Wednesday.

On motion, this House concurred in the amendment of the House of Bishops, and sent to that House notice of such concurrence. So that it is now resolved by both Houses that the next general Convention shall meet in the city of New-York, on the third Wednesday in October, 1832.

A message was received from the House of Bishops stating their concurrence in the resolution referring the Report of the Committee on the Psalms in metre, to a joint Committee; and that they had appointed, on their part, the Right Rev. Bishops White, Hobart, and Croes.

The following gentlemen were then appointed by this House on the said joint Committee:—

The Rev. Bird Wilson D. L.

The Rev. Samuel H. Turner, D. D.

The Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.

The Rev. William A. Muhlenberg.

Samuel J. Donaldson Esq.

William Meredith Esq.

Horace Binney, Esq.

Clement C. Moore, LL. D.

A message was received from the House of Bishops informing this House that they had concurred in passing the Canon respecting Churches in which divine service is celebrated in a foreign language.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating their appointment, agreeably to a request of this House, of a Committee consisting of Bishops White, Hobart, and Croes, on the subject of extending Episcopal supervision to the states and territories in which the Church is not organized; and also informing this house of the concurrence of the Bishops in passing the resolutions relative to the deficiency in the income of the General Theological Seminary, and to the establishment of scholarships therein; and in the nominations of Trustees of the said Seminary.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, the Rev. Dr. Lyell, and Mr. John V. Van Ingen; be appointed by this House to be united with any Committee that may be appointed by the House of Bishops, as a joint Committee to superintend the printing of the Journal, Pastoral Letter, and other documents.

Notice of the above was sent to the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to request of the Right Rev. Bishop White, for publication, a copy of

his sermon preached yesterday at the consecration of the Right Rev. Bishop Meade.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton and Mr. Newton were appointed; who, having fulfilled the object of their appointment, returned for answer that a copy would be granted accordingly.

The Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops to the Members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States was received by this House, and ordered to be laid on the table, and read when this house again meets.

Thursday, August 20th, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Stephen T. Northam, Esq. of Rhode-Island, having produced testimonials of his appointment as a Lay Delegate from that diocese, took his seat in the House.

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

The Pastoral letter of the House of Bishops was read.

On motion, *resolved*, that 2500 copies of the Journal be printed; that 200 copies be reserved in the hands of the Secretary; and that the remainder be distributed to the several dioceses in proportion to their respective numbers of clergy.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a Canon passed by that House, entitled, "*In addition to Canon thirty-third of 1808.*"

On motion, the above Canon was passed by this House, and notice thereof sent to the House of Bishops.

It having been stated to the House that the amount of funds in the hands of the Committee holding the copy right of the Hymns, and appropriated, by this Convention, to the payment of debts incurred at former meetings, is such as to supersede, in part, the necessity of the special assessment on each diocese at the rate of one dollar for every clergyman therein, determined on at the meeting on Tuesday last; it was resolved that the resolution laying the said assessment be reconsidered.

The resolution was then amended by substituting the words *twenty-five cents*, for the words "one dollar." So that the resolution now stands as follows:—

Resolved, that the Secretary of this House be, and he is hereby, authorised to write to the Secretaries of each State or Diocesan Convention, and request that a special assessment of twenty-five cents for each clergyman be collected, and remitted to said Secretary, for the purpose of paying the debt now due from the General Convention.

On motion, *resolved*, that the thanks of this House be presented to the President, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, for

the services rendered by them respectively, during this session.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Secretary be authorised to employ a clerk to transcribe, under his direction, the minutes of the proceedings of this House, into the record book.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, stating that they had appointed the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, and their Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Wilson, to unite with the Committee of publication appointed by this House.

The following document was read, and unanimously adopted :

The members of this House, at the close of its session, desire to express *collectively*, what is felt *individually*, their unfeigned gratification in relation to the general tenor and character of their deliberations. Although several subjects, themselves of weighty consideration, but rendered still more interesting by their intimate connexion with various and peculiar views and opinions, have been discussed, generally with zeal, sometimes with warmth ; yet if these have ever been disproportioned, in the judgment of some, to fitness and strict propriety, we have the pleasure and comfort to know that they have vanished even before the occasion which gave rise to them had passed away, and given place to return of feelings worthy of the individuals immediately concerned, and highly creditable to their hearts and understandings.

The results of the proceedings, doubtless, have not conformed to the wishes of all, but there is discernable neither the spirit of triumph nor the sense of defeat. And while all entertain the belief that all have been under the guidance of pure motives, they heartily join in the desire that the good intended may be more than fulfilled, and that the evil apprehended may never come.

In one respect the members of this House feel special cause for thankfulness and congratulation ; that while reciprocal esteem has more and more increased since the first day of the session, even in the opposition of opinion, a review now shows that the influence of party feeling, anxiously apprehended by many, if it had found an entrance here at all, is disappearing, and that there are not wanting reasons for hope that ere long it will have disappeared altogether.

Encouraged by, and cherishing this hope, while the members of this House separate with strengthened sentiments of mutual confidence, they will go to their respective homes and dioceses, looking for aid to the source of "all good counsels and all just works," with the purpose, as far as in them lies, to en-

deavor to restore peace where she has been lost, trusting that the time is not distant when, in an increased, single-hearted, and consistent attachment to our beloved Church, her doctrine, discipline, and worship, and an unmingled desire of advancing her prosperity, shall be merged every party and arbitrary distinction; and when Churchmen shall be known as such, by their devoted attachment to these, by mutual tolerance as to things left indifferent, by forbearance and kindness towards each other in all things; and by the cultivation and practice of Christian virtues and graces; above all, by charity towards all.

Ordered, that this minute be entered on the Journal as the last act of this session.

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

The House of Bishops then joined this House. Some appropriate collects and prayers from the Liturgy were read by the Presiding Bishop; a portion of the 122d Psalm in metre was sung; and the benediction pronounced by the Presiding Bishop.

The Bishops having retired, the House adjourned *sine die*.

Signed by order of the House,

WILLIAM E. WYATT, D. D. President.

Attest,

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, D. D. Secretary.

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*Philadelphia, Wednesday, 12th August, 1829,
half after 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 the 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. Richard Channing Moore, D. D., of Virginia ; the Right Rev. John Croes, D. D., of New-Jersey ; the Right Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D. LL. D., of Connecticut ; the Right Rev. John Stark Ravenscroft, D. D., of North Carolina ; and the Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania, attended divine service in St. James's Church. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Francis L. Hawkes, of Connecticut, and a sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell ; after which the communion was administered by the Right Rev. Bishop White, assisted by the Right Rev. Bishops Hobart, Croes, and Brownell.

After divine service, the Bishops assembled in the vestry room of St. James's Church.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., be requested to act as Secretary of this House.

The Rev. Mr. Burhans and Mr. Meredith, a Committee of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, informed the Bishops that that House had chosen the Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., of Maryland, their President, and the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D., of New-York, their Secretary, and were now organized and ready to proceed to business.

The Bishops communicated information to the other House, by that committee, that this House also are organized and ready to proceed to business, and have appointed the Rev. Dr. Wilson their Secretary.

A letter from the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, Secretary of the Convention of South Carolina, to the Secretary of this House, transmitting copies of sundry resolutions of that Convention, relative to the alterations in the Liturgy and Constitution, proposed at the last General Convention, was received and read.

The Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, informed the Bishops that that House had resolved to open the Convention every day with the morning service; and the Bishops communicated, through Dr. Onderdonk, to that House, a resolution passed by them, as follows: "*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 also that this House was adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Adjourned.

Thursday 13th August, 1829, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A letter from Mr. John G. Williams, Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, transmitting copies of a preamble and resolutions of that Convention, upon the proposed alterations of the Liturgy and Constitution, was received and read.

The Presiding Bishop stated to the House, that he had obtained, through the good offices of Peter Pederson, Esq. Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of Denmark, to the United States, a full account of the doctrine, the discipline, and of the worship, of that country, including a statistical account of the ministry of the same; which documents the Presiding Bishop has caused to be bound, and now submits them to this House, proposing that they be deposited, with other books and papers, under the control of the Convention, in a chest provided by him for their safe keeping. Resolved, that information of this be transmitted to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and that it be determined with their concurrence, that the said chest be deposited in the library of Christ Church, Philadelphia, with the consent of the Rector and the Vestry of the same; to be subject to the future order of any General Convention.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, communicating their resolution, that seats be provided

for the Right Reverend the Bishops, when they shall choose to attend the deliberations of that House.

The Presiding Bishop presented the third 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 Right Rev. Bishop Hobart presented the triennial report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, which was read, and ordered also to be sent to the other House.

A communication was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred with this House in the resolution for the disposal of certain documents relative to the Church of Denmark.

On motion, the House adjourned until eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, 14th August, 1829, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended divine service. Present as yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A letter from the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the New-York Protestant Episcopal Press to the House of Bishops, relative to that institution was presented and read.

Resolutions were communicated from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, appointing, if the Bishops concur, the second Wednesday in October, 1832, as the time for the meeting of the next General Convention, and New-York as the place of meeting ; which were laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies with the following resolution :—“ Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that the Church in the state of Tennessee be admitted into union with the General Convention.” Whereupon resolved, that a committee be appointed to ascertain if the Church in the state of Tennessee has complied with the constitutional requisitions necessary to its admission into union with the General Convention, and to report. The Right Rev. the presiding Bishop, and the Right Rev. Bishops Brownell and Ravenscroft were appointed the committee.

A message was also received, communicating a report from the joint committee on the Canons, and a resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, adopting the two resolutions attached to the report. The Bishops concurred in passing those resolutions, and directed information of their concurrence to be given to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Saturday 15th August, 1829, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended divine service. Present as yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee appointed yesterday on the resolution from the other House for the admission of the Church in the state of Tennessee into union with the General Convention, reported as follows :—The Committee to whom was referred the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Tennessee, together with the resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, admitting that Diocese into union with this Convention, respectfully report,

That they have examined the said Constitution and Canons, and recommend a concurrence in the resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

At the same time the committee propose, that it be respectfully recommended to the Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee to repeal the proviso to the third Canon passed by that body, July 2nd, 1829, as highly inexpedient in itself, and not conformable to the principles of this Church.

And on motion the report of the committee was adopted, and information thereof sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, seconded by the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell, *Resolved*, That, under existing circumstances, it is not expedient to adopt the proposed resolutions relative to the Liturgy and Office of Confirmation, and they are therefore hereby dismissed from the consideration of the Convention. And the resolution was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

A message was afterwards received from that House with information that they concurred in that resolution.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Monday, 17th August, 1829, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended divine service. Present as on Saturday.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies as follows : “ *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, that this Convention agree to and ratify the alteration of the eighth article of the Constitution, proposed by the last

Convention. The Bishops concurred in passing the said resolution; and directed information thereof to be sent to the other House.

The Presiding Bishop laid before the House a communication from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, containing a resolution of the Society adopting certain amendments of the constitution thereof, which was read as follows:—

At a meeting of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, held by adjournment at St. Peter's Church, August 15th, 1829, it was "*Resolved*, That the following amendments to the Constitution of the Society, be adopted, and laid before the General Convention for the concurrence of that Body:”—

IN ART. II. Strike out from the first paragraph, the words, "and of the members of the house of clerical and lay deputies of the General Convention of the said Church, for the time being;" and the whole of the second paragraph; inserting instead of it, as follows:—"Clergymen who pay fifty dollars, and other persons who pay one hundred dollars, at one time, shall be denominated Patrons, and shall be honorary members of the Board of Directors." In the third paragraph, after the word "foreign," insert the following, "or to what particular missionary object."

IN ART. III. First paragraph, substitute the word, "second," for "first." In the second paragraph, substitute the words, "Board of Directors," for "house of Bishops."

IN ART. V. First paragraph, after "Vice Presidents," strike out the words, "and Patrons of the Society, who shall, *ex officio*, be Directors," and insert the words, "Secretary, Treasurer, and Patrons, who shall have become such prior to the General Convention of 1829;" and strike out the first paragraph of the second sentence, and insert the following:—"they shall meet annually, on the second Tuesday in May, in the city of Philadelphia, or in some other place, to be determined by the Executive Committee, except in the year of the meeting of the General Convention, when they shall assemble on the day, and in the place, of the meeting thereof."

ART. VI. Strike out the whole, and insert the following—"The Board may establish missionary stations, appoint missionaries, and make all by-laws necessary for their own government, and for regulating the appointment of missionaries, appropriations of money, and the conducting of the missions. Special meetings, a month's previous notice being given, may be called,

when necessary, to fix new missionary stations, and to transact such business as circumstances may require ; at which special meetings, seven members, including the President, or one of the Vice Presidents, shall be a quorum to transact business. The Board shall appoint an Executive Committee, and may, at any meeting, appoint such Committees as may be necessary or useful, and give to them such powers, as, in the opinion of the Board, shall tend to the accomplishment of the objects of the Society ; but no missionary shall be appointed either by the Board, or by any Committee to whom the appointment shall be assigned by the Board, unless the President, or the Bishop to whose Diocese he belongs, shall assent thereto."

ART. VII. Strike out the second paragraph, and insert these words—"The duties of the Treasurer shall be defined by the Board of Directors." And strike out the third paragraph, and insert these words, "the permanent fund shall be composed hereafter of such legacies and other sums, as shall be specially given for that fund."

ART. VIII. Strike out the words, at their annual meetings ;" the words, "advice and," and the whole of the last sentence.

ART. IX. Strike out the words, "shall be forwarded," and insert the words, "he shall forward."

ART. X. Strike out the whole, and substitute as follows :—"The Board of Directors shall annually publish, for the information of the members of the Church, a report of their proceedings, and shall, at every meeting of the Society, present a general view of the proceedings of the Board since the last meeting, which shall be referred to a committee to prepare, for the consideration of the Society, a report to be presented to the Convention during its session, as the report of the Society.

True copy from the minutes.

Attest, GEORGE WELLER, *Secretary.*
Philadelphia, August 16, 1829.

And on motion, *resolved*, that this House agree to, and adopt the said amendments, and that they be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for admitting the Church in the state of Kentucky into union with the General Convention ; and was, on motion, referred to a Committee consisting of the Right Rev. the Presiding Bishop, and the Right Rev. Bishops Brownell and Ravenscroft.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies with testimonials in favor of the Rev. William Meade,

D. D., elected Assistant Bishop of the diocese of Virginia, several resolutions of that House on the same subject, and sundry other documents relative thereto ; which were as follows :—

1. The printed Journal of the Convention of Virginia, held at Charlottesville, in May, 1829, containing the proceedings respecting the said election on the 22d and 23d of May.

2. A certificate of Dr. Meade's election from the President *pro tempore* of the Convention.

3. A certificate of the election from the Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. Dr. Moore.

4. A testimonial signed by the members of the Convention of Virginia, conformably to the third canon of 1808.

5. A testimonial from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, conformable to the same canon, with a certificate of the Secretary of that House, that the signatures thereto are those of a majority of the members thereof.

6. Resolutions of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies accompanying their testimonial.

These several testimonials and documents were read, and ordered to lie on the table ; and on motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o' clock.

Tuesday, 18th August, 1829. 9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended divine service.

Present as yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee appointed yesterday on the resolution to admit the Church in the State of Kentucky into union with the General Convention, reported as follows :—

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies admitting the diocese of Kentucky into union with the General Convention, report,

That they have examined the constitution of the said diocese, and find it to be conformable to the principles and order of the church. They therefore recommend that this House concur in the resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Whereupon, on motion, the Bishops adopted the report, and concurred in the resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and directed notice thereof to be given to that House.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the testimonials and other documents relative to the election of the Rev. Dr. Meade, and on motion of the Presiding Bishop the following resolution was adopted and directed to be communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies :—

The House of Bishops, on the ground of the testimonials and documents sent to them by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in favor of the Reverend William Meade, D. D. elected Bishop of the diocese of Virginia, have determined, God willing, to consecrate said reverend person in St. James' Church, to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

And further, on motion of the Presiding Bishop, the following declaration was adopted relative to the same subject, and sent with the resolution to the other House :—

The Bishops cannot proceed to this important measure, without declaring their disapprobation of the provision in the election of Dr. Meade, which prevents immediate succession to the episcopacy, on the decease of the present Bishop of the diocese. Nevertheless, this being a new case in questions of consecration in the church in this country, the Bishops, entertaining no doubt of Dr. Meade's succeeding to the diocesan episcopacy, in the event of his surviving of the present Bishop, have not permitted the preceding consideration to be a bar to his consecration. But they cannot proceed to it, without declaring unanimously their determination, nor without recommending to the future members of this House, now that the peculiarities of this case will have ceased, not to give such further countenance to the innovation, as might be construed to bind it on the Church, to her lasting injury.

A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies relative to the deficiency in the number of the clergy of our Church; which was read. Whereupon, resolved, that the House of Bishops concur with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in the general sentiments expressed in the resolution relative to the deficiency in the number of the clergy, and will take an opportunity, in their Pastoral Letter, of presenting the subject to the consideration of the Clergy and members of the Church, information of which was sent to the other House.

A message was also received from that House communicating a resolution that they concur in the amendment of this House to the resolution admitting the church in Tennessee into union with this Convention.

A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies empowering the joint Committee to obtain a copyright for the Hymns, to defray the expenses of certain publications, which have been of essential aid to the Committee on the Psalms and Hymns. And on motion,

“*Resolved*, that the resolution be concurred in, with the proviso, that this appropriation shall not constitute a precedent for future expenditures for publications issued without competent authority.” And information hereof was directed to be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for their concurrence in the proposed amendment.

Adjourned until ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, 19th August, 1829. 10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Meade.

Present as yesterday, except the Right Reverend Bishop Ravenscroft.

After the consecration, the House again met. The Right Rev. Bishop Meade appeared, and took his seat.

And on motion the House then adjourned until five o'clock this afternoon.

Same day, five o'clock, P. M.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Right Rev. Bishops White, Hobart, Griswold, Croes, Brownell, Onderdonk, and Meade.

The minutes of yesterday, and of this morning, were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies with five canons, passed by that House ; the titles of which are as follows :—“ Canon. *Of those who have officiated as ministers among other denominations of Christians and apply for orders in this church.*” “ Canon. *Offences for which ministers shall be tried and punished.*” “ Canon. *To govern in the case of a minister declaring that he will no longer be a minister of the Church.*” “ Canon. *Concerning ministers removing from one diocese or state to another.*” “ Canon. *Of Assistant Bishops.*” These canons were, on motion, severally taken up and considered, and adopted by this House ; information of which was directed to be given to the House of clerical and Lay Deputies.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies with a resolution relative to the variety of posture observed in the celebration of the communion office ; and requesting the Bishops to express their opinion as to the proper postures ; which was ordered to lie on the table for future consideration.

A message was also received, informing the Bishops that that House concur in the proviso annexed to the resolution re-

specting the appropriation of funds in the hands of the committee holding the copyright of the Hymns.

A report of the joint committee appointed by the last General Convention to obtain a copyright for the Hymns, was received and read, and laid on the table.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, August 20th, 1829. 9 o'clock A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended divine service.

Present as yesterday afternoon, and also the Right Rev. Bishops Moore and Ravenscroft.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, appointing the time and place of the next meeting of the General Convention.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, seconded by the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell, the first resolution was amended by striking out the words "second Wednesday in October," and inserting instead thereof, the words "last Wednesday in May," and the resolutions so amended, were adopted, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for their concurrence in the proposed amendment.

The Right Rev. Bishop Brownell asked, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Resolutions were received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies relating to the deficiency in the income of the General Theological Seminary, and to the establishment of scholarships in that institution for the purpose of aiding young men while engaged in their Theological studies.

The nomination of Trustees for the ensuing three years was also received.

The Bishops concurred in passing these resolutions, and likewise approved the nomination of Trustees; and notice thereof was sent to the other House.

A resolution was also received from that House requesting the Bishops to consider of, and report to the next General Convention, a plan for extending to the States and Territories in which the Church is not organized, Episcopal supervision. And no motion, resolved that the same be referred to a committee, to report a plan to the next Convention. The Right Reverend the Presiding Bishop, and the Right Reverend Bishops Hobart and Croes, were appointed the Committee. And information thereof was communicated to the other House.

The report on the state of the Church, conformably to the 45th Canon of 1808, was sent up to this House from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with a request that the Bishops would draw up, and cause to be published, a pastoral letter to the members of the Church. The report was read, and this House transmitted to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, a pastoral letter considered and agreed upon by them.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with information, that that House did not concur in the amendment proposed by the House of Bishops, to the resolution as to the *time* of the meeting of the next General Convention, and had appointed a committee of conference on their part, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Hawkes, the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, Dr. George Jones, and Col. Chambers. Whereupon this House appointed the Right Rev. Bishops Hobart and Meade, on their part, to confer with that committee. A report was afterwards made from the committee of conference in favour of fixing the third Wednesday in May, 1832, as the time of meeting. And this House, on motion, concurred in that report; information whereof was communicated to the other House.

A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, relating to the Psalms in metre, as follows:—

“*Resolved*, That if the House of Bishops concur, the report of the committee on the Psalms in metre, be referred to a committee of three Bishops, to be chosen by the House of Bishops, and four Clergymen and four Laymen, chosen by this House, of whom four, provided a Bishop be one, shall be a quorum, and that the committee be required to print and circulate their report at least one year before the meeting of the next General Convention.” This House concurred in passing that resolution, and appointed the Right Rev. Bishops White, Hobart, and Croes, members of the committee on their part; information of which was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The following resolution was received from that House—
“*Resolved*, that this House do not concur in the report of the committee of conference as to the time of the meeting of the next General Convention, but insist upon its original resolution.” Whereupon, on motion, *Resolved*, that this House concur in the original resolution, substituting, however, the *third* for the *second* Wednesday in October, 1832. And notice thereof was sent to the other House.

A Canon adopted by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, respecting Churches in which divine service is celebrated in a foreign language, was received from that House. The

House of Bishops concurred in passing the same ; and information hereof was sent to the other House.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, seconded by the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, proposed a Canon in addition to the 33d Canon of 1808, to be adopted by this Convention. The House took the same into consideration.

Afterwards, on motion, the House adjourned until 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Same day, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Present the Right Rev. Bishops White, Hobart, Griswold, Croes, Ravenscroft, Onderdonk, and Meade.

The minutes of this morning were read and approved.

The House proceeded with the consideration of the Canon proposed by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk this morning ; and on motion, Resolved, that the Canon be adopted, and be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, informing this House, that the printing of that House was committed to a committee, consisting of Drs. Onderdonk and Lyell, and Mr. Van Ingen. The House of Bishops appointed, on their part, the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, and their Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Wilson, to be united with the committee of the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, informing this House that they concurred in the amendment to the resolution fixing the time of the meeting of the next General Convention to the *third* Wednesday of October, 1832.

And also informing this House, that they adopt the Canon in addition to the 33d Canon of 1808, as proposed by this House.

Another message was received from that House with a resolution renouncing the copyright of the Hymns. Bishop Hobart moved, that this House do not concur therein, but pass the following as a substitute therefor :—Resolved, that the copyright for the Hymns allowed by the Church, secured to this Convention, be retained ; but that the copyright for any term of years be not at the present disposed of. And on the question being put on that motion, it was negatived. And the House then concurred in passing the resolution sent from the other House ; information of which was communicated to them.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, through the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, their Secretary,

that that House was ready to adjourn, and requesting this House to unite with them in closing the session with offices of devotion. The Bishops accordingly joined that House ; when appropriate collects and prayers from the Liturgy were read by the Presiding Bishop ; part of the 122d Psalm was sung by the members of both Houses ; and the benediction was pronounced by the Presiding Bishop. The Bishops then retiring, this House adjourned *sine die*.

Signed by order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. *Presiding Bishop*.

Attest,

BIRD WILSON, D. D. *Secretary*.



CANONS

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION IN 1829.

CANON I.

Of those who have officiated as Ministers among other denominations of Christians, and apply for orders in this Church.

SEC. 1. When a person who has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this Church, the Bishop to whom application is made, being satisfied, on examination according to the Canons, that he is a man of piety and unexceptionable character ; that he holds the doctrines of the Church, and that he possesses all the literary and other qualifications required, and being furnished with testimonials from the Standing Committee duly convened, may ordain him as soon as is convenient. And the Standing Committee may receive testimonials of his piety, good morals, and orderly conduct, from twelve members of the denomination from which he came ; provided the members of the Committee have such confidence in the persons thus testifying, as to satisfy them of the correctness of the testimony ; and also a testimonial to the same effect from at least one Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In all such cases the Standing Committee may insert in their testimonials the words, " we believe him to be sincerely attached to the doctrines and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church," instead of the words,

“and hath not written, taught, or held, any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church.”

SEC. 2. When any person, not a citizen of the United States, who has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this Church, the Bishop to whom application is made, shall require of him, (in addition to the above qualifications,) satisfactory evidence that he has resided at least one year in the United States previous to his application.

The XVIIth Canon of 1808, and the IVth and Vth of 1820, are hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished.

If any Minister of this Church shall be accused, by public rumour, of discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office without lawful cause, or of living in the habitual disuse of public worship, or of the Holy Eucharist, according to the offices of this Church, or of being guilty of scandalous, disorderly, or immoral conduct, or of violating the Canons, or preaching or inculcating heretical doctrine, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or ecclesiastical authority, to see that an inquiry be instituted as to the truth of such public rumour. And in case of the individual being proceeded against and convicted, according to such rules or process as may be provided by the Conventions of the respective Dioceses, he shall be admonished, suspended, or degraded, as the nature of the case may require.

The XXVIth Canon of 1808, is hereby repealed.

CANON III.

To govern in the case of a Minister declaring that he will no longer be a Minister of this Church.

If any Minister of this Church, against whom there is no ecclesiastical proceeding instituted, shall declare to the Bishop of the Diocese to which he belongs, or to any ecclesiastical authority for the trial of Clergymen, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, his renunciation of the ministry, and his design not to officiate in future in any of the offices thereof, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, to record the declaration so made. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to displace him from the ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two

or three Clergymen, that the person so declaring has been displaced from the ministry in this Church. In any Diocese in which there is no Bishop, the same sentence may be pronounced by the Bishop of any other Diocese, invited by the Standing Committee to attend for that purpose. In the case of displacing from the ministry, as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give notice thereof to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee in every Diocese wherein there is no Bishop. And in the case of a person making the above declaration for causes not affecting his moral standing, the same shall be declared.

The VIIth Canon of 1820 is hereby repealed.

CANON IV.

Concerning Ministers removing from one Diocese or State to another.

SEC. 1. No Minister removing from one Diocese to another, or coming from any State or district which may not have acceded to the Constitution of this Church, shall be received as a stated officiating Minister by any congregation of this Church, until he shall have presented to the Vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop or ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese or State to which he is about to remove, that he has produced satisfactory testimonials that he has not been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion, or viciousness of life, during the three years last past; or in case the party has been subjected to proceedings, or to inquiry, in consequence of any charges subjecting him to censure, the fact of acquittal or exoneration from such charges may be stated in lieu of testimonials in the preceding terms; which testimonials or statement shall be signed by the Bishop or Bishops, or where there is no Bishop, by the majority of the clerical members of the Standing Committee or Committees of the Diocese or Dioceses wherein he has resided; which Committee or Committees shall, in all cases, be duly convened: or in case he comes from a State or district not in connexion with this Church, and having no Convention, by three Clergymen of this Church. Nor shall any Minister, so removing, be acknowledged by any Bishop or Convention, as a Minister of the Church to which he removes, until he shall have produced the aforesaid testimonial.

SEC. 2. Every Minister shall be amenable for any offences committed by him to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in which he is canonically resident, at the time of the charge.

The XXXIst Canon of 1808 is hereby repealed.

CANON V.

Of Assistant Bishops.

When the Bishop of a Diocese is unable, by reason of old age, or other permanent cause of infirmity, to discharge his Episcopal duties, one Assistant Bishop may be elected by and for the said Diocese, who shall, in all cases, succeed the Bishop, in case of surviving him. The Assistant Bishop shall perform such Episcopal duties, and exercise such Episcopal authority in the Diocese, as the Bishop shall assign to him ; and in case of the Bishop's inability to assign such duties, declared by the Convention of the Diocese, the Assistant Bishop shall, during such inability, perform all the duties, and exercise all the authorities, which appertain to the office of Bishop. No person shall be elected or consecrated a Suffragan Bishop, nor shall there be more than one Assistant Bishop in a Diocese at the same time.

CANON VI.

Respecting Churches in which Divine Service is celebrated in a Foreign Language.

When a clergyman, coming from a foreign country, and professing to be regularly ordained, shall be called to a church of this communion in which divine service is celebrated in a foreign language, he may, with the approbation of the Bishop of the Diocese in which such church is situated, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, or with the unanimous approbation of the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop, and on complying with the other requisitions of the Canons, settle in the said church, as the Minister thereof, without having resided one year in the United States, any thing in the 36th Canon of 1808 to the contrary notwithstanding. And when a person, not a citizen of the United States, who has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister of any other denomination of Christians, applies for orders in this Church, on the ground of a call to a church in which divine service is celebrated in a foreign language, the Standing Committee of the Diocese to which the said church belongs may, on sufficient evidence of fitness according to the Canons, and by an unanimous vote at a meeting duly convened, recommend him to the Bishop for orders, and the Bishop may then ordain him, and he may be settled and instituted into the said church, without his producing a testimonial to his character by a Clergyman, from his personal knowledge of him for one year, and without his having been a year resident in this country, any thing in any other Canon of this Church to

the contrary notwithstanding. *Provided*, That in both of the above cases, the person applying produce a certificate, signed by at least four respectable members of this Church, that they have satisfactory reason to believe the testimonials to his religious, moral, and literary qualifications to be entitled to full credit.

CANON VII.

In addition to Canon XXXIII. of 1808.

Where parish boundaries are not defined by law, or otherwise, each city, borough, village, town, or township, in which there is one Protestant Episcopal Church or congregation, or more than one such Church or congregation, shall be held, for all the purposes of the 33d Canon of 1808, to be the parish or parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Clergyman or Clergymen having charge of said Church or Churches, congregation or congregations.

Done in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia,
August, 1829.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. Presiding Bishop.

Attested, BIRD WILSON, D. D. Secretary.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM E. WYATT, D. D. President.

Attested, BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, D. D. 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, report as follows, to the General Convention, that,

As the last General Convention was held a few weeks after the regular time of commencing the session at the Seminary, in the year 1826; and as the same period of the current year has not yet arrived, we have now to record the accessions of but two years. These have been,

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| In the year commencing October, 1827, | 11 |
| Do. do. do. 1828, | 9 |
| | — |
| Total, | 20 |
| The number of Students at the last Convention was . | 30 |
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| Total then and since, | 50 |

The additions to the alumni of the Seminary, that is, those who have prosecuted its full course, and received its full honours, have been,

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| At the commencement in 1827, | 6 |
| Do. do. 1828, | 6 |
| Do. do. 1829, | 8 |
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| | 20 |

Fifteen Students have left the Seminary from various causes, but agreeably to a standing rule of the Faculty, have received no testimonials. As this report is made during the interval between the leaving of the Seminary by one class and the entering of another, there are now of course but two classes of Students. Their numbers are as follows:—

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| First Class, | 9 |
| Second Class, | 6 |
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Total number of the Students now in the Seminary, 15

A third Class will be added in October. The Trustees think it important to mention, that the Students of this Seminary are all strictly Theological Students, having completed their literary preparation before entering, and all, agreeably to the Statutes, regular members of some one class, and performing all its duties; and that according to a resolution of the Faculty reported to the Trustees at their meeting in 1828, no one is allowed to attend the recitations or lectures, or admitted to any privilege of student, except he is a regular member of one of the Classes. By the adoption of more accommodating measures, the number of students might be much increased, but in the opinion of the Faculty its beneficial operation on the cause of religion and the Church would not be by any means so well secured.

The Students are assembled for reading and criticising theological dissertations, and engaging in such discussions as may arise out of them, once in every fortnight during the greater part of the Seminary year. As frequently also they assemble with one of the Professors, for devotional exercises, the reading of practical religious essays, and colloquially remarking on the subjects thus introduced. They assemble also in the chapel, daily, for morning and evening prayer. Divine service is regularly celebrated, and the communion stately administered, in the chapel, on Sundays. The Faculty have also introduced the custom of having annually, on the Sunday preceding matriculation, a sermon in the chapel especially devoted to the duties and obligations of the Students, as such, and as candidates for the holy ministry.

The Students have charge of a large and flourishing Sunday School taught in the chapel, and connected with the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Since the establishment of the Seminary in 1817, one hundred and nine young gentlemen, including the present students, have entered it.* The present number of alumni is 34, among whom the Faculty derive great satisfaction in recognizing some of the most valuable and efficient clergymen of our Church.

The disproportion between the alumni, that is, those who have completed the Seminary course, and received its honours, and those who have, at various times, been connected with it, is to be accounted for in two ways:—In the first place, it was several years after the commencement of the operations of the Seminary before they were reduced to their present regular system, and Commencements were held; and secondly, for want of a proper

* A few who abandoned the study of divinity, after having entered the Seminary, are not here included.

number of scholarships, and other means of aiding young men in their support while engaging in a course of study which leaves little time at their disposal, many have been obliged to leave the Seminary. This evil, it is hoped, will be removed by the liberality of the Church, and encouragement is found in the fact, that the board at the Seminary, including washing, is less than \$2 per week.

But one death has occurred among the students since the removal of the Seminary to New-York in 1822; and none since its location in the present building.

The property of the Seminary, exclusive of its real estate, consists of,

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| 200 Mechanics' Bank shares, which cost | \$5,350 00 |
| 45 Phoenix Insurance Co. shares, | 2,250 00 |
| 43 Union Insurance Co. shares, | 1,612 50 |
| Bonds and mortgages of sundry persons in the city of New-York, amounting to | 72,750 00 |
| Bonds and mortgages of several persons in the state of New-Jersey, received on account of the Bishop Croes Scholarship, which have been handed to the Treasurer of the Convention of that state for collection, | 612 39 |
| Cash on hand this day, Aug. 6th, 1829, | 1,212 18 |
| Total, | <u>\$83,787 07</u> |

Deducting from the above sum the endowments of the

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| Warren Scholarship, | 2,000 00 |
| Bishop White do. | 2,500 00 |
| Bishop Hobart do. | 2,500 00 |
| Bishop Kemp do. | 2,000 00 |
| Bishop Croes do. | 2,000 00 |
| Bishop Claggett do. | 198 50 |
| North Carolina Fund, | 2,948 22 |
| Claremont Scholarship, | 48 00 |
| Salaries and other debts due the 1st inst. | 1,236 66 |
| The amount that will be required to complete the contract for filling up water lots, | 5,500 00 |

20,931 38

There will remain the sum of \$62,855 69

The interest of which may be applied to the current expenses of the Seminary.

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| The ordinary expenses of the Seminary are, | |
| Salaries to professors Turner, Wilson, and Moore, | \$3,750 00 |
| do. to the Librarian, | 100 00 |
| Allowance for a Janitor, | 150 00 |
| Interest on four Scholarships founded by the Society for promoting religion and learning in the Dio- cese of New-York, | 400 00 |
| Incidental expenses, | 600 00 |
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| Making together | \$5,000 00 |

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| From this deducting the interest on the above men- tioned balance of \$62,855, which, at 6 per cent. per annum, is | 3,771 30 |
| There will remain a yearly deficiency of income amounting to | <hr/> \$1,228 70 |

According to the report made to General Convention in 1826,
there have been contributed in the

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| Diocese of South Carolina, | \$9,614 | |
| To which add am't. rec'd. since 3d Nov. 1826, | 1,613 | |
| | <hr/> | \$11,227 |
| North Carolina, | 4,078 | |
| since 3d Nov. 1826, | 100 | |
| | <hr/> | 4,178 |
| Maryland, | 4,968 | |
| since 3d Nov. 1826, | 568 | |
| | <hr/> | 5,536 |
| Virginia, | 625 | |
| since 3d Nov. 1826, | 7 | |
| | <hr/> | 632 |
| Pennsylvania, | 3,061 | |
| since 3d Nov. 1826, | 2,822 | |
| | <hr/> | 5,883 |
| Massachusetts, | 1,715 | |
| since 3d Nov. 1826, | 51 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,766 |
| Georgia, | | 50 |
| New-York, | 120,058 | |
| since 3d Nov. 1826, | 2,644 | |
| Bishop Hobart Scholarship, | 2,500 | |
| | <hr/> | 125,272 |
| New-Jersey, | | 2,035 |
| | <hr/> | \$156,509 |

The cost of the Seminary Buildings and furniture, together with the expense of levelling the adjoining ground, amounts to the sum of \$33,520.

The Library has received many valuable additions since the last meeting of the General Convention; the present number of volumes contained in it is 3,481, viz. 750 folios, 600 quartos, 2,131 octavos and under. The Seminary Building is now entirely completed. It is erected in Greenwich, upon land given to the institution by Clement C. Moore, Esq.; and is 104 feet in length, and 52 feet in depth. It is provided with accommodations for two Professors, and for boarding and lodging forty students, and also with a library, which, for want of a chapel, is also used for that purpose. The whole cost of this building has exceeded the estimate made in the last report to the amount of \$3,520. The deficiency of the building fund, and the consequent necessity of taking so large an amount from the general fund of the Seminary, causes it to be deeply regretted that the resolution passed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and concurred in by the House of Bishops, at the last General Convention, (recommending to the friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church to assist in raising the sum of \$20,000 for the building fund of the General Theological Seminary,) has received such limited attention. As far as the Trustees are informed, the only Dioceses which have made exertions in compliance with the recommendation contained in this resolution, are those of New-York and South Carolina. These Dioceses have both collected and paid into the treasury a considerable amount of their proportionate part of the above required sum.

The state of the finances, as exhibited in the present report, might have excited in the minds of the General Convention some degree of anxiety, but for the seasonable and munificent bequest of the late Frederick Kohne, Esq. of Pennsylvania. On account of the favourable change in the prospects of the Seminary produced by this legacy, the Trustees beg leave to offer their congratulations to the General Convention, and to acknowledge with gratitude a kind Providence promoting the welfare of the Institution. In reference to this bequest, at their recent meeting, the following resolutions were passed, viz. :—

On motion of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hobart, seconded by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell, *resolved*, That this Board have heard with grateful emotions to the good Providence of God, the information communicated by the Trustees of the Board present from Pennsylvania, of the legacy of \$100,000 to this Seminary by the late Frederick Kohne, Esq. of Philadelphia, and do here-

by testify their veneration and gratitude for the memory of their munificent benefactor.

Resolved further, That the Standing Committee be authorised to take measures for erecting a monument to the memory of Mr. Kohne, in the chapel of the Seminary.

Resolved, That the Trustees of this Board resident in the city of Philadelphia, be a committee to convey to Mrs. Kohne the grateful sentiments of this Board for the munificent benefaction of her deceased husband, and of their great respect for her own character, and sensibility to the interest which she has manifested in his large and benevolent legacies.

The following preamble and resolution were also adopted :

Whereas, the available funds of the Seminary are insufficient to meet its annual expenditure, and will be so until the munificent bequest of Mr. Kohne and other contingent funds become available ; and it is improper and inexpedient to encroach upon the vested permanent fund, or to anticipate the bequest above referred to, or any other contingent or expected funds : therefore, *Resolved,* That it be recommended to the parochial clergy of the Church to have collections made in their respective churches, on some Sunday before the first of June, 1830, for the purpose of supplying the said deficiency.

To this last resolution, the Trustees would respectfully draw the particular attention of the General Convention, in order that in their wisdom they may adopt such measures as will more effectually secure the accomplishment of the object proposed by it.

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

JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT, *Secretary.*

New-York, August 6th, 1829.

TRIENNIAL REPORT

Of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States ; being the report of the Directors to the Society, and adopted by the latter, as its report to the Convention.

The Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in presenting their Third Triennial Report to the Society, have cause to express thankfulness to God, that some portion of that cloud which rested on the Society's path at the last meeting, has been dispersed, and that the Great Head of the Church has been pleased to smile, in some measure, upon their exertions for the spread of his kingdom. Their path, however, is still beset with difficulties, and many obstacles are yet to be removed, which restrain its usefulness, and fetter the efforts of its friends. They trust to the wisdom of the Society, and the Convention of the Church, that every thing will now be done which may give to this institution its proper standing, increased means of usefulness, and cordial and general support.

I. AUXILIARY SOCIETIES AND PATRONAGE.

The number of Auxiliary Societies has ever been small, and amounts, at present, to about twenty ; of these seven have been added since the last Triennial Report. A few only have been regular in their remittances. Some of them, however, have been very efficient assistants to the Board in furnishing funds, as will be seen by a reference to the lists of donations in the Reports, and quarterly papers. Upon such sources as these, the Board are enabled to rely, and their contributions have therefore been doubly gratifying to the Board.

The Patrons of the Society, entitled to seats at the Board, are eighty-three in number. There are forty-four members for life. The whole number of annual subscribers entitled as such to meet and vote with the society, is 36.

The Board would, under this head, express their gratitude to God for having put it into the heart of the late Mr. Frederick Kohne, of Philadelphia, to bequeath to the Society, by his last will, in addition to many very liberal bequests to other religious and benevolent institutions, the sum of *ten thousand dollars*, to be expended upon Domestic Missions, but not to be paid until the death of his widow. The Board trust that this munificent

example will not be lost upon the wealthy members of our communion.

II. AGENCIES.

The Board deeming the appointment of a General Agent of great importance to the society, at their meeting in 1828, authorised the Executive Committee, as soon as in their opinion the funds of the Society should allow of it, to appoint a permanent General Agent, with a suitable salary, and in the mean time to make such other arrangements, as might seem to them most expedient for answering, as far as may be, the objects proposed by the appointment of a permanent General Agent. The Secretary was accordingly requested to discharge the duties of this office, as far as was convenient to him, which he continued to do, until the last meeting of the Board, when the necessity of such an officer appeared so obvious, that the Board directed the continuance of the office until the present meeting of the Society, and in addition to his salary as Secretary, directed that he be allowed, for the intervening term, a compensation which is at the rate of \$12,00 per annum. As was expected by the terms of the appointment, the Secretary and General Agent has devoted himself entirely to the business of the Society, with unwearied zeal, and with great ability. As the measure was an experiment in which the future prospects of the Society were believed to be deeply involved, the Board deem it to be their duty to lay before the society, and the Convention, the effects which have resulted from it. During the last six months the exertions of the Secretary and General Agent, have added to the funds between eight and nine hundred dollars. The expenses of the agency have been three hundred and seventy dollars for the last three months.

Whether the Society will consider the fruits of this experiment such as to warrant the prosecution, or will be able to devise other measures for increasing their funds, is now submitted to them by the Board of Directors, with great concern, but with entire confidence in their wisdom.

III. MISSIONARY STATIONS.

At the last meeting of the Society, the only stations to which Missionaries had been appointed, were

St. Louis, in Missouri ; Detroit, in Michigan ; and Green Bay, in the same territory.

1. At *St. Louis*, the Rev. Mr. Horrel was at that time in the employ of the Society, and was allowed a salary of \$300 *per*

annum. He continued to receive the same salary till October last, when it was reduced to \$200, and on the first of July last was discontinued. A church has been erected in that place, and a respectable congregation gathered and organized. The Board have reason to believe that Mr. Horrel's ministrations have been very acceptable to the people of that place, and that having received liberal aid from this Society for five years, the church may be considered as permanently established. It has therefore ceased to be considered by them as a missionary station.

2. At *Detroit*, the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, who at the last meeting of the Society was the missionary for that station, at a salary of \$250 a year, continued to minister judiciously, zealously, and efficiently until the month of June last. A handsome church has been erected, and a congregation permanently established, although not yet sufficiently extensive to be released from connection with, and dependence upon, this Society. Mr. Cadle has relinquished this station to enter upon a more enlarged field of usefulness to the Church, and will remain in connection with the Society. It is desirable that a well qualified missionary should be appointed to succeed Mr. C. at *Detroit*.

3. *Green Bay*. The Rev. Norman Nash was appointed for this station prior to the last meeting of the Society, at a salary of \$400 a year, and his subsistence. At that time, however, he was in this city, and did not subsequently proceed to the station. At the meeting of the Board in May, 1827, it was found necessary, in consequence of the unfavorable prospect of affairs in relation to this mission, to suspend it. And although measures were soon after put in train for resuming this mission, yet they have not resulted favorably until recently. Within the last few months an arrangement has been effected with the government of the United States, by which the society is allowed the occupancy of a tract of land for a farm, and location of a missionary establishment, and also the sum of \$1000 a year for three years, and \$1500 a year thereafter, during the pleasure of the government, being the amount required to be appropriated for the education of the Indians in the vicinity of *Green Bay*, by a treaty made with them by the general government. As the Board could not have conducted a mission so peculiarly expensive as this, without assistance other than its ordinary resources, so it appeared to be required of them, when aid to such an extent was within their reach, to proceed immediately and earnestly in the measures necessary to such an undertaking, accordingly the Rev. Richard F. Cadle has been appointed missionary for that station, and superintendent of the education establish-

ment upon the same terms as Mr. Nash. He is now on his way, in company with his sister, Miss Sarah B. Cadle, who has been appointed female teacher, to his station, where he will be joined by Mr. Albert G. Ellis and his wife, who are to take charge respectively of the farming and household departments. A teacher for the male department will be shortly provided. It is expected that the mission will be in operation as soon as the necessary buildings can be erected.

To the above stations, there have been added the following, viz :

Knoxville and Nashville, in Tennessee ; Tallahassee, Pensacola, and St. Augustine, in Florida ; Tuscaloosa, in Alabama ; the Oneida settlement at the Little Cacalaw, on the Fox river of Green Bay ; Ann Arbor, Washtenaw county, Michigan ; and Greece.

4. *Knoxville.* The Rev. John Davis was appointed a missionary in November, 1826, on a salary of \$200, and directed to visit Tennessee, where the Board believed that many promising fields were open to missionaries of our church, and to locate himself in any situation in that state which might accord with his own views of usefulness, and the prosperity of the church. He was first led to locate himself at Knoxville, where he organized a congregation, and ministered for about a year and a half, when he removed to Columbia, in the same state, and thence, after a short period, to

5. *Nashville,* where he is now officiating.

6. *Tallahassee,* in Florida. In the spring of 1827, the Rev. Ralph Williston was appointed a missionary agent, to visit some of the southern states to collect funds for the society, and to proceed to Tallahassee, to ascertain the prospects of the church there, and to exercise his ministry. He reached Pensacola, via New-Orleans, and being advised against going thence to Tallahassee at that season, he unexpectedly returned to Philadelphia in July of the same year. In the autumn, he again proceeded south, and reached Tallahassee in December, where he remained until the spring, when he finally abandoned the mission, and returned to the north. In the autumn of last year, the Rev. Horatio N. Gray was appointed to this mission, from which, however, he has expressed his wish to retire, because of not having sufficient health and strength for the necessary labor in the coming autumn. These changes the Board feel to be deeply injurious to the cause of the gospel at that station, and they hope that a successor to Mr. Gray, the loss of whose services to the society, the Board deeply regret, may be provided, able, as well as willing, to spend and be spent in this labor of love. There are two congregations attached to this mission.

7. *Pensacola*, in Florida. The Rev. Mr. Williston, when in the employ of this society, passed four or five weeks at Pensacola, and organised a congregation, which earnestly pressed for the services of a missionary. The Rev. Addison Searle was appointed in July 1828, to this station. He did not arrive at it, however, till the beginning of the present year, and before the termination of the first quarter, announced the necessity of his retiring, the Vestry at the same time earnestly requesting that another clergyman might immediately succeed him. The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins was accordingly appointed in May last. He immediately proceeded to Pensacola, where he arrived a few weeks since. He is allowed a salary of \$250.

8. *St. Augustine*, in Florida. The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson was appointed to this station in December last, and after spending the winter there, and finding the prospects of usefulness very favourable, he has returned to the north, to endeavor to obtain assistance in the erection of churches at that and the other Florida stations. A church is about to be erected, and Mr. H. will be allowed a salary of \$400 during the period of building.

9. *Tuscaloosa*, in Alabama. The Rev. William H. Judd was appointed to this station in December last, upon a salary of \$250. A respectable congregation has been organised, and the building a church commenced.

10. *Oneida Mission*, on the Fox river of Green Bay. The Rev. Eleazar Williams was appointed to this mission in August 1828, upon a salary of \$250. He is considered as missionary to the Oneida Indians who have removed from the state of New-York, and settled on the Fox river, and is required to keep a school for the instruction of their children.

11. *Greece*. The Rev. John J. Robertson was appointed in October last, a missionary agent to visit this interesting country, to ascertain its religious condition, its disposition to receive Protestant Episcopal missionaries, and disseminate religious publications. He will return to this country in the ensuing autumn, in the expectation of taking his family to Greece, and becoming a resident missionary. He is allowed a salary of \$500, and his expenses for travel and subsistence.

12. *Ann Arbor*, in Michigan. The Board have agreed to appoint a missionary for this station, so soon as the person who has been selected by the members of our church there shall obtain ordination.

13. 14. *Liberia and Buenos Ayres*. At the last General Convention, a resolution was passed requiring the Board to appoint missionaries to these stations, as soon as practicable. The

Board took the best measures in their power for the performance of the duty thus imposed on them. In regard to *Liberia*, after many inquiries, they succeeded in engaging the services of Mr. Jacob Oson, a coloured man, then resident in Connecticut, by the Bishop of which Diocese he was shortly after ordained, and the necessary arrangements were made for his departure, but before this could take place, he was, in fulfilment of the unsearchable designs of Providence, removed from the world. All endeavors to obtain a successor have hitherto been unavailing; but the Board look to the missionary school at Hartford, as a source from which, at no distant period, they may obtain labourers fully instructed for their work, and ready and willing to devote themselves to it. In regard to *Buenos Ayres*, they had, after similar difficulties, made an arrangement, by which the services of the Rev. Lot Jones were to be devoted to the missionary work, but it was soon ascertained that the blockade of that port, and the greatly increased expenses of the residence in that city, with other circumstances, made it inexpedient that Mr. Jones should depart immediately; and when more favorable circumstances induced the Board to resolve upon the effort, Mr. Jones had made other arrangements, and the object was necessarily again laid aside.

The Reports of the Missionaries up to the annual meeting of the Board in May last, have been published in the annual Reports of the Executive Committee of the Board, to which they respectfully refer the Society.

IV. PUBLICATIONS AND BOOKS.

At a special meeting of the Board, held in October 1827, they directed their executive Committee, at every annual meeting of the Board, to report a full and accurate view of their proceedings, with the amount of all receipts and expenditures, the amount of funds in hand, the doings of the Missionaries, and all other agents of the Board, &c. and immediately to publish the same for the information of the members of the Church. Two of these reports, including the proceedings of the Board for 1827 and 1828, have been published, and also a report of the proceedings of the Board at the second Triennial Meeting of the Society, and at the Special meeting above mentioned.

The Committee were also at the same time instructed to commence the publication of a small quarterly paper of articles of intelligence in relation to missions, calculated to interest the members of the Church in this great cause of Christian bene-

volence, for gratuitous distribution among the members of the church. Five numbers have been published accordingly, and extensively circulated.

At the same time also the Board instructed the Committee to request some clergymen to preach before the Board at its annual meetings, and sermons have accordingly been preached by the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, of New-York, and the Rev. Alonzo Potter, of Boston, and in pursuance of votes of the Board, have been published, and generally distributed.

The Board believe that these publications have materially strengthened the cause of missions among the members of our church, and that they have been instrumental in increasing the disposition to furnish aid to the missions of this society.

In addition to these publications, the Board gratefully record in this place, that the managers of the "American Bible Society," in the last autumn, made to the society the liberal appropriation of Fifty English Bibles, and a draft on the British and Foreign Bible Society, for Holy Scriptures to the amount of \$500, for distribution by our missionary in Greece; and that the Managers of the "American Tract Society" at New-York, at the same time, and in the same liberal manner, made an appropriation of 2500 of that Society's Tracts, and the sum of \$150 for purchasing tracts of that society which have been translated into modern Greek, at Malta, to be distributed in the same way. The New-York Auxiliary Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, about the same time, made to the society the generous donation of 50 Common Prayer Books for each of the society's missions at Tallahassee and Pensacola, and to this have added, in the last month, with a liberality demanding the highest praise from this Board, a further donation of 500 Common Prayer Books for the society's missions, to be drawn for as wanted. The Female Episcopal Tract Society of Philadelphia, have repeatedly made valuable donations of Tracts, both to the Board, and to its individual missionaries.

The sum of Eighty Dollars was appropriated by the Board to Mr. Robertson, on his departure for Greece, to enable him to purchase suitable translations of the Prayer Book and Homilies, for distribution in Greece.

The Board, however, still need large supplies of religious works for distribution. A missionary should never be sent to any station without a liberal supply of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, for distribution, and of Sunday School Books, to be put immediately into the hands of the children at his station. It is only by the immediate organization of congregations, and putting into operation all those plans by which a local and power-

ful interest is excited, that the missionary can hope, if he should in Providence be removed from his station, any traces of his labours to remain. Bibles, Prayer Books, Tracts and Sunday School Books are not only auxiliaries to the missionary work beyond all estimation, but they are instructors themselves, and like good seed sown in well cultivated ground, will spring up and bear fruit an hundred fold, even when the hand of him who has scattered them, has ceased from its labours. The Board would hope and trust, then, that liberal means may be devised to this end.

V. FUNDS.

The Treasurer's Report will give a view of the state of the funds, in which there is now an alarming deficit. The uncertainty, which, by the present modes of collection, must rest upon this branch of the society's means, it is feared will ever form a clog upon any liberal or extensive operations. The Board are unable to calculate at any time upon funds for missions until they are actually received into the Treasury. This is occasioned by their being obliged to rely upon voluntary, irregular, and often intermitted congregational collections, and casual donations. A regular system of auxiliary societies, would at least furnish them probable ground upon which to build, and the deficiencies might then readily be covered, on an emergency, by the application of an agent to wealthy congregations for collections, or by a public appeal.

It becomes difficult, therefore, to make such engagements with missionaries at a distance as will enable them to receive, regularly, when due, their salaries, and yet, unless this can be done, a principal inducement to enter the service of the society must be removed. At this period of the year, pressure and embarrassment have been annually felt, as the quarterly receipts have been much below the quarterly expenditure. It is hoped, therefore, that the Society and the Convention will assist the Board, in devising and putting in operation some more efficient plan, by which they may be enabled to make such estimates of their expected income as may authorise them to contract with missionaries in the reasonable expectation of being, at all times, ready to meet their demands, and free them from embarrassments which have repeatedly made advances from other sources necessary to save the drafts of the missionaries from dishonour. The Treasurer is now liable to be called on, at any moment, to meet engagements amounting to upwards of \$800, demands for some of which, will, no doubt, be made before he

will be in funds to answer them ; besides which, the society is in arrear to the permanent fund \$316,64.

A tax upon the funds, of no small annual amount, is furnished by the publication of the reports, sermons preached before the Board, and the quarterly papers. These publications the Board believe to have been productive of considerable advantage to the society, and the great cause of Christian missions ; so much so, that the Board would be at a loss in what manner to supply the want of them. As, however, they have hitherto been circulated gratuitously, there is no direct return to the society of the amount of their cost.

In conclusion, the Board would express their conviction, that the interests of the society have been, for some time past, after a long season of doubt and disquietude, gradually, but slowly advancing. They see the spirit of missions unfolding itself in the church, and they cordially pray that her councils may be inspired with such wisdom, and her members with such zeal and liberality, that she may be as conspicuous for her labours in this noble cause, as she is for the purity and soundness of her doctrines and institutions.

GEORGE WELLER, *Secretary.*
Philadelphia, August 12, 1829.



THE

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

United States of America.



ARTICLE I.

THERE shall be a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, at such time in every third year, and in such place, as shall be determined by the Convention ; and in case there shall be an epidemic disease, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed on for any such meeting of the Convention, the presiding Bishop shall have it in his power to appoint another con-

venient place (as near as may be to the place so fixed on) for the holding of such Convention ; and special meetings may be called at other times, in the manner hereafter to be provided for ; and this Church, in a majority of the States which shall have adopted this Constitution, shall be represented, before they shall proceed to business ; except that the representation from two States shall be sufficient to adjourn ; and in all business of the Convention, freedom of debate shall be allowed.

ARTICLE II.

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

ARTICLE III.

The Bishops of this Church, when there shall be three or more, shall, whenever General Conventions are held, form a separate house, with a right to originate and propose acts, for the concurrence of the House of Deputies, composed of Clergy and Laity ; and when any proposed act shall have passed the House of Deputies, the same shall be transmitted to the House of Bishops, who shall have a negative thereupon ; and all acts of the Convention shall be authenticated by both Houses. And in all cases, the House of Bishops shall signify to the Convention their approbation or disapprobation (the latter with their reasons in writing) within three days after the proposed act shall

have been reported to them for concurrence ; and in failure thereof, it shall have the operation of a law. But until there shall be three or more Bishops, as aforesaid, any Bishop attending a General Convention shall be a member, *ex officio*, and shall vote with the clerical deputies of the State to which he belongs ; and a Bishop shall then preside.

ARTICLE IV.

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

ARTICLE V.

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

ARTICLE VI.

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

ARTICLE VII.

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

ARTICLE VIII.

A Book of Common Prayer, Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, Articles of Religion, and a Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, when established by this or a future General Convention, shall be used in the Protestant Episcopal Church in those States which shall have adopted this Constitution. No alteration or addition shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer, or other offices of the Church, or the Articles of Religion, unless the same shall be proposed in one General Convention, and by a resolve thereof made known to the Convention of every Diocese or State, and adopted at the subsequent General Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

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

Done in the General Convention of the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the Church, the 2nd day of October, 1789.

Note.—When the Constitution was originally adopted in August, 1789, the first Article provided that the Triennial Convention should be held on *the first Tuesday in August*. At the adjourned meeting of the Convention, held in October of the same year, it was provided that *the second Tuesday in September, in every third year*, should be the time of meeting. The time was again changed to *the third Tuesday in May*, by the General Convention of 1804.

The first Article was put into its present form at the General Convention of 1823.

The third Article was so altered by the General Convention of 1808, *as to give the House of Bishops a full veto upon the proceedings of the other House.*

The second sentence of the eighth Article was adopted at the General Convention of 1811.

The words "or the Articles of Religion," were added to the eighth Article by the *General Convention of 1829.*

Letter of Consecration of the Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Know all men by these presents, that we, *William White, D. D.*, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, Presiding Bishop ; *John Henry Hobart, D. D.*, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-York ; *James Kemp, D. D.*, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Maryland ; *John Croes, D. D.*, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey ; and *Nathaniel Bowen, D. D.*, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of South Carolina, under the protection of Almighty God, in Christ Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, did then, and there, rightly and canonically, consecrate our beloved in Christ, *Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D.*, rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, New-York, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop, to which he hath been elected by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, to assist the Bishop of the Church in the said State, in the duties of the Episcopal Office, and to succeed him in case of survivorship.

Given in the city of Philadelphia, this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

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| (Signed.) | WILLIAM WHITE, | (L. S.) |
| | JOHN HENRY HOBART, | (L. S.) |
| | JAMES KEMP, | (L. S.) |
| | JOHN CROES, | (L. S.) |
| | NATHANIEL BOWEN, | (L. S.) |

Letter of Consecration of the Right Rev. William Meade, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Virginia..

Know all men by these Presents, that we, *William White, D. D.*, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, Presiding Bishop ; *John Henry Hobart, D. D.*, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-York ; *Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D.*, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Eastern diocese ; *Richard Channing Moore, D. D.*, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Virginia ; *John Croes, D. D.*, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey ; *Thomas*

Church Brownell, D. D. LL. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Connecticut ; and *Henry Ustick Onderdonk*, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, under the protection of Almighty God, in St. James' Church, in the City of Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine ; did then and there rightly and canonically consecrate our beloved in Christ, *William Meade*, D. D., Rector of Frederick Parish, Frederick county, Virginia, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop, to which he hath been elected by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Virginia, to assist the Bishop of the Church in the said State, in the duties of the Episcopal office, and to succeed him in case of survivorship.

Given in the city of Philadelphia, this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine.

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| (Signed,) | WILLIAM WHITE, | (L. S.) |
| | JOHN HENRY HOBART, | (L. S.) |
| | ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, | (L. S.) |
| | RICHARD CHANNING MOORE, | (L. S.) |
| | JOHN CROES, | (L. S.) |
| | THOMAS C. BROWNELL, | (L. S.) |
| | HENRY U. ONDERDONK. | (L. S.) |

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IN THE
United States Of America.

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Page 7, line 14, for *Henry M. Mason*, read *Richard S. Mason*.

Page 24, line 28, (in part of the edition,) for *attack*, read *attach*.