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LIST OF THE ATTENDING MEMBERS.

HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

- The Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D., of the Eastern Diocese, Presiding Bishop.
The Right Rev. Richard Channing Moore, D. D., of Virginia.
The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D., of South Carolina.
The Right Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., of Illinois.
The Right Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D., LL. D., of Connecticut.
The Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D., of Pennsylvania.
The Right Rev. William Leade, D. D., of Virginia.
The Right Rev. Benjamin Tredwell Onderdonk, D. D., of New-York.
The Right Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, D. D., LL. D., of North Carolina.
The Right Rev. John H. Hopkins, D. D., of Vermont.
The Right Rev. Benjamin B. Smith, D. D., of Kentucky.
The Right Rev. Charles P. McIlvaine, D. D., of Ohio.
The Right Rev. George W. Doane, D. D., of New-Jersey.
The Right Rev. James H. Otey, D. D., of Tennessee.
The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., of Missouri and Indiana.
The Right Rev. S. A. McCoskry, D. D., of Michigan.
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HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

NOTE.—The Church in each Diocese is entitled (Constitution, Art. 2, to a representation of one or more Deputies, not exceeding four in each order. The following list contains the names of such members as attended during the whole session, and also of those who, upon leave of absence or resignation of their seats, had their places from time to time supplied by other appointments.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

- Maine.*—The Rev. Joel Clap; the Rev. John W. French.
New-Hampshire.—The Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D.; the Rev. James B. Howe; the Rev. Henry S. Smith.
Vermont.—The Rev. Carlton Chase; the Rev. Silas A. Crane; the Rev. John A. Hicks; the Rev. William H. Hoit.
Massachusetts.—The Rev. John S. Stone, D. D.; the Rev. William Croswell; the Rev. Edward Ballard; the Rev. Theodore Edson.
Rhode Island.—The Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, D. D.; the Rev. George W. Hathaway; the Rev. James Pratt; the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton.

- Connecticut*.—The Rev. Harry Crosswell, D. D.; the Rev. Silas Totten, D. D.; the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D.; the Rev. Frederick Holcomb, D. D.
- New-York*.—The Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D.; the Rev. James Milnor, D. D.; the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D.; the Rev. Henry Anthon, D. D.
- New-Jersey*.—The Rev. John Croes; the Rev. Clarkson Dunn; the Rev. George Y. Morchouse; the Rev. Edmund D. Barry, D. D.; the Rev. Samuel Starr.
- Pennsylvania*.—The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D.; the Rev. Samuel Bowman; the Rev. Levi Bull; the Rev. George Upfold, D. D.; the Rev. George Boyd.
- Delaware*.—The Rev. Stephen W. Prestman; the Rev. Corry Chambers; the Rev. Richard S. Mason, D. D.; the Rev. John L. McKim.
- Maryland*.—The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D.; the Rev. John Johns, D. D.; the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, D. D.; the Rev. Clement F. Jones; the Rev. Henry Crosdale.
- Virginia*.—The Rev. Edward C. McGuire; the Rev. Nicholas H. Cobbs; the Rev. Martin P. Parks; the Rev. Alexander Jones.
- North Carolina*.—The Rev. George W. Freeman; the Rev. Robert B. Drane; the Rev. Samuel J. Johnson; the Rev. John Singletary.
- South Carolina*.—The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D.; the Rev. Christian Hanckel; the Rev. Augustus L. Converse.
- Georgia*.—The Rev. William D. Cairns.
- Ohio*.—The Rev. William A. Smallwood; the Rev. John Swan.
- Kentucky*.—The Rev. William Jackson; the Rev. M. F. Maury.
- Mississippi*.—The Rev. M. L. Forbes; the Rev. John F. Fish.
- Tennessee*.—The Rev. John Thomas Wheat; the Rev. Hamblin J. Leacock.
- Alabama*.—The Rev. Samuel S. Lewis; the Rev. John R. Goodman.
- Michigan*.—The Rev. Algernon S. Hollister; the Rev. John O'Brien; the Rev. George W. Cole.
- Illinois*.—The Rev. Isaac W. Hallam.
- Florida*.—The Rev. Robert Dyce; the Rev. R. A. Henderson; the Rev. J. H. Saunders.
- Louisiana*.—The Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D.
- Indiana*.—The Rev. James B. Britton.

 LAY DEPUTIES.

- Maine*.—Robert H. Gardiner.
- New-Hampshire*.—Samuel E. Watson; Isaac Hubbard.
- Vermont*.—George Cleveland.
- Massachusetts*.—Edward A. Newton; Charles R. Codman; Benjamin P. Richardson; Edward Tuckerman.
- Rhode Island*.—Benjamin Hull; Alexander Jones; William R. Babcock.
- Connecticut*.—Samuel Ingham; William W. Boardman; James M. L. Scoville; Samuel H. Huntington.

- New-York*.—Thomas L. Ogden; Stephen Warren; Peter G. Stuyvesant.
New-Jersey.—John Potter; Archer Gifford; Charles C. Stratton; Mark W. Collett; Richard W. Howell.
Pennsylvania.—William Meredith; Horace Binney; Edward J. Stiles; James S. Smith.
Delaware.—Richard Mansfield; Samuel Paynter.
Maryland.—Ezekiel F. Chambers; John B. Eccleston; Samuel J. Donaldson; John W. Stump.
Virginia.—John Nelson; Samuel H. Lewis; Thomas N. Burwell; Edward Colton.
North Carolina.—Edward L. Winslow; John W. Wright; Armand J. De Rossett, jr.; Josiah Collins, jr.
South Carolina.—Edward Richardson; Philip Tidyman, M. D.; Oliver H. Kolklock.
Georgia.—Charles Day; James Potter; George Jones.
Ohio.—J. D. Weston; Timothy W. Rogers.
Tennessee.—Thomas Maney; Matthew Watson.
Alabama.—George Starr; George Cleveland, jr.; M. J. Conly; Asa B. Winn.
Michigan.—Henry K. Sanger.
Florida.—Francis Eppes.
Louisiana.—Joseph Lovell.
Indiana.—George W. Leonard; Horace Thurston.
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- Page 23, line 4 from bottom, after the words "that is to say," insert the words "Article V. to be altered so as to read as follows."
 Page 31, line 16 from bottom, strike out the words "was adopted by both Houses, in 1809."

JOURNAL

OF THE

HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

PHILADELPHIA, September 5th, 1838.

This being the day and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, Divine service was celebrated in St. Peter's Church.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. David Moore, of New-York, assisted by the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, of Virginia, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. William Meade, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. The Holy Communion was administered by the Right Rev. the Senior Bishop, assisted by the other Bishops present.

The House then assembled, and the Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., was appointed Chairman, *pro tem.*, and the Rev. Henry Anthon, D. D., Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Clerical and Lay Deputies presented testimonials of their respective appointments, which, on motion, were referred to the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Mr. Meredith, and the Secretary, to examine and report thereon.

The Report of the Committee having been read and concurred in, the following Deputies took their seats.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

From Maine.—The Rev. John W. French.

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

From Vermont.—The Rev. Carlton Chase, the Rev. Silas A. Crane.

From Massachusetts.—The Rev. William Crosswell, the Rev. Edward Ballard, the Rev. Theodore Edson.

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

From Connecticut.—The Rev. Harry Crosswell, D. D., the Rev. Silas Totten, D. D., the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D.

From New-York.—The Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D., the Rev. James Milnor, D. D., the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D., the Rev. Henry Anthon, D. D.

From New-Jersey.—The Rev. John Croes, the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, the Rev. George Y. Morehouse.

From Pennsylvania.—The Rev. William H. DeLancey, D. D., the Rev. George Upfold, D. D.

From Delaware.—The Rev. Stephen W. Prestman, the Rev. Corry Chambers, the Rev. Richard S. Mason, D. D., the Rev. John L. McKim.

From Maryland.—The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., the Rev. John Johns, D. D., the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, D. D., the Rev. Clement F. Jones.

From Virginia.—The Rev. Edward C. McGuire, the Rev. Nicholas H. Cobbs, the Rev. Martin P. Parks, the Rev. Alexander Jones.

From North Carolina.—The Rev. George W. Freeman, the Rev. Robert B. Drane, the Rev. Samuel J. Johnston, the Rev. John Singeltary.

From South Carolina.—The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D., the Rev. Christian Hauckel, the Rev. Augustus L. Converse.

From Georgia.—The Rev. William D. Cairns.

From Ohio.—The Rev. William A. Smallwood, the Rev. John Swan.

From Kentucky.—The Rev. William Jackson.

From Tennessee.—The Rev. John Thomas Wheat.

From Alabama.—The Rev. Samuel S. Lewis, the Rev. John R. Goodman.

From Michigan.—The Rev. Algernon S. Hollister, the Rev. John O'Brien, the Rev. George W. Cole.

From Illinois.—The Rev. Isaac W. Hallam.

LAY DEPUTIES.

From New-Hampshire.—Samuel E. Watson.

From Vermont.—George Cleveland.

From Massachusetts.—Edward A. Newton, Benjamin P. Richardson.

From Rhode Island.—Benjamin Hall, Alexander Jones.

From New-York.—Stephen Warren, Peter G. Stuyvesant.

From New-Jersey.—John Potter.

From Pennsylvania.—William Meredith, James S. Smith.

From Delaware.—Richard Mansfield.

From Maryland.—Ezekiel F. Chambers, John B. Eccleston.

From Virginia.—John Nelson, Samuel H. Lewis, Thomas N. Burwell.

From North Carolina.—Edward Winslow, John W. Wright, Armand I. De Rosset, Jr.

From South Carolina.—Philip Tidyman, M. D.

From Georgia.—Charles Day.

From Ohio.—Timothy W. Rogers.

From Michigan.—Henry K. Sanger.

From Alabama.—George Cleveland, Jr.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House proceed to the election of a President and Secretary after *viva voce* nominations, and that if there be but one person nominated for each office, the election by ballot be dispensed with.

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt was then nominated as President, and the Rev. Dr. Anthon as Secretary, whereupon, on motion had separately on these nominations, it appeared that both were concurred in by the House.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies that they had appointed the Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., their Secretary, and were now organized and ready to proceed to business; and also, that the House of Bishops had adjourned to meet at St. Andrew's Church to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

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

The Rev. Dr. Lyell and Mr. Newton were appointed.

The Committee on the Testimonials of Deputies, reported to the House the following facts, viz.: That one of the Lay Deputies elected by the Diocese of Rhode Island was a Student of Theology in the General Theological Seminary; and that in the only Testimonial from the Diocese of Mississippi, viz.: its printed Journal, there was an error in the name of one of the Clerical Delegates;—whereupon, on motion, *resolved*, That both of these cases, as reported by the Committee, be referred to a Special Committee.

The Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Mr. Chambers, and Mr. Winslow, were appointed this committee.

Resolved, That the President be requested to appoint, during the recess of this House, the following Standing Committees: On the General Theological Seminary; the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; Admission of New Dioceses; Consecration of Bishops; Canons; Expenses; State of the Church; Unfinished Business; Elections.

Moved and carried, that the following Rules of Order of the

last Convention be adopted for the government of this, and read by the Secretary to-morrow morning.

Rules of Order.—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 afterward 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.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to appoint a gentleman, not a member of this House, as Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. De Lancey laid before the House, a Journal of the Proceedings of a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Territory of Florida, with a request that the said Church be received into union with this Convention; whereupon on motion, *resolved*, That the said Journal be referred to the Committee on New Dioceses, when appointed by the Chair.

Resolved, that this House hold its daily sessions from 9 A. M., until 3 P. M., and that information of the time and place be sent to the House of Bishops.

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it adjourns to meet in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The House adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 6, 1838.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Anthon, of New-York.

The following Deputies appeared, presented their credentials, and took their seats:

From Maine.—The Rev. Joel Clapp.

From New-Hampshire.—The Rev. James B. Howe, Isaac Hubbard.

From Vermont.—The Rev. John A. Hicks.

From Massachusetts.—Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., Charles R. Codman, Edward Tuckerman.

From Rhode Island.—Rev. George W. Hathaway.

From Connecticut.—Samuel H. Huntington.

From New-York.—Thomas L. Ogden.

From New Jersey.—The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, D. D., Archer Gifford, Charles W. Stratton, Mark W. Collett.

From Pennsylvania.—Horace Binney, Edward J. Stiles.

From Virginia.—Edward Colston.

From Georgia.—James Potter.

From Ohio.—J. D. Weston.

From Kentucky.—The Rev. M. F. Maury.

From Tennessee.—Matthew Watson, Thomas Maney.

From Alabama.—George Starr.

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

The Secretary informed the House that, under the order passed yesterday, he had appointed the Rev. Henry J. Morton as his assistant.

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

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 meetings of this Convention, be admitted to the sittings of this House.

Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to make arrangements for the accommodation of the Bishops, when they attend the deliberations of this House, and for the appropriating of certain pews to the exclusive use of the members of this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Mead, and Mr. Meredith, were appointed—whereupon the house took a short recess, and upon its reassem-

bling the Committee reported that they had provided seats in the chancel for the Right Reverend the Bishops, and that they had appropriated all the pews on the floor of the church, from wall to wall, within the third column from the chancel, to the exclusive use of the Convention, and those who have been invited to attend its sittings; the latter to occupy the pews nearest to the walls of the Church, within the reserved limits; and have appointed the sexton as doorkeeper, to carry into effect the arrangements of the Committee.

The report was concurred in by the House.

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 Sections 3 and 5 of Canon 51, and to lay the same on the Secretary's table; and also for the quota, if unpaid, required by Canon 51, towards the expenses of this Convention.

Resolved, That the Delegates from each Diocese be requested to present at the opening of the Convention to-morrow, the Certificate required by the 55th Canon, in relation to the Trustees and funds of the General Theological Seminary.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, proposing to this House that the two Houses unite in the morning Prayer every day during the Session at 9 o'clock, and that the President of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies be requested to appoint a Clergyman to officiate on each day.

The message was concurred in by this House.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the Chair:

1. *General Theological Seminary*.—Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Rev. Dr. Lyell, Rev. Dr. Athon, Rev. Mr. Dunn, Mr. Warren, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Tidyman.

2. *Missionary Society*.—Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Rev. Dr. Crocker, Rev. Mr. Hanckel, Rev. Wm. Crowell, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. Stuyvesant, Mr. Winslow.

3. *Canons*.—Rev. Dr. Hawks, Rev. Dr. Milnor, Rev. Mr. Singeltary, Rev. Mr. Crane, Rev. Mr. Parks, Mr. Newton, Mr. Binney, Mr. Chambers, Mr. James S. Smith.

4. *Expenses*.—Rev. Mr. Cobbs, Rev. C. F. Jones, Mr. J. Wright, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Sam. E. Watson.

5. *State of the Church*.—Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Rev. Mr. French, Rev. Dr. Burroughs, Rev. Carlton Chase, Rev. Edward Ballard, Rev. James Pratt, Rev. Dr. Totten, Rev. Mr. Croes, Rev. Dr. Uplold, Rev. Mr. Prestman, Rev. Mr. Swan, Rev. Mr. McGuire, Rev. Mr. Draue, Rev. Mr. Hanckel, Rev. Mr. Cairns,

Rev. Mr. Jackson, Rev. Mr. Wheat, Rev. Mr. Lewis, Rev. Mr. O'Brien, Rev. Mr. Hallam.

6. *Admission of New Dioceses.*—Rev. Dr. Mead, Rev. Dr. Mason, Rev. Dr. Barry, Rev. Mr. Freeman, Mr. E. J. Stiles, Mr. S. H. Huntington, Mr. John Potter.

7. *Unfinished Business.*—Rev. Mr. Smallwood, Rev. Mr. Converse, Rev. Mr. Morchouse, Rev. Mr. Cole, Mr. Barwell, Mr. Rogers.

8. *Consecration of Bishops.*—Rev. Dr. Crowell, Rev. Dr. Burroughs, Rev. Dr. Mead, Rev. Dr. Hawks, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. T. L. Ogden, Mr. Mansfield.

9. *Elections.*—Rev. Dr. Johns, Rev. Mr. McKim, Rev. Mr. Hollister, Rev. Mr. Chambers, Mr. Colston, Mr. Sam. H. Lewis, Mr. James Potter.

Ordered, That 300 copies of a List of the Members of this House, with the names of the Standing Committees appended to it, be printed for the use of the House.

Moved and seconded, That the note in the English Prayer Book on the Table of Moveable Feasts, according to the several days that Easter may possibly fall upon, be substituted in lieu of the proposed addition on the 78th page of the Journal of the General Convention of 1835.

Whereupon, on motion, it was resolved, That the proposed amendment of the Calendar be referred to a Committee of three, to consider and report on the expediency of correcting at the same time another error in the Calendar of March and April, which consists in the entire omission of a note explaining certain numbers which are prefixed to the several days between the 21st of March and the 18th of April, both inclusive; also, whether both omissions may not be rightly considered to be errors of the press admitting of immediate correction.

Resolved, That the same Committee consider and report whether it be not admissible in like manner to recommend the insertion in future editions of the Book of Common Prayer of a note, similar to that which is found in Bishop Mant's edition, subjoined to the Rule to know when the moveable Feasts and Holy Days begin, showing the ground of the rule upon which Easter Day, on which the rest depend, is established.

Dr. Mason, Dr. Gadsden, and Mr. Meredith, were appointed this Committee.

Dr. DeLancey, from the Special Committee on the testimonials of Deputies from Rhode Island and Mississippi, presented the following report and resolutions:

The Committee, to whom was referred the case of the gentleman from Rhode Island, alleged to be a student in the General Theological Semina-

ry, and also the case of the Deputy from the Diocese of Mississippi, claiming seats in this Convention, report—

That in the case of the Deputy from Mississippi, the claim to a seat is based upon the printed Journal of the said Diocese, which Journal is authenticated by the names of both the President and Secretary of the same. The name of the Deputy is erroneously spelt in the Journal, by the substitution of the letter "D" for the letter "L," as the initial of the middle name. This error being an immaterial one, and the names of both the President and Secretary of the Convention of Mississippi being affixed to the Journal, the Committee are of opinion that the Deputies from Mississippi, named in the Journal, are fully entitled to their seats, and submit a resolution accordingly.

In regard to the case from Rhode Island, it appears that the gentleman is a Candidate for Orders in the Church, and a student in the General Theological Seminary.

The Constitution of the Church declares, that the Church in each State shall be entitled to a representation of both the Clergy and the Laity, "not exceeding four of each order." The only question which arises, then, in this case is, whether the claimant is of the order of the Laity. If he be, the Constitution has not made it a ground of exception to him, as a Delegate, that he is a Student in the Theological Seminary, or a Student elsewhere, with a purpose to change his character, and become a clergyman at a future time. The Constitution appears to regard the Members of the Church as occupying one of these two characters. It nowhere notices a third class, as composed of individuals occupying an intermediate position, nor does it provide for the participation of any such third class in her councils or legislation.

Whether provision would have been made to meet the case of those who are Students of Divinity, and who may for that cause be considered as having less community of feeling or interest with the body of the Laity, had such a case been brought to the notice of those who framed the Constitution, it is not properly the province of your Committee to determine. They take leave, however, to say, that they deem it quite within the power of the Convention to guard, by a canon, against the future practice of making such persons representatives of a body with whom they are not so intimately affiliated. In the mean time, finding no clear constitutional objection to the claim of this applicant, they recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Deputies from the Diocese of Mississippi are entitled to seats in this Convention.
2. *Resolved*, That Wm. R. Babcock is entitled to a seat in this Convention, as a Lay Deputy from Rhode Island.

September 6, 1838.

In behalf of the Committee,
W. H. DELANCEY, Chairman.

1. *Resolved*. That the Deputies from the Diocese of Mississippi are entitled to seats in this Convention.

2. *Resolved*. That William R. Babcock is entitled to a seat in the Convention as a Lay Deputy from Rhode Island.

Whereupon, on motion had separately on these resolutions, they were both concurred in by the House, and the following Delegates took their seats:

From Mississippi—The Rev. M. L. Forbes, the Rev. John F. Fish.

From Rhode-Island.—Mr. Wm. R. Babcock.

On motion, *resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire into the expediency of a Canon to prevent Candidates for Orders in the Church from sitting in this House as Lay Deputies, and if in their opinion it be expedient to prepare and report a Canon.

On motion, *resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire into the expediency of preparing a Canon regulating the mode of admission of new Dioceses, or of amending the 5th Article of the Constitution, so as to admit Delegates to seats in this House from States and Territories not in union with this Convention, and to prevent the union of any Diocese with this Convention which shall not contain the number of Presbyters requisite for the election of a Bishop, and which shall not have elected a Bishop, and the same been consecrated, so as to take his seat in the House of Bishops on the full admission of the Diocese into union with this Convention.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, the authenticity of the Rubric at the end of the metrical Hymns has been questioned, therefore, *resolved*, that it be referred to the Special Committee upon the Calendar appointed this morning, with instructions to ascertain and report to this House its proper merits, affirming, (if heretofore deficient,) its authority.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire if any and what alterations are necessary in Canon IX, of 1832, in regard to requiring the consent of both the Clerical and Lay Members of Standing Committees, to the ordination of Candidates for Orders in a shorter term than three years ; and also to inquire if any and what alterations are necessary in Canon III, of 1835, which relates to those who have officiated among other denominations of Christians, and apply for Orders in this Church.

The Committee on unfinished business asked and had leave to sit during the daily sessions of this House.

The House adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7, 1838.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Milnor, of New-York.

The following Deputies appeared and took their seats :—

From New-Hampshire.—Rev. Henry S. Smith, in place of the Rev. Mr. Chase, who was prevented from attending.

From Rhode Island.—Rev. Alexander H. Vinton.

From Vermont.—Rev. Wm. H. Hoit.

From Connecticut.—Rev. Dr. Holcomb.

From Pennsylvania.—Rev. Samuel Bowman and Rev. Levi Bull.

From Delaware.—Mr. Paynter.

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

A motion to dispense with the calling of the roll, previous to the reading of the minutes, was made and lost.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, proposing that a joint Committee of that House, and of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, be appointed to consider the expediency of adopting measures by this Convention, to provide more effectually for education, in conformity with the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church; said Committee to report during the session of the present Convention.

Whereupon, on motion, this House concurred in this proposition from the House of Bishops, and appointed, as the Committee on the part of this House, the Rev. Mr. Hanckel, Rev. Dr. Lyell, Rev. Mr. Ball, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Codman, and Mr. Ogden.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, proposing to this House that a joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to take into consideration whether any, and if any, what alterations are required in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and informing this House that Bishops Ives, Doane and Otey were appointed, on the part of the House of Bishops, as their Committee.

Whereupon, on motion, *resolved*, that the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concur with the House of Bishops in the proposed measure.

The following Gentlemen were appointed the Committee of this House:—Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Rev. Dr. Crocker, Rev. Mr. Freeman, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. Stuyvesant, Mr. Winslow.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting, together with a memorial and documents from the Primary Convention in Florida, a resolution for concurrence, that the said Diocese be received into union with the General Convention.

Whereupon, on motion, the message and documents were referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses.

Certain documents of a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Louisiana, with a request that the

said Church be received into union with this Convention, were laid before the House—and having, on motion, been referred to the Committee on New Dioceses, the said Committee had leave to retire.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies the report of the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D., Conservator of the Books, Pamphlets, &c., belonging to the Convention, and proposing that the report be referred to a joint Committee of the two Houses, to report to the Convention during its present session.

The report having been read, on motion, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurred with the House of Bishops, and appointed, as the Committee on their part, the Rev. Dr. Milnor, Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Rev. Dr. Johns, Mr. Binney, Mr. Newton, and Mr. E. F. Chambers.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a preamble and resolutions adopted by the Faculty of the General Theological Seminary, on the subject of a Standard Bible, together with a resolution from the House of Bishops for the concurrence of this House, that the Committee be discharged.

The message, on motion, was laid upon the table.

On motion, the House resolved to proceed to the consideration of the proposed alterations in the Constitution touching the division of Dioceses; whereupon, it was moved and seconded, That the proposed alterations be adopted.

A communication from the Convention of the Diocese of New-York was read, expressing the concurrence of said Convention in the proposed alteration of the Constitution touching the Division of Dioceses.

Whereupon, the consideration of the motion for the adoption of the proposed alteration was suspended, in order that the House might receive a report from the Committee on the admission of New Dioceses.

The Committee on New Dioceses, to whom were referred the Message of the House of Bishops, with the accompanying documents from the Primary Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Florida; and also, the Memorial and Journal of a Convention of the Clergy and Churches in the State of Louisiana, report.

That it appears from the said documents that the Church in Florida “accedes to, and adopts the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority accordingly,” as required by the 5th Article of the Constitution of the Church.

It appears, also, from the fact of the admission of the Church in Michigan, while a Territory, by the General Convention of 1832, that a precedent was established for the admission of the Church in the Territories of

the United States into union with the Church, in the same manner as Churches in the States, as "consistent with the meaning and spirit of the Constitution of the Church;" the Committee, therefore, recommend that this House concur with the House of Bishops in the resolution, "That the Diocese of Florida be received into union with the General Convention."

The Committee also report, that it appears from the Journal of the Convention of the Clergy and Churches in the State of Louisiana, that the Church in said State accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority, according to the 5th Article of the Church, and therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that the Diocese of Louisiana be received into union with the General Convention.

WM. COOPER MEAD, *Chairman*.

Philadelphia, Sept. 7th, 1838.

The report of the Committee having been read, it was moved and carried, That this House do concur with the House of Bishops in the resolution admitting into union with this Convention the Diocese of Florida. The following Deputies presented testimonials of their appointment from this Diocese, and took their seats:—The Rev. Robert Dyce, Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Francis Eppes.

The House, on motion, agreed to the resolution recommended by the Committee, relative to the Diocese of Louisiana, and ordered it to be sent to the House of Bishops.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion for the adoption of the proposed alterations in the Constitution. After debate had thereon, it was again laid upon the table, in order that certain messages might be read from the House of Bishops.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had appointed on their part as members of the Joint Committee on the subject of measures for education, Bishops Onderdonk, of New-York, Hopkins and Bowen; and also, that they had appointed on their part Bishops Brownell, Ives, and McIlvaine on the Joint Committee on the report of the Rev. Dr. Hawks, Conservator, &c.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating to this House the Triennial Report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, together with a resolution from the House of Bishops, That if this House do concur, it be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses. The Committee on the part of the Bishops: Bishops Brownell, McIlvaine, and Doane. Whereupon, on motion, the House concurred. The report was read and referred to Messrs. Gadsden, Bowman, Uphold, Warren, Stiles, and James S. Smith, as the Committee on the part of this House.

On motion, *resolved*, That the resolution for the adoption of the proposed alterations of the Constitution be made the order of the day to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Agreeably to the resolutions passed yesterday, the Delegates from the several Dioceses represented in the Convention, presented to the House the documents required by the Canons 51 and 55, which, on motion, were referred to the Committees on the State of the Church and on the General Theological Seminary respectively.

On motion, *resolved*, That to the Standing Committees there be added a Committee on the Book of Common Prayer, to whom shall be referred all matters and propositions submitted to this Convention in relation to the same.

Resolved, That for this Session the existing Committee on Typographical Errors in the Prayer Book be the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Mason was substituted in place of the Rev. H. M. Mason, D. D., not a member of the present House.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the Session was granted to the Rev. Mr. Jones, of Maryland.

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

PHILADELPHIA, September 8, 1838.

The House assembled pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Barry, of New-Jersey.

The following Deputies appeared and took their seats:

From Maryland.—Rev. Henry Crosdale in place of the Rev. Clement F. Jones, absent on leave; and Mr. Samuel J. Donaldson.

From Tennessee.—Rev. Hamblin J. Leacock.

From Alabama.—Mr. Asa B. Winn.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the order of the day was suspended, and the Committee on Canons made the following report:

The Committee on Canons, to whom it was referred to inquire into the expediency of a Canon regulating the mode of admission of new Dioceses, or of amending the 5th Article of the Constitution, so as to admit to seats in this House delegates from States or Territories not in union with this Convention, have had the subject committed to them under consideration, and respectfully report, That in the opinion of the Committee the practice of the Convention in receiving new Dioceses is as unexceptionable as any that could be devised, and that there is no need of any legislation on the subject.

As to the 5th Article of the Constitution, the Committee are

of opinion that it would be inexpedient to alter it. The Committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,
F. L. HAWKS, *Chairman.*

Whereupon, on motion, the Committee were discharged.

The Committee on Canons submitted the following proposed Canon respecting Candidates for Holy Orders, which, on motion, was laid upon the table :

“No person who is a Candidate for Holy Orders in this Church, shall be permitted to accept from any Diocesan Convention, an appointment as a Lay Deputy to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention.”

The message from the House of Bishops, laid upon the table yesterday, on the subject of a Standard Bible, and proposing, (this House concurring,) that the Committee be discharged, was, on motion, taken up for consideration, and concurred in by this House.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, reported in part, that the following subjects appear, upon an examination of the Journal of 1835, to be before the present Convention for consideration :

1. A proposed Canon, “On the Trial of Clergymen,” which was passed by the House of Bishops in 1835, and postponed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies to the present Session. (Vide pp. 135 and 136 of the Journal of 1835.)

2. A proposed Canon, “On the Presentment of Bishops,” (pp. 136, 137.) the history of which is similar to that of the one just named.

3. A resolution in regard to typographical errors in editions of the Prayer Book, which was referred to a joint Committee of both Houses, with directions to report to the present Convention. (Vide p. 24 of Journal of 1835.)

WM. SMALLWOOD, *Chairman.*

Moved and carried, that so much of said report as refers to proposed Canons, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

The House proceeded to the order of the day. After debate thereon, the order of the day was suspended, to have certain messages read from the House of Bishops.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in the resolution for the admission of the Diocese of Louisiana into union with the General Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Wheaton and Mr. Joseph Lo-

vell presented testimonials of their appointment as Deputies to this Convention from the Diocese of Louisiana, and took their seats.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies that they had adopted the following resolution, in which they requested the concurrence of this House :

“ *Resolved*, (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That this Convention does agree to and ratify the alterations in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, proposed in the last General Convention.”

The message, on motion, was laid upon the table.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating to this House a memorial from the 16th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, and another from representatives (in part) of the Churches in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, together with a resolution from the House of Bishops, that, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, the said memorials be referred to a joint Committee of both Houses to report thereon. The Committee named, on the part of the House of Bishops, being the Right Rev. Bishops Bowen, Ives and Kemper.

Whereupon, the message, on motion, was laid on the table, and the House proceeded to resume the consideration of the order of the day, viz : the motion that the proposed alterations of the Constitution be adopted.

After debate thereon, the motion was laid on the table, and the message from the House of Bishops touching this subject was taken up for consideration ; whereupon, it was moved and seconded, that the resolution proposed by the House of Bishops be concurred in by this House.

After debate thereon, the message from the House of Bishops was again laid on the table, and the following resolution was moved and seconded :—

“ *Resolved*, (the House of Bishops concurring,) That the following Amendments of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, proposed in the last General Convention, the same having been made known to the several State Conventions according to the terms of the Constitution, be, and are hereby finally agreed to, and ratified by this General Convention : that is to say—

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

and a new Diocese to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions:—

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

No such new Diocese shall be formed, which shall contain less than eight thousand square miles in one body, and thirty Presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed, if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than eight thousand square miles, or less than thirty Presbyters who have been residing therein, and settled and qualified as above mentioned.

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

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

Strike out the word "States" wherever it occurs in the first and second articles, except where it follows the word "United," in the first part of the first article, and insert in lieu of the word "States" the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "States" wherever it occurs in the second, third and fourth articles, and insert in lieu thereof the word "Diocese."

Strike out the words "or District" in the fourth article.

Strike out the word "State" in the sixth article, and insert the word "Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the eighth article, and insert the word "Dioceses;" and in the eighth article strike out the words "or State" after the words "every Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "State" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Diocesan."

The Clerical and Lay Representation of New-York required that the vote in each order should be taken by Dioceses, agreeably to the provisions of the 2d Article of the Constitution.

The House then, on motion, took a recess of ten minutes; and upon re-assembling, the vote was taken, and stood as follows:

Clergy.—24 Dioceses represented. Ayes 22, and 2 divided.

Laity.—20 Dioceses represented. Ayes 20.

MAINE. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Clapp and French—*Aye.*

NEW-HAMPSHIRE. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Burroughs, Howe and Smith—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Watson and Hubbard—*Aye.*

VERMONT. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Chase, Crane, Hicks and Hoit—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Mr. Cleveland—*Aye.*

MASSACHUSETTS. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Stone, Crowell, Ballard and Edson—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Newton, Codman, Richardson, Tuckerman—*Aye.*

RHODE ISLAND. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Crocker, Hathaway, Pratt and Vinton—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Hall, Jones and Babcock—*Aye.*

CONNECTICUT. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Crowell, Mead, Holcomb—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Scoville and Huntington—*Aye.*

NEW-YORK. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Lyell, Milnor, Hawks and Anthon—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Ogden, Warren and Stuyvesant—*Aye.*

NEW-JERSEY. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Croes, Dunn, Morehouse and Barry—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Potter, Gifford and Stratton—*Aye.*

PENNSYLVANIA. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. De Lancey, Bowman, Bull and Upfold—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Meredith, Stiles and Smith—*Aye.*

DELAWARE. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Prestman, Chambers, Mason and McKim—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Mansfield and Paynter—*Aye.*

MARYLAND. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Wyatt, Johns, Henshaw and Crosdale—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Chambers and Eccleston—*Aye.*

VIRGINIA. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. McGuire, Cobbs, Parks and Jones—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Nelson, Lewis, Burwell and Colston—*Aye.*

NORTH CAROLINA. *Clergy.*—Rev. Mr. Freeman and Rev. Mr. Johnston—*No.* Rev. Mr. Drane and Rev. Mr. Singeltary—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Winslow, Wright and De Rosset—*Aye.*

SOUTH CAROLINA. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Gadsden, Hanckel, Converse—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Mr. Tidyman—*Aye.*

GEORGIA. *Clergy.*—Rev. Mr. Cairns—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Day, Potter and Jones—*Aye.*

OHIO. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Smallwood and Swan—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Weston and Rogers—*Aye.*

KENTUCKY. *Clergy.*—Rev. Mr. Jackson—*Aye.*

MISSISSIPPI. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Forbes and Fish—*Aye.*

TENNESSEE. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Wheat and Leacock—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Maney and Watson—*Aye.*

ALABAMA. *Clergy.*—Rev. Mr. Lewis—*Aye.* Rev. Mr. Goodman—*No.* *Laity.*—Messrs. Starr, Cleaveland, Conly and Winn—*Aye.*

MICHIGAN. *Clergy.*—Rev. Messrs. Hollister, O'Brien and Cole—*Aye.* *Laity.*—Mr. Sanger—*Aye.*

ILLINOIS. *Clergy*.—Rev. Mr. Hallam—*Aye*.

FLORIDA. *Clergy*.—Rev. Messrs. Dyce and Saunders—*Aye*. *Laity*.—Mr. Eppes—*Aye*.

LOUISIANA. *Clergy*.—Rev. Dr. Wheaton—*Aye*. *Laity*.—Mr. Lovell—*Aye*.

So there appearing a concurrence of both orders, voting by Dioceses, the amendment of the Constitution was adopted.

On motion, *resolved*, That a message be sent to the House of Bishops, communicating a copy of the resolution which has been passed, and requesting their concurrence therein.

On motion, *resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to consider and report whether any, and if any, what new Canon may be expedient in order to provide for the organization of new Dioceses, to be erected in conformity with the late amendment of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire into the propriety of introducing a Canon, making it obligatory upon Ministers of this Church to demand from all persons who shall seek admission to the communion of the Church in their respective parishes, upon the ground of a removal from another parish with which they had been united, a certificate from the Rector, or in case of a vacancy in the pastoral office, from the Church Wardens of the latter parish, that the person seeking admission to the communion was at the time of his removal a communicant of regular standing in the Church, and if they deem the same expedient, to report a Canon accordingly.

A vacancy in the Committee on Typographical Errors in the Prayer Book, occasioned by the death of Mr. Wallace, was supplied by the appointment of Mr. Donaldson.

On motion, the proposed Canon touching the appointment of Candidates for Holy Orders as Lay Deputies, was taken up for consideration and passed, and notice thereof sent to the House of Bishops.

The Message of the House of Bishops, proposing a Joint Committee on the Memorials from the Diocese of Georgia, and from certain Churches in Florida, &c., was taken up for consideration, concurred in, and the following Committee appointed on the part of this House, viz.: Rev. Messrs. Mead, Prestman, Crocker: Messrs. Stuyvesant, Nelson, and Huntington.

Mr. Babcock requested leave of absence for the remainder of this Session, on the ground of his being a Candidate for Orders. The House refused to grant it.

The following resolution was offered, and on motion, laid on the table.

Whereas, the Surplice is a most becoming, significant, and ancient ministerial garb, recommended by the usage of the Old Testament Church, by Scriptural references, and by the approbation of wise and holy men, as well those who are not, as those who are, of our Church, *resolved*, That the Ministers among us who are not yet provided with Surplices, are hereby requested to conform to the general usage of our Church in this particular, and that the Vestries, or Congregations, are hereby requested to supply them, as is customary, with such Surplices.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire into the propriety of amending the 1st Section of the 7th Canon of 1835, by striking out the words, "the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his Parish or Church," and inserting in the place thereof, "the whole number of the baptized, adults and infants, within his cure, specifying the number of the baptized that have been confirmed, and the number of the confirmed that regularly partake of the Lord's Supper."

The following resolution was submitted:—

Resolved, That the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies respectfully request the House of Bishops to compose, and set forth, a special form of Prayer for the extension of Christian Missions throughout the world, to be used in the public service of the Church at the discretion of any minister, by and with the consent of his Diocesan first obtained.

Whereupon, it was moved and carried, that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. Messrs. Dyce, Wheaton and Forbes were added to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Weston, Rogers, Mansfield, Barry, Lovell and Cleveland, Jr.

The House adjourned until Monday, at 9 A. M.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10, 1838.

The House assembled pursuant to adjournment. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Stone, of Massachusetts.

The following Deputies appeared and took their seats:—

From Connecticut.—Wm. W. Boardman, Esq.

From Florida.—Rev. R. A. Henderson.

From South Carolina.—Edward Richardson, Esq., in place of Mr. Wm. Heyward.

The Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Joint Committee of six members on the part of this House be appointed to confer with the House of Bishops, respecting the time and place for the meeting of the

next General Convention. The following was appointed the Committee on the part of this House :—Dr. Upfold, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Newton, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Tidyman.

Moved and carried, that the House go into an election to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, for a Committee to act with a Committee of the House of Bishops, in nominating a Board of Missions.

The Committee on Canons made the following report :—

The Committee on Canons, to which it was referred to inquire into the propriety of amending the 1st section of Canon vii. of 1835, by altering the particulars required to be inserted in parochial registers, having had the same under consideration, respectfully report :—That, in the unanimous opinion of the Committee, it is inexpedient to make any alteration in the Canon, and therefore the Committee asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HAWKS, *Chairman.*

Whereupon, on motion, the Committee was discharged.

The Committee on Canons reported a Canon touching the organizing of new Dioceses ; whereupon, on motion, it was referred back to the same Committee, and the Committee had leave to retire.

The Secretary presented a statement of his receipts and expenditures, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Expenses.

On motion, *resolved*, That it be referred to the same Committee, to inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying the 8th Canon of 1835, so as to reinstate the 54th Canon of 1832.

Mr. Colston was substituted on this Committee in place of Rev. C. F. Jones, absent on leave.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in passing the proposed Canon, respecting candidates for Holy Orders.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting the following resolution passed by said House :—

Resolved, That this House concur with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in the form proposed by that House, agreeing to, and ratifying the alterations in the Constitution, proposed at the last General Convention.

On motion, *resolved*, That with the concurrence of the House of Bishops, a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to inquire if any, and what rules of order are necessary for the more regular transaction of the business of the two Houses.

Dr. Milnor, Dr. Mason, Rev. Mr. Saunders, Messrs. Meredith, De Rosset, and Warren, were appointed the Committee on the part of this House.

The Rev. Mr. Saunders and Mr. Eccleston, were added to the Committee on Canons.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in the resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee on rules of order, and have named on their part Bishops Brownell, Ives, and Meade.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had on their part elected by ballot a Committee, consisting of the Right Rev. Bishops Doane, Onderdonk, of New-York, and McIlvaine, to act with a Committee of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in nominating a Board of Missions, to-morrow morning, at 12 o'clock.

A message was received from the same House, informing this House that they had concurred in the resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee respecting the time and place for the meeting of the next Convention, and have appointed on their part Bishops Bowen, Brownell, and Smith.

The House of Bishops notified this House, that they had added Bishop Meade, on their part, to the Joint Committee on the subject of measures for promoting education, according to the principles of the Church.

The House, on motion, took a recess for half an hour.

On re-assembling, a message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting the report of the Joint Committee appointed at the last General Convention, on the subject of the Book of Common Prayer in the German language, together with a resolution passed by the House of Bishops, That the Committee be continued, and be permitted to issue an edition allowed to be used until the next General Convention, the subject of its ratification to be then taken up, and requesting the concurrence of this House in said resolution. Whereupon, on motion, the House concurred.

Mr. Adolph Frost was added to the Committee on the German Prayer Book.

The Committee on the Calendar presented the following report:—

The Committee, to whom was referred sundry resolutions on the subject of amendments to the Calendar prefixed to the Book of Common Prayer, as also the resolution on the authority of the Rubric, subjoined to the collection of Hymns, reports:

That the addition proposed at the last General Convention, by Dr. Henry M. Mason, to the "Table of the Moveable Feasts, according to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon," is absolutely necessary to complete the use of the said table, as without such addition the Rubric to that table would in many instances prove erroneous in its directions; that further, without the addition proposed by Mr. Meredith, to be

annexed to the months of March and April in the Calendar of the table of lessons, the use of the figures prefixed to the days of the month from the 21st of March to the 18th of April, both inclusive, cannot be understood by an inspection of said table; and that the said table is imperfect without, and consequently needs such addition. As far as the members of the Committee have been able to discover, these proposed additions are to be found in all editions of the Book of Common Prayer of the English Church, but are omitted in almost all, if not all, editions of the Prayer Book of the American Church. It is, however, evident that such omission must have been accidental, and ought to be considered typographical; the Committee would therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That in all subsequent editions of the Book of Common Prayer of this Church, the Rubric subjoined to the "Table of the Moveable Feasts, &c.," be printed according to approved standards of the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England; and also, that the Rubric annexed, in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, to the months of March and April in the Calendar of lessons, be inserted in all subsequent editions of the Book of Common Prayer of this Church.

The Committee also proposes the following resolution to be passed at this Convention, and to lie over for adoption to the next General Convention:

Resolved, That the following explanation of the Tables and Rules of the Moveable and Immoveable Feasts, be inserted in the Calendar after the first of said tables.

To show upon what occasion this rule was framed, it is to be observed, that in the first ages of Christianity there arose a great difference between the Churches of Asia and other Churches, about the day whereon Easter ought to be celebrated.

The Churches of Asia kept their Easter upon the same day on which the Jews celebrated their Passover, namely, upon the fourteenth day of their first month Nisan, (which month began at the new moon next to the vernal equinox;) and this they did upon what day of the week soever it fell, and were from thence called "Quartodecimans," or such as kept Easter upon the fourteenth day after the *passis* (phasis) or appearance of the moon; whereas the other Churches, especially those of the west, did not follow this custom, but kept their Easter on the Sunday following the Jewish Passover, partly the more to honour the day, and partly to distinguish between Jews and Christians. Both sides pleaded apostolical tradition; these latter pretending to derive their practice from St. Peter and St. Paul; whilst the others, namely, the Asiatics, said they imitated the example of St. John.

This difference for a considerable time continued with a great deal of Christian charity and forbearance, but at length became the occasion of great bustles in the Church, which grew to such a height at last, that Constantine thought it time to use his interest and authority to allay the heat of the opposite parties, and to bring them to a uniformity of practice. To which end he got a Canon to be passed in the great General Council of Nice, "That every where the great feast of Easter should be observed upon one and the same day, and that not on the day of the Jewish Passover, but, as had been generally observed, upon the Sunday afterwards." And that this dispute might never arise again, these paschal Canons were then also established, namely:—

"1. That the twenty-first day of March shall be accounted the vernal equinox.

“2. That the full moon happening upon, or next after, the twenty-first day of March, shall be taken for the full moon of Nisan.

“3. That the Lord's day next following that full moon be Easter-day.

“4. But if the full moon happen upon a Sunday, Easter-day shall be the Sunday after.”

Agreeable to these is the rule for finding Easter still appointed by the Church. It is, however, proper to observe, that the Church does not reckon the full moons according to the rules of modern Almanacks, but that she governs herself therein by the ancient synodical determinations and paschal cycles of the Church. Also, that it was enacted by the 24th of George 2d, chap. 23, that, “whereas a kalendar, and also certain tables and rules for the fixing the true time of the celebration of the feast of Easter, and the finding the times of the full moons on which the same dependeth, so as the same shall agree as nearly as may be with the decree of the said general council, (of Nice,) and also with the practice of foreign countries, have been prepared and are hereunto annexed:” therefore, “the said feast of Easter, or any of the moveable feasts thereon depending, shall be no longer kept or observed according to the tables,” which had been till then prefixed to the Common Prayer Book, but had been found considerably erroneous; “but that the said new kalendar, tables and rules, hereunto annexed, shall be prefixed to all future editions of the said book, in the room and stead of the former: and that the said feast of Easter, and all other moveable feasts thereon depending, shall be observed according to the new kalendar tables, and rules hereunto annexed, in that part of Great Britain called England, and in all the dominions and countries aforesaid, wherein the liturgy of the Church of England now is, or hereafter shall be, used.”

The tables and rules to find Easter and the other moveable feasts, which are now prefixed to the Common Prayer Book, as indeed they have been ever since the year 1752, are the tables and rules specified in the above extract; by which, it will have been remarked, that provision is made, not only for the celebration of the feast of Easter, on a day to be regulated by a certain full moon; but likewise for finding the time of the full moon on which the same dependeth.

On examining the authority for the Rubric inserted at the end of the Metrical Hymns, it has been clearly ascertained by your Committee, that the said Rubric was passed by both Houses at the Convention of 1808, was adopted by both Houses in 1809, and was thus made the condition on which the said Hymns were to be used; for proof whereof, reference is made to pages 249, 253, 255 and 261 of the Journals, as published by John Bioren, in 1817; that the said Rubric has never been either directly or inferentially abrogated, and is therefore of necessary obligation.

R. S. MASON, *Chairman.*

The Rubric is found in all editions of the English Prayer Book, annexed to the Table of Moveable Feasts.

Note.—That in a bissextile or leap year, the number of Sundays after Epiphany will be the same as if Easter-day had fallen one day later than it really does. And for the same reason, one day must in every leap year be added to the day of the month given by the table for Septuagesima Sunday. And the like must be done for the first day of Lent, (commonly called Ash-Wednesday,) unless the table gives some day in the month of March for it; for in that case the day given by the table is the right day.

The Rubric annexed to the months of March and April, in the English Prayer Book, is as follows:—

☞ The numbers here prefixed to the several days between the twenty-first day of March and the eighteenth day of April, both inclusive, denote the days upon which those full moons do fall which happen upon or next after the twenty-first day of March, in three years, in which they are respectively the golden numbers; and the Sunday letter next following any such full moon, points out Easter-day for that year. All which holds until the year of our Lord 1899, inclusive, after which year the places of these golden numbers will be to be changed, as is hereafter expressed.

Whereupon, on motion, the report was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

The Committee on Canons reported the following *Canon*, in relation to the organizing of new Dioceses formed out of existing Dioceses.

SECT. I. Whenever any new Diocese shall be formed within the limits of any other Diocese, or by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, and the same shall have been ratified by the General Convention, the Bishop of the Diocese within the limits of which another is formed, or in case of the junction of two or more Dioceses or parts of Dioceses, the Bishop of eldest consecration over the Dioceses furnishing portions of such new Diocese, shall thereupon call the Primary Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese.

SECT. II. In case there should be no Bishop who can call such Primary Convention, pursuant to the foregoing provisions, then the duty of calling such Convention for the purpose of organizing, and the duty of fixing the time and place of its meeting, shall be vested in the Standing Committee of the eldest of the Dioceses, by the junction of which, or parts of which, the new Diocese may be formed. And such Standing Committee shall make such call immediately after the ratification of a division by the General Convention.

Whereupon, on motion, the Canon was adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops for concurrence.

A communication was read, addressed to the Secretary of this House, from the Rev. F. L. Hawks, D. D., Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of New-York, stating that said Convention had approved of the proposed alteration in the Calendar sent down to the several Dioceses from the last General Convention.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Day, Star, Sanger, and Smith of New-Hampshire.

The House adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, September 11. 1838.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Lyell, of New-York.

The Rev. George Boyd, a Clerical Deputy from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, in place of the Rev. Levi Bull, absent on leave, appeared and took his seat.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in passing the Canon, providing for the mode of calling the Primary Convention of a new Diocese, formed by the union or division of existing Dioceses.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had passed the following resolution, in which they requested the concurrence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies :

Resolved, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that a Joint Committee be appointed, to take into consideration the expediency of providing for a uniform system of Ecclesiastical Law, regarding the Trial of Bishops and Clergymen throughout the Church, and to report such provisions as they may think worthy of adoption.

The Committee named on the part of the House of Bishops : Bishops H. U. Onderdonk, Hopkins and McIlvaine.

Whereupon, on motion, the House concurred, and appointed on their part—Drs. De Lancey, Hawks and Gadsden, and Messrs. Binney, Chambers and J. S. Smith.

Documents in relation to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Indiana were laid before the House, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on New Dioceses.

The Committee on Canons presented the following report :

The Committee on Canons, to whom it was referred to inquire into the expediency of introducing a Canon, making it obligatory upon all ministers of this Church, to demand of Communicants coming from the Parish of another minister, a certificate of regular standing as Communicants, having considered the subject, respectfully report,

That they think it best to leave the reception of Communicants to the piety and discretion of the minister, acting under the Rubric ; and believing that every clergyman will be best able to determine each case, as it may arise, without any Canon on the subject, they are of opinion, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the matter. The Committee, therefore, pray to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HAWKS, *Chairman*.

Whereupon, on motion, the report was laid on the table.

The following resolution, after being moved and seconded, was, on motion, laid on the table :

Whereas, it is understood, that on some occasions of public worship the administration of the Lord's Supper has been at night,

Resolved, As the sense of this Convention, that such a proceeding is Anti-Rubrical, inconsistent with the usages of our

venerable Church, and might lead to the profanation of the heavenly feast, and to the neglect of private and domestic duties.

Resolved, also, That the administration of the rite of Confirmation at night, if it be not Anti-Rubrical, (for the words are, upon the *day* appointed,) is a new measure, and for that and other reasons, such as encouraging an enthusiastic, rather than a deep, deliberate, sober piety, and protracting religious services to an unseasonable hour, is highly inexpedient.

The Standing Committee on the General Theological Seminary, presented a report in part, which was laid on the table.

The House of Bishops notified this House, by message, that they had elected Bishop Ives to supply a vacancy in the Joint Committee, to nominate a Board of Missions, occasioned by the absence of Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York.

The Committee on Canons asked and had leave to retire.

An amendment to Sect. 2, of Canon 1, of 1835, entitled, "Of the Election of Bishops," was submitted; on motion, referred to the Committee on Canons, and ordered to be printed.

On motion, *resolved,* That it be referred to the Committee on Canons, to consider if any alterations be necessary in the 2d section of Canon 1, of 1835, or if such section may not be rescinded; and further, to consider if any alterations be requisite in 5th section of Canon 2d.

Mr. Morehouse was substituted, in the Committee on New Dioceses, in the place of Dr. Barry, absent on leave, and the Committee had leave to retire.

The Committee on Expenses presented the following report, which was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Canons:

The Committee appointed on Expenses would respectfully report, that they have examined the account of the Secretary, which has been laid before them, and find all the charges therein certified by sufficient vouchers. They are gratified to be enabled to state, that after defraying all expenses incurred by this Convention, there will remain an estimated balance of \$435; all which will appear from the documents herewith submitted.*

The Committee would recommend, that, in consideration of the increasing duties of the Secretary, "a Treasurer be appointed to this Convention, and that he be authorized to invest, from time to time, for the benefit of this Convention, such surplus of funds as he may have in hand." And as it is evidently not desirable that funds should accumulate to any considerable extent beyond the current expenses of the Convention; and as it is ascertained that a triennial contribution of 75 cents for every Clergyman in each Diocese will be adequate to meet all the necessary expenses of this House, the Committee beg leave to suggest that the 8th Canon of the Convention of 1835 be so amended accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. COBB.

* In consequence of extra printing and expenses during the Session, this balance will be considerably reduced.
H. A.

A memorial was presented and read from the Diocese of Maine; whereupon, on motion, it was *resolved*, That so much of the memorial from the Diocese of Maine, as suggests a mode of relief by means of new powers given to the Missionary Society, either for the appointment of Missionaries with a larger field of labour, or for furnishing to Bishops in destitute Dioceses an annual stipend for missionary services, be referred to the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The House, on motion, took a recess until 12 o'clock.

Upon re-assembling, the House, on motion, proceeded to the order of the day, viz: an election for a Committee to act with a Committee of the House of Bishops in nominating a Board of Missions.

The Chair having appointed, as Tellers, Dr. Mead, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. James Potter and Mr. Watson, the House proceeded to ballot for a Committee. The balloting having ended, and the Tellers retired—

A message was read from the House of Bishops, communicating to this House the *Triennial Report of the Board of Missions*; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had passed a Canon, transmitted with the message, in place of Canon 1, of 1835, and repealing the same, and requesting the concurrence of this House.

Whereupon, on motion, the proposed Canon was referred to the Committee on Canons.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a report of the Joint Committee on the fourth article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the action of the Bishops thereon, and requesting the concurrence of this House; whereupon, on motion, the message was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Canons, to whom had been referred the report of the Committee on Expenses, reported the following amendment of the 8th Canon of 1835:

CANON.

Of Defraying the Expenses of the General Convention.

Sect. I. In order that the contingent expenses of General Conventions may be defrayed, it shall be the duty of the several Diocesan Conventions to forward to the Treasurer of this Convention, at or before any meeting of the General Convention, seventy-five cents for each Clergyman within their respective Dioceses.

Sect. II. The 8th Canon of 1835 is hereby repealed.

The Canon was passed by this House.

The Committee on Canons reported sundry amendments to the—

IX. Canon of 1832—Of Candidates for Orders.

III. Canon of 1835—Of those who have officiated without Episcopal Ordination, as Ministers among other Denominations of Christians, and apply for Orders in this Church.

XIII. Canon of 1832—Of the Learning of those who are to be Ordained.

Whereupon, on motion, the report and amendments were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Moved and carried, that these amendments be made the order of the day to-morrow morning, at 12 o'clock.

The Tellers reported that the Rev. Dr. Hawks, Rev. Mr. McGuire, Mr. Eccleston and Mr. Tuckerman, were the only persons elected on the Nominating Committee; whereupon, the House proceeded to a second ballot for two other members of the Committee. The balloting having ended, and the Tellers retired—

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had passed the following resolution, in which they requested its concurrence :

Resolved, (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That a Joint Committee be appointed to report, at the next General Convention, a Canon prohibiting marriages within certain degrees of consanguinity and affinity, defining those degrees, and declaring the penalty (if any) to be inflicted by the authority of this Church on the parties marrying, and on any Clergyman officiating at such marriage; the Committee on the part of the Bishops being Bishops H. U. Onderdonk, Moore and Brownell.

Whereupon, on motion, the message was laid on the table. The Tellers reported that Dr. De Lancey and Mr. Stuyvesant were elected on the nominating Committee.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in passing the Canon of defraying the expenses of the General Convention.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, containing the report of the Joint Committee on the time and place for the meeting of the next General Convention, viz: that they had unanimously agreed to recommend that the next Triennial Convention of this Church be held in the City of New-York, on the 2d Wednesday of September, 1841, together with a resolution of the House of Bishops, that the said time and place be appointed for the next meeting of the General Convention.

Whereupon, the message being under consideration, it was

moved and seconded, That the resolution of the House of Bishops be concurred in, with the following amendment:—Substitute “1st Wednesday in Sept.” for the “2d Wednesday,” and “Baltimore” in place of “New-York.” The first amendment was of *time*, was adopted; the second, to change *the place*, was lost.

A motion was made and seconded, to strike out the words “New-York.” Lost.

The resolution of the House of Bishops was then concurred in, with the above amendment: *Resolved*, That the next Triennial Convention of this Church be held in the City of New-York, on the 1st Wednesday of September, 1841.

Leave of absence was granted Rev. Levi Bull, on account of sickness in his family.

Moved and seconded, to take up the resolution laid on the table, in relation to the administration of the Lord’s Supper. Lost.

Moved and seconded, to reconsider the motion, laying the resolution on the table. Whereupon, on motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 A. M.

Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12, 1838.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Parks, of Virginia.

The Rev. Samuel Starr, a Clerical Deputy from New-Jersey, in place of the Rev. Dr. Barry, absent on leave, and Mr. Oliver H. Kollock, a Lay Deputy of South Carolina, in place of Mr. Henry Deas, who was prevented from attending, appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, made the following report:—

The Committee respectfully report, that the Certificate required by the 55th Canon, has been received from the following Dioceses, viz.:—Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina, New-York, Tennessee, and New-Jersey: that Certificates *informal*, (inasmuch as they do not come from the *Secretary* of the Convention, or do not specify the number of Clergymen in their Dioceses, and the amount of funds contributed by them to the Seminary,) have been received from the following Dioceses, viz., South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Florida, Ohio, Rhode Island, New-Hampshire: that a Certificate has been received from Georgia, from which it appears no Trustee has been nominated by that Diocese; and that from the following Dioceses *no* Certificate has been received, viz.: Vermont, Delaware, Virginia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana.

From the Documents, it appears that the Trustees nominated are—

New-Hampshire. Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., Edward Cutts, Esq.—2.
Maine. Rev. John W. French.—1.

- Rhode-Island.* Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D., Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, Rev. George Taft.—3.
- Massachusetts.* Rev. Theodore Edson, Rev. Edward Ballard, Rev. Alfred L. Baur, Rev. John L. Watson, Rev. Charles Mason, Rev. S. Fuller, Jr., Edward A. Newton, Lester Filley.—8.
- Connecticut.* Rev. D. Burhans, D. D., Rev. Harry Crosswell, D. D., Rev. S. F. Jarvis, D. D., U. L. D., Rev. William C. Mead, D. D., Rev. Silas Totten, D. D., Rev. F. Holcomb, D. D., Richard Adams, P. A. Cannon, S. H. Huntington, Justus L. Bush, William W. Boardman.—11.
- New-York.* Rev. D. Butler, D. D., Rev. T. Lyell, D. D., Rev. W. Berrian, D. D., Rev. A. Potter, D. D., Rev. J. McViekar, D. D., Rev. J. Milnor, D. D., Rev. W. Creighton, D. D., Rev. H. Anthon, D. D., Rev. F. L. Hawks, D. D., Rev. J. Read, D. D., Rev. I. Smith, Rev. F. H. Cuming, Rev. J. F. Schroeder, D. D., Rev. L. P. Bayard, D. D., Rev. J. Brown, Rev. P. A. Proal, Rev. M. Eastburn, D. D., Rev. T. H. Taylor, D. D., Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., Rev. W. Shelton, D. D., Rev. E. M. Johnson, Rev. J. M. Forbes, Rev. A. H. Crosby, Rev. Hugh Smith, Rev. Isaac Pardee, Rev. R. W. Harris, Rev. E. Y. Higbee, N. Rogers, D. S. Jones, E. R. Jones, S. Warren, T. L. Ogden, J. Lawrence, D. E. Evans, J. Lorillard, J. Emott, J. Juliard, J. C. Spencer, William Johnson, D. B. Ogden, F. Smith, P. A. Jay, G. Lee, H. G. Wisner, W. H. Harison, P. G. Stuyvesant, G. C. Verplanck, P. J. Van Rensselaer, J. D. Dickerson, J. A. Dix, J. N. Wells, M. Clarkson, G. Jones, N. B. Holmes, E. P. Livingston, H. Van Rensselaer, T. H. Hubbard.—57.
- New-Jersey.* Rev. John Croes, Rev. John Woart, Rev. E. D. Barry, D. D., Rev. George E. Hare, Mark W. Collett, Archer Gifford, Thomas Chapman.—7.
- Pennsylvania.* Rev. Wm. H. De Lancey, D. D., Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D. D., Rev. John Rodney, Rev. George Boyd, Rev. Levi Bull, David Scott, John Read, Wm. Meredith, John Reed, James S. Smith, Benjamin Stiles—12.
- Maryland.* Rev. Wm. E. Wyatt, D. D., Rev. John Johns, D. D., Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., Rev. J. Wiley, N. Brice, E. F. Chambers, J. B. Eccleston, F. S. Key.—9.
- North Carolina.* Rev. Wm. M. Green, Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rev. G. W. Freeman, Duncan Cameron, Josiah Collins, Jr.—5.
- South Carolina.* Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D., Rev. Alston Gibbes, Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rev. Paul T. Gervais, Rev. W. H. Barnewell, Rev. P. Trapier, Thomas Lowndes, William Heyward, D. E. Huger, James Stuart, M. D., Philip Tidyman, M. D.—11.
- Tennessee.* Rev. Leonidas Polk, Rev. G. Weller, D. D., Rev. H. J. Leacock.—3.

<i>Ohio.</i>	Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D., Rev. C. Colton, D. D., Rev. E. Boyden, Rev. J. T. Brooke, E. Lane, P. B. Wilcox, B. Storer—7.
<i>Florida.</i>	Walker Anderson.—1.
<i>Michigan.</i>	Rev. John O'Brien.—1.

Your Committee are satisfied, that the above named Dioceses are entitled to the number of Trustees they have nominated, and recommend for adoption the following resolution: That the nomination of Trustees, as now read, be confirmed by this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. GADSDEN, *Chairman.*

Whereupon, on motion, the above report was accepted, the nominations therein contained were confirmed, and notice thereof was sent to the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House proceed to the election of a Treasurer, after viva voce nominations, and that if there be but one person nominated, the election by ballot be dispensed with.

Whereupon, Peter G. Stuyvesant was nominated, and elected to the above office.

The message from the House of Bishops, on the subject of marriages within certain degrees of consanguinity, which was laid on the table yesterday, was, on motion, taken up for consideration. Whereupon, it was, on motion,

Resolved, As the sense of this House, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of marriages, and notice thereof was sent to the House of Bishops.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they have had under consideration the amendment proposed by the House, of the resolution appointing the time and place for the next meeting of the General Convention, and do not concur therein. Whereupon,

On motion, the House resolved to request a Conference on the subject, and appointed as the Committee on their part, Dr. Henshaw, Dr. Lyell, Mr. Freeman, Messrs. Meredith, Donaldson and Ogden.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented a report, together with the accompanying resolutions.

Resolved, That the reading of the Documents, on which the said report has been formed, be dispensed with.

Resolved, That the report be entered on the Journal; that a copy be sent to the House of Bishops; and that the Secretary be directed to prepare a tabular view of the Statistics of the Church, for insertion in the journals.

The resolutions were passed, and the report sent to the House of Bishops.

The report of the Committee on the Calendar, laid on the table on Monday, was then called up for consideration, and after debate had thereon, was again laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House of their agreement to the proposed Conference, on the time of meeting of the next Convention, and that they have appointed on their part, Bishops Bowen, Brownell and Mellvaine.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting the report of the Joint Committee on the subject of Typographical Errors in the Prayer Book, appointed at the last Convention, together with a resolution recommended by the Committee, passed by the House of Bishops, and sent to this House for concurrence.

The message and report were laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting a report from the Joint Committee on the Memorials from Georgia, Florida, and other Dioceses, and informing this House that the House of Bishops had adopted the Preamble and Resolutions reported by the Committee, and asked the concurrence of the House of Deputies therein.

Whereupon, on motion, the message and report were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting certain resolutions, passed by that House, touching the exercise of Episcopal Jurisdiction in Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, and the application of the Church in Indiana.

The message and resolutions were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the same House, respectfully requesting of this House to withdraw the report on the State of the Church, with the view of having certain omissions supplied.

Whereupon, on motion, the request of the House of Bishops was granted, and the report having been withdrawn, was referred back to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The report of the Joint Committee on the 4th Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, transmitted to this House by the House of Bishops, was, on motion, taken up, and referred to the Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The report of the Committee on Canons, upon the subject of Certificates from Communicants, was then called up; whereupon, on motion, the Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in confirming the nomination of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

The following preamble and resolution were, on motion, adopted:—

Whereas, the General Convention, at its last Session, adopted a resolution, proposing to add to the note on the Table of Movable Feasts, according to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon, the words, “Unless the Table gives some day in the month of March for it, for in that case the day given by the Table is the right day;” which resolution has been made known to the Convention of every Diocese, according to the terms of the Constitution; therefore *resolved*, (the House of Bishops concurring,) That the words above recited be added to said note, as proposed.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Newton, Howe, Hubbard and French.

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

PHILADELPHIA, September 13, 1838.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Hawks, of New-York.

The following Delegates appeared and took their seats:—

From Connecticut.—S. Ingham, in place of John S. Peters, who was prevented from attending.

From Maryland.—J. W. Stump, in place of F. S. Key, absent from same cause.

From North Carolina.—J. Collins, Jr.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Gadsden, from the Joint Committee on the General Theological Seminary, presented the following report, which was read:—

In presenting their report, the Joint Committee on the Theological Seminary respectfully invites the attention of the House to a few facts.

Prior to the institution of our Seminary, some of the Candidates for Orders in our Church were pursuing their studies at the Theological Seminaries of other denominations, and there was a probability that the high and increasing reputation of those Seminaries would attract to their instructions and discipline a large and constantly increasing number of our Candidates.

About the time of the institution of our Seminary there was published a Statistical Table, from which it appeared, that while there was a great increase in the number of our laity, the number of our Clergy was greatly diminished; and indeed, that the relative proportion of the latter to the former had been constantly diminishing from the date of the Revolution. The obvious remedy for these evils, the obvious measure to increase the

number of our Clergy, to prevent their being trained under influences alien to our Church, and to raise up a body of well qualified Clergy, seemed to be *that* which was adopted, viz. the institution of a Theological Seminary; and peculiar advantages were anticipated, from its being placed under the government of the General Convention, and the resources of the whole Church being concentrated upon it. Twenty-one years have elapsed since the date of the act for founding our Seminary, and the question naturally arises, Have the purposes contemplated by this proceeding been attained? In reply to the question, we refer to a "tabular statement," published with the proceedings of the Board of Missions, from which it appears that the increase of the number of the Clergy "since the establishment of our Theological Seminary, has been in a greater ratio than that of the population of our country."* And in reply to the inquiry, has it, under the good providence and grace of God, raised up "able Ministers of the New Testament—not of the letter, but of the spirit?" we refer to the fact, that it numbers among those who have been its pupils, not a few Clergymen who are among the most prominent in all the various departments of ministerial occupation. Shall an Institution which has, in so great a degree, fulfilled the anticipations of its founders—which has not only increased the number of our Clergy, and the efficiency of those who have participated in its education, but given a tone to theological learning among us, and we may add, encouraged, if it has not suggested, the making provision for the Christian education of our youth in general—an Institution which can be made more and more useful, and while it is a bond of union to the Church, minister to the safety and welfare of the country,—shall it be suspended, or so crippled, as to be reduced to a single professorship? We are not indulging imaginary apprehensions. The report of the Trustees represents, that for a series of years the expenditure has been encroaching on the capital, and we take occasion to remark, that by the same ratio it will soon be all gone, except (thanks to the liberality of the dead and the living) the legacy in expectancy, and the foundation, by individual munificence, for the Professorship of Ecclesiastical History, and that under such circumstances, the Institution in general must be suspended until the Kohne legacy is available, or to take the most favourable view of the subject, its instructions limited to a single branch of Theology, under one Professor.

This Convention, and the Board of Trustees, have repeatedly appealed for relief to the liberality of the members of our Church; but as the measures hitherto suggested have proved ineffectual, your Committee would ask leave to suggest a new one, embraced in the 3d resolution hereto subjoined.

In conclusion, we submit for adoption the following resolutions:—

1st. That the preservation and continued improvement of our Theological Seminary is a great interest of this Church, and identified with the enlarged success of its Missionary operations.

2d. That this Institution, as well from its intrinsic importance and acknowledged usefulness, as from its close connection with the Missionary cause, has a just and large claim on the religious benevolence of the Church.

3d. That it be recommended to the Board of Trustees, or in their recess, to the Standing Committee, to appoint an Agent or Agents as soon as it may be practicable, to represent the claims of the Seminary

* See Spirit of Missions, for August, p. 247.

personally to the members of the Church throughout the United States, and solicit their contributions in aid of its noble purpose.

4th. That the 3d Article of the Constitution be amended, as suggested by the Board of Trustees—(see page 20 of their report.)

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS C. BROWNELL, *Chairman.*

Whereupon, the 1st, 2d, and 4th resolutions, as recommended by the Committee, were adopted. The 3d being under consideration, the following substitute was proposed and adopted :

3. *Resolved*, That the appeal, directed by the Trustees of the Seminary in 1837, (see Proceedings of Trustees, p. 142, of 1837,) to be made to the Ministers and Vestries of the Churches, to have Annual Collections or Contributions, for the current expenses of the Seminary, for the next five years, be, and hereby is, recommended by this General Convention to the serious and favourable consideration of the Clergy and Vestries of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in passing the resolution, relative to the addition to the Note on the Table of Movable Feasts, &c.

A message was received from the same House, informing the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had passed the following resolution, in which they requested the concurrence of this House :

Resolved, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is proposed to alter the first Article of the Constitution of this Church, so that instead of the word, "At such time, in every Third Year," it shall read, "On the first Wednesday in October, in every Third Year, from the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one."

Whereupon, the motion was laid on the table.

The substitute, reported by the Committee on Canons on Tuesday, to the IX. Canon of 1832, was then, on motion, taken up for consideration ; whereupon,

It was moved and seconded, to strike out in the 4th Section of the proposed amendment the clause, "This Dispensation shall not be granted to any person under thirty years of age," the word *thirty*, and substitute *twenty-seven*. Carried.

Moved and seconded, to insert after the word *age*, in same clause—the words in the Canon, as now existing, viz : "Nor shall any person be ordained, under such a Dispensation, until he shall have attained thirty years of age." Carried.

Moved and carried, to strike out in the clause, "In case the

person applying to be admitted as a Candidate, is more than thirty years old," the word *thirty*, and insert the words *twenty-seven*.

Moved and seconded, to strike out the words "*unanimous consent*," and insert the words, "*consent of two-thirds*." Lost.

Moved and seconded, to strike out the whole of the 4th Section of the proposed amendments, and to substitute the Section of the IX. Canon, as now existing, with this amendment, "And the Bishop, with the unanimous consent of the Members of the Standing Committee." Lost.

Moved and seconded, to strike out after the word *section*, the words, "But in such case no Dispensation shall be allowed, to permit the Ordination of the Candidate, in a shorter period than three years, to be computed from the day he is received by the Bishop, as a Candidate, on the testimonial of the Standing Committee." Lost.

The question was then taken on the whole of the 4th Section, as amended, and it was adopted, as follows :

SECT. 4. When a person applying to be admitted a Candidate, wishes the knowledge of the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages, and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical, to be dispensed with, the Standing Committee shall not recommend him as a Candidate, until he has laid before them a testimonial, signed by at least two Presbyters of this Church, stating, that in their opinion he possesses extraordinary strength of natural understanding, a peculiar aptitude to teach, and a large share of prudence ; and the Bishop, with the unanimous consent of the members of the Standing Committee, present at a meeting duly convened, shall have granted said Dispensation. This Dispensation shall not be granted to any person under twenty-seven years of age, nor shall any person be ordained under such a Dispensation, until he shall have attained thirty years of age. In case the person applying to be admitted a Candidate, is more than twenty-seven years old, the Bishop, with the unanimous consent of the members of the Standing Committee, present at a meeting duly convened, may allow the Dispensation mentioned in this Section ; but in such case, no Dispensation shall be allowed to permit the Ordination of the Candidate in a shorter period than three years, to be computed from the day he is received by the Bishop as a Candidate, on the testimonial of the Standing Committee. In regard to the knowledge of the Hebrew language, in all cases, in these Canons, the Bishop shall have the sole discretion. of Dispensation, without reference to the age of the Candidate.

The seventh Section, as proposed to be amended by the Com

mittee, being then under consideration, it was moved and seconded to strike out the last clause. Lost.

The seventh Section having then been amended so as to read as follows, was adopted :

SECT. 7. If, after obtaining the canonical testimonials from the Standing Committee, the person be admitted as a Candidate by the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee, he shall in all cases remain a Candidate for the term of three years, if he be under the age of 27 years : if he be more than 27 years old, then, and in such case, it shall be lawful for the Bishop, with the unanimous consent of the members of the Standing Committee duly convened, to grant him a dispensation as to time, provided that such Dispensation shall not release him from the necessity of being a Candidate for at least one year. And in all cases where this Dispensation as to time is allowed, it shall not be lawful to grant to any Candidate receiving its benefit, any Dispensation as to Latin, Greek and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical.

The 11th Section, as proposed to be added, being then under consideration, it was moved and carried, that it be so amended as to read—

Sect. 11. Canon IX. of 1832, is hereby repealed, except as to persons now Candidates for Holy Orders, in reference to whom the same shall continue in force.

The Section was then adopted, and the question having been put upon the whole Canon, as proposed as a substitute for the IX. Canon of 1832, it was passed.

The message and resolutions transmitted to this House yesterday, from the House of Bishops, in relation to the subject of a Missionary Bishop, and laid upon the table, were, on motion, taken up and referred to the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

A memorial in relation to the case of the Bishop of Illinois was laid before the House, and, on motion, referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Clap was substituted for Mr. French (absent on leave) in the Committee on the State of the Church.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they have concurred in passing the 1st, 2d and 4th resolutions reported by the Joint Committee on the General Theological Seminary, and also the substitute passed by the House of Deputies in lieu of the 3d resolution reported by the same Committee.

Moved and carried, that when the House adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 5 P. M.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Huntington, Hall, Wheaton, Gifford, and Collett.

Adjourned until 5 P. M.

Thursday 13th, 5 P. M.

The House re-assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The delegation from New-York laid on the table an extract, duly authenticated, from the Journal of the Special Convention of the Diocese of New-York, dated September 11th, 1838, touching a boundary line between the proposed Dioceses.

The message from the House of Bishops, laid on the table this morning, in relation to a proposed alteration in the first Article of the Constitution, was taken up for consideration, and the resolution therein proposed by the Bishops was concurred in by this House.

On motion, *resolved*. That the Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society be instructed to consider and report to this House upon the expediency of diminishing the amount of money appropriated to Foreign, and increasing that appropriated to Domestic Missions; and of uniting the two Committees so as to form but one Committee for Missions, to consist of eight Clergymen and eight Laymen; and also to inquire if any and what measures may be adopted for a more economical administration of the affairs of the Board of Missions.

On motion, the House proceeded to take up the consideration of the proposed substitute to the III. Canon of 1835, as reported by the Committee on Canons; whereupon, it was moved and seconded, that the subject be re-committed to the same Committee. After debate had thereon, the House, on motion, adjourned, without taking the question, until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14, 1838.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Crocker, of Rhode Island.

The minutes of yesterday evening were read and approved.

The motion under consideration when the House adjourned, viz. to re-commit to the Committee on Canons the proposed substitute to the III. Canon of 1835, was called up, and decided in the affirmative, and leave was granted to the Committee to retire.

The Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to whom had been referred the message of the

House of Bishops, proposing an addition to the 4th Article of the Constitution of said society, presented a report, which was read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

The same Committee, to whom had been referred the Triennial Report and Documents from the Board of Missions, presented a report and resolutions, which were read, and, on motion, laid upon the table.

The Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to whom was committed the Triennial Report and Documents from the Board of Missions, respectfully report :

That they have had the same under consideration. It appears from them, that, under the present organization, the missionary action of the Church is on the increase as to the labourers employed, the fields occupied, and the funds received. As it is customary to append the Triennial Report to the Journal of Proceedings of this Body, and as the Annual Reports of the Board have already been printed and distributed, your Committee deem it unnecessary to recapitulate the details which these documents furnish. The experiment which the General Convention is trying with the missionary concerns of the Church, under existing arrangements, has not of course been for a sufficient length of time in operation, to sanction from this body an unequivocal declaration of its success. The working of such machinery, it could not reasonably be expected would be fully developed, in all its bearings, in the short space of three years.

No further alteration of the Constitution of the Society, beside the one as to the 4th Article already submitted in a previous report, is proposed by your Committee.

The suggestion as to another Missionary Bishop in the United States, the Committee think may be safely and usefully carried into effect. The call for a Foreign Bishop your Committee do not perceive to be such as to require the action of the present Convention, and would leave the subject to the further consideration of the Board of Missions. In conclusion, they submit the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Triennial Report, without the documents referred to of the Board of Missions, be printed as an Appendix to this Journal.
 ½ *Resolved*, That the Missionary Interests and Labours of the Church are by this Convention earnestly and affectionately commended to the continued and increased liberality, and to the more fervent prayers of all her members.

Respectfully submitted,

Sept. 14, 1838.

W. H. DE LANCEY, *Chairman*.

The message received on Wednesday from the House of Bishops, transmitting the report of the Joint Committee on the subject of Typographical Errors in the Prayer Book, appointed at the last Convention, &c., was, on motion, called up and re-committed to the same Committee.

Resolved, (the House of Bishops concurring,) That a Joint Committee be appointed to procure, by some publishing house, the printing, at its expense and for its profit, of all the Journals of the General Convention since 1785, together with all the

Pastoral Letters which have been set forth by the House of Bishops; and that the said Committee be, and hereby are, authorized to append to such edition of the Journals a suitable Index.

Dr. Anthon and Dr. Hawks were appointed the Committee on the part of the House.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church, was laid before the House.

Whereupon, on motion, it was accepted, and ordered to be sent to the House of Bishops.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the 7th Canon of 1835, 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.

In transmitting this report, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies solicit for the Church the prayers and blessing of the Bishops, and 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.

WM. E. WYATT, *President*.

HENRY ANTHON, *Secretary*.

MAINE.

In this Diocese are six congregations and four clergymen—St. Paul's Church, in Portland, Rev. J. W. French, Rector; in Gardiner, Christ's Church, Rev. Joel Clapp, Rector; in Saco, Trinity Church, Rev. Wm. Horton, Rector; in Bangor, St. John's Church has been under the temporary charge of Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, a missionary under the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Churches have been organized, as reported to the last Convention, in Saccarappa, a village near Portland, and in Augusta, the capital of the state; but it is with sorrow the statement is made to the Convention, that during the three years elapsed since the last Convention, there have been no regular ministrations in either Church. Missionaries cannot be induced to select stations in Maine; neither by the encouragement afforded to missionary labour, nor by the great wants of the Church, nor by the most urgent representations made by the Clergy and Laity there. This may, perhaps, be attributed to the fact, that the current of religious sympathy is so directed to the West, that attention to equal wants in a different quarter can scarce be arrested.

Since the last Convention, a beautiful Gothic edifice has been erected in Bangor, under the name of St. John's Church. Some pecuniary difficulties have embarrassed the congregation. It is hoped these may be soon dispelled.

In the midst of all the discouragements existing there, thanksgivings are due to Almighty God, for the spiritual state of those three congregations which have had the ministrations of a settled Rector.

Measures have been adopted from time to time, to secure the supervision of a Bishop, but they have not been successful. The last measure adopted was, the presentation of a memorial to the present Convention.

Since the last General Convention, one death has occurred among the Clergy: that of the Rev. G. W. Olney.

Baptisms, 101; (adults, 43; infants, 56; not specified,) 2; Marriages, 39; Funerals, 61; number Confirmed, 74; number of Communicants, 232.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In this Diocese are six Clergymen and eleven parishes. The whole number of families belonging to these parishes is 350, and the number of Communicants is 360, of Sunday Scholars, 325, and of Sunday School Teachers, 59. The number of volumes in the Sunday-School libraries is 600, and of volumes belonging to parish libraries, 300. Since the last General Convention, there have been 96 Confirmations, 49 Marriages, and 95 Funerals. The Church at Concord is now favoured with the services of the Rev. Mr. Ten Broeck, a Missionary from our Board of Missions. Could a suitable edifice be erected, as a place of public worship for Episcopalians in that quarter, it would contribute much to increase their numbers, and secure their prosperity. The Churches at Cornish and West Claremont are under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Smith, who has recently removed into this Diocese. The Rev. Edward Livermore, in Deacon's Orders, officiates in the West Parish of Holderness, and the Church there has been much repaired, through the benevolence of the incumbent's father, the Hon. Arthur Livermore. A new and handsome stone Church, which had been begun at Drewsville a few years since, is now completed, but is destitute of a Pastor. The Rev. Messrs. Luman Foote and Eleazar A. Greenleaf, who successively officiated at Drewsville, have left the Diocese. The Church at Salmon Falls, in consequence of the destruction of the factory in that town by fire, is closed; but there is a probability that the factory will soon again go into operation, and the services of a Pastor will then be required. The Rev. Mr. Barker, who officiated at North Charleston, has also left the Diocese, and the Church in that town has again become vacant. As returns have not been made from some of the churches, it cannot be ascertained what amount has been appropriated to the various institutions of our Church. There are an Episcopal Missionary Board and a Protestant Sunday School Board in this Diocese, each under the direction of the Convention of the State. Three persons have been admitted as Candidates for Orders. Testimonials have been signed for two persons to be admitted to Deacon's Orders, and for one person to be admitted to Priest's Orders. The Convention of this State, at its last Session, unanimously voted to adopt the requisite Canonical measures for separating the State from the Eastern Diocese; and, in case of permission to that effect, it has also unanimously resolved, that the Secretary of the Convention should respectfully and affectionately solicit of the venerated Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold, a continuance of his Episcopal supervision of the Diocese in New-hampshire.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The number of parishes in union with the Convention, in this Diocese, is 40; and there are 48 ministers, who have a Canonical residence therein. Since the last General Convention, there have been reported 1306 Baptisms; and 739 persons Confirmed. The number of Communicants is reported to be 2421; there having been added in this period, 826; being a greater increase than has been mentioned in preceding years; Marriages, 283; Burials, 734; Sunday School Children reported, 2817. The contributions for religious purposes, mostly missionary, have been \$31,282 59. As annual reports have not been received from all the parishes, it is proper to add, that each of the numbers here given, fall short of the actual State of the Church, at the present time. Ten persons have been admitted as Candidates for Holy Orders, and one Candidate has requested his name as such to be withdrawn; twenty Candidates have been ordained Deacons; and twelve Deacons have been ordained Presbyters; five new churches have been consecrated.

All the parishes in the State, which have edifices for worship, except one, are now supplied with ministers; and in two promising stations, incipient measures have been taken for the introduction of our services, in the expectation of their final establishment in the same. New parishes have been formed in Boston, Andover, Lynn, and Fall River; in all of which, except the last, new houses of public worship have been erected and consecrated, as is also the case in Lanesboro' and Bridgewater.

The Missionary operations of the Church, within the Commonwealth, have been placed under the control of a Board of Missions, appointed by the Convention, to which body an annual report of its doings is made; and the confident hope is entertained that greater efficiency will be given to these measures hereafter, in consequence of the arrangements thus adopted.

At the last Convention of the Diocese, a proposal was made by the Bishop, on the ground of his advanced age and increasing infirmities, for the election of an Assistant Bishop for the Church in Massachusetts. After a suitable consideration of the subject, by the members of this body, it was resolved to proceed to an election, as recommended; which resulted in the nearly unanimous choice of the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., for this office. The person thus designated to this sacred station, being absent from the country, has not yet given his final decision on the question of his acceptance.

In this review of the State of the Church, there is cause for devout thankfulness for the blessings which have attended the labours here bestowed. Though the increase may not have been as great, in regard to the formation of new parishes, or in additions to those already formed, as in the more highly favoured portions of our country, yet there is ground for the belief, that while its strength in numbers has gradually enlarged, its character in piety has improved in an equal degree, and the attachment of its members to its peculiarities, has been confirmed in the same proportion.

RHODE ISLAND.

In reviewing the history of the past three years, we have much occasion for gratitude to the Great Bishop of souls, for the blessings bestowed

upon the Church in Rhode Island; for although her spiritual prosperity has not exceeded, perhaps not quite equalled, that of former years, still she has been preserved "in the unity of the Spirit, and in the bond of peace."

Our Church has, through the blessing of God upon the efforts of her Clergy, lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes. This has been effected, mainly, through the combined exertions of the Clergy in Convocation, where, with their proceedings, subject to the inspection and control of their Bishop, they are enabled to act the more efficiently, in advancing the best interests of the Church, as the following statistics will serve to show:

Since the last General Convention, we find by a reference to our Journals, that there have been of Baptisms, 426; Confirmations, 402; Communicants added, 552—whole number, 1752; Marriages, 221; Burials, 492.

The Sunday School cause is exciting much interest throughout the State. The whole number of Episcopal Sunday School Scholars, 2,500; Teachers, 236. The Church is realizing, more and more, this grand truth, that if she wishes her sons and daughters to be polished stones in the temple of the living God, she must begin the work in the Sunday School.

The Missionary spirit has extended, and is still extending itself throughout our borders. Though unable to state precisely the amount raised within the last three years, yet from the data which have come before us, we are confident it has not been less than \$9,800; which is certainly a large sum, when the size of our Diocese, and the number of youthful parishes are considered, being about \$1 50 for every Communicant.

Much interest has also been awakened in the education of young men for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and there are now 27 persons, in a course of preparation for the sacred office.

On the whole, in looking over the present State of the Church in Rhode Island, we have reason to thank God and take courage. New parishes are springing up among us, and are, as fast as Clergymen can be obtained, taking their stand among the firmly established churches of our Diocese. Souls are converted, and the name of Jesus is glorified in the building up of his kingdom.

VERMONT.

On account of a change in the time of holding the Convention of this Diocese, the Journals of the years 1836 and 1837 are the only public documents relating to its condition. The whole number of Baptisms reported for those years, is 391; of Confirmations, 304; of Communicants, 353. It is, however, stated as a fair estimate, that the whole number of the Baptized for three years, cannot be less than 530; of the Confirmed, 400; of Communicants, 1,200. The Church in this Diocese consists of the Bishop, 14 Presbyters, 6 Deacons, and 33 organized Societies.

The present number of Candidates for Holy Orders is seven. The report made to the last General Convention, having shown an aggregate of 17 Clergy, 30 Societies, and 2 Candidates; whereas, the above exhibits a total of 21 Clergy, 33 Societies, and 7 Candidates; there is reason to take courage, and give thanks for this evidence of a solid improvement, and steady advance, in the great interests of religion. But, besides these facts, it should be mentioned, that the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese have been settled with uncommon unanimity, during the last

three years: that the order and system of the Church, in worship, have become more firmly established in many parishes, and that there is at least a foundation laid, under God, for the future prosperity of Christian and Theological education.

CONNECTICUT.

Since the last Session of the General Convention, the State of the Church in Connecticut has been gradually and steadily improving. Three new parishes have been organized, and admitted into union with the Diocese; thirteen new churches have been consecrated; twenty-five persons have been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, and twenty-four to the Priesthood; and there are now twenty-five Candidates for the Ministry. But notwithstanding the number of ordinations, there has been but little increase of the resident Clergy; the whole present number being but eighty-five, or an increase of three since the last General Convention. Seven have been removed by death, while many have been called to labour in other Dioceses, and in the various Missionary fields occupied by the Church.

The whole number of persons confirmed, is 1204. But with regard to the number of families, baptisms, communicants, marriages, burials, and Sunday school teachers and scholars, it is evident that the parochial reports published in the Journals of the Convention, give but a partial view: there being several parishes for which no reports are presented, and others where the reports are very imperfect. (Whole number of Baptisms reported since the last General Convention, (including four Sessions of the Diocesan Convention,) adults, 410, children, 1854; added to the communion, 1448; died, or removed, 755; Marriages, 392; Burials, 1845; families reported at the last Diocesan Convention, 4505; Communicants, 4530; Sunday School Teachers, 673; Scholars, 3930. The aggregate of charitable and Missionary contributions and offerings, is \$24,988 13. After some partial experiments on the plan of systematic charity by monthly offerings, its advantages have appeared so evident, that the Convention has recommended and urged its adoption by every parish in the Diocese.

In the great and important business of education, the State of Connecticut has always maintained a distinguished rank. But hitherto her institutions of learning have been almost exclusively in the hands of those who dissent from the doctrines, and from the principles of Ecclesiastical polity of our Church. But a different state of things now exists; Episcopalians are no longer compelled to seek for education in these institutions. Washington College, at Hartford, is taking a highly creditable stand among the literary institutions of the country; and besides affording the very best facilities for academical learning, is opening to young men designed for the ministry every possible source of advantage. Through the aid of the Church Scholarship Society, several Candidates are annually sent forth from the institution to prosecute their theological studies, and to prepare themselves for the work of the ministry. Of the seventy-three students connected with the College during the past year, thirty-eight were communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church; eight of these received pecuniary aid from the Church Scholarship Society. It is to be regretted, however, that with all these advantages, Washington College does not receive from Episcopalians the support and patronage to which it is justly entitled. For the sake of some imaginary benefit, which is

seldom or never realized, many Candidates for our Ministry are still to be found pursuing their education in institutions where there is a constant tendency, if not a settled design, to excite unfavourable prejudices with regard to the Church. It is also to be regretted, that the means of the Church Scholarship Society are too limited to afford all the benefit that might result from a more liberal endowment.

The Episcopal Academy, at Cheshire, which had been suffered to languish for many years, is now revived and reorganized, under an able and efficient Principal; and as one of the best of Preparatory Schools, it proves a valuable auxiliary to the College and the Church.

NEW-YORK.

Since the last General Convention, there has been an increase in the Diocese of 64 Clergymen and 33 Congregations.

It consists at present of 256 Clergymen, (the Bishop, 224 Priests, and 31 Deacons,) and of 233 Congregations.

Sixty-six persons have been ordained Deacons, of whom 36 are alumni of the General Theological Seminary.

Fifty-nine Deacons have been ordained Priests.

The number of Missionaries at present employed in and under the authority of the Diocese is 56.

The number of Candidates for Orders is 50, of whom 27 are students, and one is an alumnus of the General Theological Seminary.

Six of the Clergy of this Diocese have departed this life.

Nineteen Clergymen have been instituted into parochial charges.

Forty-six churches have been consecrated.

Three thousand four hundred and eighty-eight persons have been confirmed.

The Episcopal fund having been completed by the liberality of Trinity Church in the City of New-York, the Bishop is now supported from that source, and has ceased to have any special parochial connection.

Although there is a vast territory within this Diocese, calling loudly for Missionary labour, there are in it but very few vacant Parishes—there never having been a period when it was so fully supplied with pastoral ministrations; and these ministrations happily appear to have been much blessed. A practical sense of religious and moral obligation and responsibility has evidently increased; and the only true principles on which this can be maintained—those of the Gospel of Christ—have a decidedly strengthened influence among its members.

Baptisms, (adults 932, children 5816, not specified, 1270.) 8018; Communicants, 12,072; Marriages, 3053; Funerals, 5226; Sunday Scholars, 11,527; Sunday School Teachers, 1525.

NEW-JERSEY.

There are at present forty Clergymen—the Bishop, 33 Presbyters, and 6 Deacons—and 40 organized parishes. There are 39 commodious churches, and one is in progress. Since the last General Convention, 11 churches have been consecrated, and five new parishes have been organized. There have been added to the Diocese, by ordination, 7 Presbyters and 4 Deacons, and by transfer, 4 Presbyters and 2 Deacons. 11 Deacons have been ordained Priests. 5 Rectors have been instituted. There have removed from the Diocese, the Rev. Hewlett R. Petus, the Rev. George S. Porter, the Rev. William J. Kip, the Rev. Henry M. Mason,

the Rev. William Douglass, and the Rev. Joseph Wolff. Two have died, the Rev. Benjamin Holmes and the Rev. J. Loring Woart. The number of Candidates for Orders is 3.

There have been 1054 Baptisms, of which 837 were infants. There have been 403 persons Confirmed. The number of Communicants reported in 1836 was 1075; in 1837, 1155; in 1838, 1227. The Missionary income of the Diocese has been \$1907 82, being the "Offerings of the Church" for Missions within the Diocese. The contributions to the Board of Missions have been 1200 dollars. There have been collections in the parishes for the General Theological Seminary. The Episcopal Fund amounts to \$3706. The capital of the Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge and Piety, is \$1563. The fund for the relief of the widows and children of deceased Clergymen, amounts to \$17,000.

The Divine Head of the Church has been graciously pleased to bless the efforts and prayers of his members and people in this portion of the vineyard, manifesting fruits of increase to his eternal glory and praise. Evidences of this are seen in the increase of the Clergy, of the churches, and of the Communicants, as reported above. There has also been a great increase of zeal and devotion in the Clergy, and a corresponding improvement in the spiritual character of the parishes. A good work is evidently begun, which, if we are faithful, the Lord will surely carry on and bless. The greater attention of the Clergy to the primitive institution of public Catechising, may be indicated as one of the most effectual means.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania consists of eighty-six Clergymen, (the Bishop, 75 Presbyters, and 10 Deacons,) and ninety-nine parishes; being ten Clergymen and thirteen parishes more than were reported to the last General Convention.

Besides the Rt. Rev. William White, the senior Bishop, who expired on the 17th of July, 1836, the following Clergymen have died since the last Triennial Convention, viz: John W. James, Cyrus Jacobs, Francis Reno, John S. Breuneman, Bennet Glover, and John Taylor. 13 churches have been duly organized, and received into union with the Convention.

Nineteen persons have been ordained Deacons, of whom thirteen were alumni of the General Theological Seminary.

Seventeen Deacons have been ordained Priests.

One Priest, the Rev. Samuel A. McCoskry, has been Consecrated to the Episcopacy, for the Diocese of Michigan. Five Clergymen have been instituted. One Clergyman, S. C. Freeman, has been displaced from the ministry.

The number of Candidates for Orders, is 24. The number of Missionaries, at present employed in the Diocese, is 23.

Ten new church edifices, and five old ones, enlarged or renewed, have been Consecrated; 3361 infants, and 620 adults have been Baptized; 1,777 persons have been Confirmed; and 79,500 dollars have been contributed by the congregations of this Diocese, for various objects connected with religion and the Church.

The number of Communicants, as reported to the last Diocesan Convention, is 5,781.

The number of Sunday Schools is 113; of Sunday School Teachers, is 1,031; and of Sunday School Scholars, 8,233. The fund for the support of the Episcopate, consists of the legacies of Andrew Doz, amounting to

\$4,701 33; and of Dr. Joseph Pilmore, \$7,969 12; also, of the sum of \$16,102 04, a capital raised by annual collections, in the different churches, and of a loan without interest of \$30,000.

The quota of this Diocese towards defraying the expenses of the General Convention, has been paid in full to the present time. The Society for the Advancement of Christianity, still continues its valuable labours, enabling the Diocese to enjoy the services of 23 Missionaries. Auxiliary to it, the Female Tract Society sends forth annually, a great number of useful and edifying Tracts. The Education Committee of the same, sustains at present 5 beneficiaries preparing for the ministry, 2 of whom are in the General Theological Seminary. The Diocesan Sunday School Society continues its important efforts to promote the interest of the Episcopal Sunday Schools in the Diocese, with increasing success.

The Bp. White Prayer Book Society has distributed above twenty thousand Prayer Books throughout the United States, and beyond it, since its organization in 1834, at an expense of \$1,743. And the Female Prayer Book Society has been highly successful and useful in its exertions, having distributed and sold 2200 octavo, and 50 quarto Prayer Books.

The Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, possesses a fund of more than \$60,000, encumbered by an annuity, but to one family. From the several details above recited, it appears that the Church in this Diocese is steadily increasing in strength, zeal, and numbers; and, it is thought equally so, in piety, devotion, and holiness of its members, as well as in the faithfulness, efficiency, and soundness of its Clergy.

DELAWARE.

The Diocese of Delaware comprises sixteen parishes; viz. seven in Sussex county, three in Kent county, and five in Newcastle county. In each of these parishes there is a house of worship. Since the last Triennial Report, two churches, one in Kent, and the other in Sussex county, after being abandoned for nearly forty years, have been repaired and consecrated. A Church also has been built and consecrated in Newcastle county.

There are in the Diocese ten Clergymen, and two Candidates for Holy Orders.

In consequence of several of the parishes in the Diocese being for a time without ministerial supervision, the reports furnished to the State Convention are very imperfect; they furnish the following aggregates: Communicants 313; Baptisms, (of adults 114; of infants, 247;) total, 361; Confirmations, 122; Catechumens, 797.

The Diocese of Delaware is under the provisional charge of the Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk. To the efficient and unremitting labours of Bishop Onderdonk the Church in this State is greatly indebted for her resuscitation, and the brighter prospects now before her.

The College at Newark, which is under the Presidency of the Rev. Dr. Richard S. Mason, promises to exert a beneficial influence within the Diocese, by advancing the combined interests of science and religion.

MARYLAND.

In presenting a view of the State of the Church in this Diocese since the last General Convention, amidst the causes of congratulation which present themselves, and awaken our devout thanksgiving to Almighty

God for the continuance of his favour and loving kindness, there is a loud call for mourning the severe bereavement it has experienced in the decease of its Bishop, the Rt. Rev. William Murray Stone. The difficulty of electing a successor to Doct. Stone has at length been harmoniously adjusted, by the election of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.; and should he accept the appointment, there is reason to believe the Church would prosper under the wise and pious supervision of such a Diocesan.

The Diocesan Missionary Society, by continuing to aid weak parishes and congregations, is contributing much, under the Divine blessing, to the stability of the Church, and the spread of true religion.

The Prayer Book and Homily Society continues to prosecute the good work of disseminating our authorized formularies of devotion; the funds of "the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of deceased Clergymen" are large and flourishing, and afford timely relief to the families of several Ministers of the Gospel who have been called from their labours to their rest; and the general institutions of the Church receive a degree of aid from some of the parishes—and especially the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, which, in its present organization, is almost unanimously approved, and in some instances supported by generous contributions.

It appears from the annual reports of the late Bishop, that since the last General Convention, he had admitted 9 to the Holy Order of Deacons, and 5 to that of Presbyters; that he had administered the rite of confirmation to 525; the number of Candidates for the Ministry at the time of his death was 10, and of the Clergy, 72.

So far as can be ascertained from the summary of the Parochial reports given at the end of the Journals, it appears that the number of Baptisms within the last three years is 3241, and the present number of Communicants belonging to the Church in this Diocese is 4060. The reports in reference to Sunday Schools are so defective, that it is impossible to ascertain the precise number of Teachers or Scholars; but it is believed that those nurseries of faith and piety are established in most of the parishes. The amount of contributions for benevolent purposes stated in the Journals is \$17,646 32.

A splendid Church has recently been erected for the use of one of the congregations in Baltimore; a second is now in the course of erection, and it is hoped that a third will soon be commenced for the accommodation of a new congregation recently organized.

Several new churches have been erected, and some new congregations gathered in other places within the Diocese. The blessing of God has not been withheld from the faithful preaching of the Gospel, and performance of pastoral duties; and, on the whole, it may be said that the cause of Christ is making some progress in this section of our Zion.

VIRGINIA.

The general state of the Diocese is such as to call for devout thankfulness to Almighty God. The cause of religion, and of the Church, has been steadily advancing. Opposition and prejudice are fast receding, and the present position of the Church affords to her friends the most gratifying and encouraging prospects. Peace and harmony every where prevail. The Clergy have increased in number; and as a body, may be truly said to be preaching the doctrines of the Cross with great fidelity.

New parishes have been organized—new churches have been erected—many old temples of God, after having long lain in ruins, have been repaired—and in several parishes, the excellent plan of providing Parsonages, has been adopted. The excellency of our Ecclesiastical polity, and the peculiar advantages of our forms of worship, are every day beginning to be more seen and admitted, even by those who are not of our own household of faith; and it may well be a just cause of congratulation, that the Church of our fathers, after having been long trampled in the dust, and been made a term of reproach, has now put on her beautiful garments, and having regained the confidence of the community, is opening a door through which many are entering, to find that peace and security which they cannot elsewhere obtain.

In these times of excitement and agitation, of restless innovation and bold experiment, it is gratifying to perceive, in the Diocese, an increasing conviction that our security is to be found in a strict adherence to the doctrines, polity, and worship of the Church; on this subject, it is believed, there is but one mind and one practice.

There may be mentioned another evidence of the increasing prosperity of the Diocese. Notwithstanding the pecuniary embarrassments of the last year, the contributions to the various institutions of the Church were larger than they have been at any previous period.

The Theological Seminary of Virginia continues to send out well furnished ministers to preach the Gospel of Christ. There are now three able and faithful Professors permanently engaged in the institution; and at no former period has this School of the Prophets presented stronger claims to the confidence and patronage of the Church. Some addition has been made to the funds of the institution; and measures have been taken for a regular increase of the Library. It is believed that this institution now possesses all needful advantages for the prosecution of theological studies.

But one of the most gratifying indications of the spiritual improvement of the Diocese, is the increasing interest taken in the great cause of Missions. The new organization of the Missionary Society meets with the most unqualified approbation; and there is felt a growing desire that the Church should come up to the Apostolic standard, and become emphatically a Missionary Church.

The various institutions connected with the Church, as reported to the last General Convention, are still in operation; and in general, are fulfilling the end for which they were established. The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, has been reorganized, with a view to its more efficient operation.

The amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, during the last year, was \$3,213 33. The sums contributed during the two preceding years, cannot be accurately stated.

Since the last General Convention, there have been reported as follows:—Baptisms, of adults, 103, of infants, 1569; Confirmations, 300; Marriages, 633; Funerals, 1004; total number of Communicants, 3,297; new Churches consecrated, 13; Ordinations—Deacons, 26; Priests, 15; number of Clergy, 76.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The documents forwarded to this Convention, as required by fourth Section of Canon VII., of 1835, having miscarried, it is not in the power

of the Committee to make so full a statement of the condition of this Diocese as the Canon requires. It is believed, however, from evidence before the Committee, that the Church in North Carolina is in a decidedly improving condition. From the Journal of 1833—the only one which has come to hand, the Diocese appears to consist of the Bishop, twenty Presbyters, and two Deacons. Nineteen of these are fully engaged in the appropriate duties of the ministerial office, and the remaining three are employed in literary institutions which are more or less under the authority and patronage of the Church. The number of Candidates for Holy Orders is six. The number of parishes regularly organized appears to be twenty-three, besides several Missionary stations. The whole number of Communicants, as reported at the last Diocesan Convention, was 933. This, however, is believed to fall short of the true number by at least 300. The amount contributed to the charities of the Church cannot now be accurately ascertained; we are, however, authorized to state, that under the excellent plan of systematic collections recommended by the Bishop, it has considerably increased since the last Convention. The only literary institution belonging to the Diocese is the “Episcopal School of North Carolina,” situated at Raleigh. Its object is to combine Christian with classical and other learning, and should it be sustained according to the plan of its founders, it cannot but become an important auxiliary to the cause of the Church. Among other favourable indications in this Diocese, the Committee notice with pleasure the increased attention paid to the moral and religious improvement of its coloured population. Besides the services of the parochial Clergy, several Missions have been projected exclusively for their benefit, and so far as they have been carried into effect, under the excellent system of the Church, have produced the most gratifying results.

On the whole there is reason to believe that the Church in this Diocese has been gradually progressing in spiritual improvement, and that according to her means she has been aiding essentially in the great and good work of extending the kingdom of Christ.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The condition of the Diocese has undergone but little change since the last General Convention.

The number of organized congregations is forty, of which four are without ministers, or only occasionally served. The stations of our ministers are forty-eight. In several instances, two or three of these, under one organization as to minister and vestry, are served at different seasons by the same minister. The Clergy of the Diocese are, besides the Bishop, forty-four Presbyters and three Deacons—five having been added to the number since the last General Convention. Thirty-four are pastorally employed; two are Missionaries among the slave population; one is a Missionary in the service of the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions of our Church, and one is a Professor in the South Carolina College. Ten persons have been admitted to Deacon's Orders since the last report, and eleven to Priest's. Two of the latter have removed into Alabama, where one of them is a Missionary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. One other Presbyter, since the last report, has removed from this Diocese, two to that of Maryland, and two within that time have been taken away by death. Six persons have been received as Candidates for Orders. Four of those who were Candidates at the time of the last report, have passed through the course of studies of the General Seminary, and been ordained.

The churches which were reported as having been destroyed by fire have been rebuilt, and St. Stephen's consecrated. St. Philip's is restored in a style of solemn magnificence, similar to that of the old building. Its consecration will soon take place. Six other new churches have been consecrated.

The attention of the Clergy and Lay Members of the Church in this Diocese to the Christian instruction of the slave population, has been encouraged by a good promise of success, and is perseveringly continued. Proprietors in some places have combined for the support of ministers holding Divine service on their plantations, and systematically instructing their slaves. A Catechism, by the desire of the Convention of the Diocese, has been prepared and published for the use of ministers and catechists employed in this species of duty.

The Societies for the promotion of religious benevolence, proper to the Diocese, are, the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity, instituted in 1810; which, by the employment of ministers as Missionaries, by the distribution of Tracts, Bibles, and Prayer Books, and other measures, has done and continues to do much good; the Diocesan Sunday School, which is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union—the Protestant Episcopal Domestic Missionary Society, which supports a domestic Missionary in Charleston, and having found the field of his usefulness becoming enlarged, by reason of his excellent enterprise, has been encouraged to engage the services of an assistant Missionary, to act with him, under the direction and with the advice of the Bishop and Rectors of Churches in the city, and to contemplate the erection of a second place of worship, for the use of the poor and those not able to defray the expense of seats in the other churches, in which also the ministrations of the Church may be steadily held.

To that of these should be added the mention of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina, which has long been established, and now, with continued and increasing patronage and encouragement from the Laity, is happily prosperous.

Parochial associations are various, and contribute to the Diocesan or General Charities of the Church not inconsiderably.

To the General Seminary of the Church, the Diocese has continued to extend its anxious attention. It has not been able to contribute to its funds in the manner proposed by the Trustees; but the friends of the institution, who are here very numerous, hope to be able to do justice to its claims upon them.

To the funds of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church, this Diocese has contributed steadily and willingly. In proportion to the number of its churches and people, it has endeavoured to do what became it, for this important Charity. By the systematic collection of offerings, and by Congregational Associations, under the presiding attention and conduct of ministers, the amount of contributions, within the last two years, has been a good deal increased. One of the churches is under engagement to provide 1000 dollars annually, for the support of the Missionary now employed near China, from among the Clergy of this Diocese. Individual contributions of persons, being pew-holders in different churches, have, in some instances, liberally added to the amount set to the name of one of such churches. A Monthly Missionary Lecture has been held in the city of Charleston, for several years, with a view to a collection, always made after it, for the funds of the Domestic and For-

sign Missionary Society, in the proportion of three fourths for Domestic Missions, and one fourth for Foreign.

The Gospel Messenger, a monthly periodical, has continued until now to be published; and it is hoped will continue to be sustained, as a necessary vehicle of ecclesiastical and religious intelligence. Such hope can be realized, however, only through continued exertions and sacrifices of individual zeal.

There is a Fund for the support of the Bishop of the Diocese, which, although not yet adequate to the object, is regularly increasing.

The Convention of the Diocese has adopted resolutions expressive of the concern of both its Clergy and Laity on the subject of education, as a vital interest of the Church. Hitherto, no measures have been adopted in pursuance of such resolutions, and it may, perhaps, be found, that here as elsewhere, the minds of Protestant Episcopalians will remain insufficiently moved as to this unspeakably important matter.

The Journals of the State Convention, for 1836-37-38, show the following particulars:

Baptisms, 1557—increase, 441; Marriages, 345; Burials, 632; Communicants, 6,630—increase, 4,454—(indicating, probably, material errors in the statement annexed to the last report); Non-Communicants, about 7,919; Children under 14, 5,426—increase, 3,326—(indicating again a probability of considerable error in the last report); Confirmed, 492; Sunday School Teachers, 676; Pupils, 5,395. This statement is probably itself not entirely accurate. Its items, however, are rather below than above the reality.

GEORGIA.

Extract from the Journal of the Convention of the Diocese, May, 1838.

The Committee "on the State of the Church," beg leave to present the following report:

"On taking a survey of the spiritual condition of the Diocese, since the last General Convention of the Church, the Committee feel that they have cause to express their gratitude for manifestations of the goodness of the Great Head of the Church, during that period; they would acknowledge that "hitherto the Lord hath helped us," and though surrounded by some discouragements, yet in view of the brighter prospects which are now dawning on our portion of Zion, they desire devoutly to "thank God and take courage."

In proceeding to discharge more directly the specific duty committed to them, they beg leave to present the following statistical statement for the above mentioned period:

Baptisms—Adults, 16; Children, 195—Total, 211; Confirmations, 43; Communicants, present number, 293; Marriages, 62; Funerals, 146; Sunday Schools—Superintendents, 4; Teachers, 32; Children—the average number attending, about 163; there being, however, a much larger number registered.

Sunday School Libraries, containing 1075 vols.

There is one Parish Library, with 120 vols.

The moneys contributed to various benevolent objects of the Church they have no means of ascertaining correctly, except for the year which has just closed. During that year they have been as follows, viz:

For Missions,	\$1025
For the General Theological Seminary,	73
For the General Sunday School Union,	43

Since the last General Convention, a very handsome and commodious Church has been erected by the congregation of Trinity Church, Columbus, which was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, on the first of April, 1838, by the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Georgia, which heretofore has been charged with the missionary interests of the Diocese, has been dissolved, and in lieu of it, a Committee of the Convention has been instituted, to be hereafter appointed annually by that body, and to be charged not only with Missionary operations, but also with the Sunday Schools, and with the distribution of Bibles, Common Prayer Books and Tracts, within the Diocese. This is regarded as a highly important measure; its professed object being, to carry out in practice the great general principle recently avowed by the Church, of the duty of the Church in her ecclesiastical capacity and authority, to assume direct care and supervision of Missions, as well as other benevolent operations.

Before closing this report, the Committee beg leave to add, that in view of the recent visit of the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Missionary Bishop of the States of Missouri and Indiana, and his performances of Episcopal services—the Committee recognise peculiar tokens of the Divine favour, which demand our sincere and most grateful acknowledgements. We trust that the future history of our Diocese, will prove that we are neither insensible to the obligations involved in the signal blessings we have experienced, nor unmindful of the encouragements afforded us, to increased activity and usefulness in the cause of Christ and his Church.”

OHIO.

The following particulars embrace a period of three years. The number of Clergymen at present in the Diocese is fifty-three, (viz. the Bishop, forty-five Presbyters, and eight Deacons,) being an increase since the last General Convention, of twenty-two. The number of parishes within the Diocese is seventy-five; being an increase of twenty-nine since the last Convention. There have been admitted to the Order of Deacons, sixteen; nine of whom were educated at the Theological Seminary of Ohio; and fifteen Deacons have been ordained Presbyters. The present number of Candidates for Orders is twelve, of whom nine are pursuing their studies at the Theological Seminary of the Diocese.

During the years 1835–36, ending in September, the Diocesan Missionary and Education Committee employed fourteen Missionaries; in 1836–37, they employed twelve, and in 1837–38, eight Missionaries.

The same Committee, during the year ending Sept., 1836, assisted twenty beneficiaries in their preparation for the ministry; in 1836–37, they assisted sixteen, and in 1837–38, they assisted seven.

The funds received for Diocesan Missions, during the year ending Sept., 1836, were \$1175 62; in 1837, \$1037 77; and in 1838, \$1100 00. Total, \$3313 39.

The amount received for the education of young men for the ministry, during the year ending Sept., 1836, was \$1204 97; in 1837, \$805 00; in 1838, \$495 00. Total, \$2504 97.

Since the last General Convention only one of the Clergy has been removed by death. But in the loss of this Clergyman, (the Rev. Nelson E. Spencer, Deacon,) the Diocese experienced a severe bereavement.

The number of Churches which have been consecrated since the last General Convention, is 19. Ten more are completed or being erected. 900 persons have been Confirmed; the number of Baptisms reported is, infants, 633, adults, 120, total, 753; Communicants, 2450; Sunday School Scholars, 3000.

KENTUCKY.

In this Diocese there are twenty Clergymen, including the Bishop, being an increase of five, since the last General Convention; nearly all of whom are actively engaged in ministerial duties.

It appears from the reports of the Diocese, which, however, are very imperfect, that there have been 20 persons Confirmed; 11 Ordained Deacons, and 2 Priests; 129 infants and 14 adults have been Baptized, total 133; 44 Marriages; 77 Funerals.

The troubles which have disturbed the tranquillity of this Diocese, for several years past, have happily subsided; the Clergy are united; peace prevails, and prosperity will, it is confidently believed, soon follow. Indeed, even amidst discord, the Church in this State has gathered strength. The list of parishes and Clergy is enlarged; a more favourable regard is cast towards her by those who, at present, know but little of her doctrines, polity, and worship.

Kentucky is eminently Missionary ground. Owing to long neglect, a generation has grown up, many sprung from Episcopal parents, who yet know not the Church—many with a disregard of all religion, and all with but little idea of their obligation, either to build churches or support the ministry. The assistance of Missionary and Church-building societies is essential. Especially does the Theological Seminary of the Diocese need and merit foreign aid. Every year gives convincing proof of the vast importance of this institution. Its value may be seen in the fact, that of the present number of the Clergy, as above reported, eleven are alumni of this Seminary, and one other studied in the Diocese, under private instruction. Clergymen educated on the soil, and thus gradually adapted to the habits and manners of the people, are the only men likely to form a permanent body of labourers in a region where there is but little to attract, save its moral desolation. If there be an avenue open, by which the liberality of benevolent Episcopalians can be made to tell on the interests of the Church in the West, it is the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE DIOCESE OF KENTUCKY.

MISSISSIPPI.

The documents are not in hand, from which to give a full and accurate view of the state of religion in this Diocese. Seven congregations are now in existence; four of which have been organized within the last three years. Three of the above are destitute of Pastors, viz. Vicksburg, Grand Gulf, and Jackson. The number of Communicants in these places is unknown.

Trinity Church, Natchez, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Page, numbers 47 Communicants. The congregation is large and influ-

ential; and in view of the dilapidated condition of the present Church edifice, efforts are now in progress to complete, during the coming year, a new and splendid building.

St. Paul's Church, Woodville, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Fish, numbers 25 Communicants. The congregation is increasing in size and importance. The church building has been lately fitted up and newly painted.

Christ Church, Jefferson, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Fox, numbers about 8 Communicants. This congregation, until very lately, has been without a minister for the last five or six years.

St. Paul's Church, Columbus, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Forbes, numbers 36 Communicants; 30 of whom have been admitted since November, 1837. The Right Rev. Bishop Kemper visited this congregation in April last, consecrated their church edifice, and confirmed 15 persons. The prospects of the Church at this place are flattering, notwithstanding the pecuniary embarrassments under which it now labours.

The population of this State is estimated at about 600,000; among whom are six ministers of our Church, and only four of whom are engaged in preaching the Word of Life.

TENNESSEE.

The progress of the Church in this Diocese since the last General Convention, has been, amidst all difficulties, numerous and peculiar, still onward and upward. The Clergy think themselves singularly happy in an Episcopal supervision, equally affectionate and energetic, to whose prudence and zeal their individual ministry owes much of its efficiency and success. Encouraging as is the present compared with the past, it is to the rich promise of no remote futurity that the friends of the Church in Tennessee are looking with the liveliest hopes. Counsels and plans, not yet brought to full maturity and issue, are in active hands, employed by zealous hearts, "praying always," and with God's blessing, must tell with effect, upon the *material* of which the Church is to be built up in this new Diocese.

The establishment of a Literary and Theological Seminary has been determined on, and a liberal charter has been obtained from the Legislature of the State. Twenty-five thousand dollars have been subscribed in Madison county, on the conditions, that the institution be located in that county, and the additional sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be elsewhere raised.

Canons have been adopted, providing for the support of Domestic Missions, upon the plan of "Systematic Charity," or "Weekly Church Offerings;" as also for the establishing of depositories of Sunday School Books, Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts.

Three churches and one chapel have been consecrated. Four persons have been admitted to the Order of Deacons, and four to the Priesthood. Two Presbyters and three Deacons have removed from the Diocese. Five Presbyters and three Deacons have been received into it. There are at present, the Bishop, thirteen Presbyters, and four Deacons; in all, eighteen. There are at present, three Candidates for Orders. There are sixteen parishes, of which two are Missionary Stations, aided by the General Board of Missions. Three parishes are vacant. Two new parishes have been admitted into union with the Convention. One of these exhibits the extraordinary success of a single effort on the part of

a few zealous and enlightened friends of the Church. In a small town, where much ignorance and prejudice had prevailed, no Clergyman having before officiated there, after a public exposition of the peculiar and distinctive principles of the Church, sixteen families united in the regular organization of a parish, elected a minister and other proper officers, and numbered twelve Communicants.

The numerical strength of the Diocese is not given in the parochial reports. They fall short of the actual number. Sixty-five Confirmations, 226 Baptisms, of which 24 were adults, and 210 Communicants, have been reported; as also 45 Sunday School Teachers in 5 parishes, and 331 Scholars in 6 parishes.

It is believed that there has been a marked increase of zeal and spirituality in those parishes that have had regular ministrations, and that no part of our country presents a more inviting field for the labours of such as understand and love to preach "the Gospel in the Church," seeking only the glory of God in the salvation of men. In almost every part of the State, such *competent* labourers might, under God, speedily build up congregations, and establish permanently the principles and usages of primitive Christianity.

ALABAMA.

The condition of the Church in this Diocese has been slowly but progressively improving since the meeting of the last General Convention. The number of Clergymen resident in the Diocese is ten; being an increase of six Presbyters and one Deacon since the last report. Of these, however, only seven have the care of parishes. One Presbyter, the lamented Rev. John Avery, D. D., has deceased; and one, the Rev. Norman Pinney, has been displaced from the ministry at his own request.

Four new churches have been erected; two have been consecrated, and two are in the course of erection. Seven new Congregations have been organized, and admitted into union with the Convention, and one has been organized, which has not yet been received. The population of this State, which has greatly increased within the last few years, is mostly composed of families from the older States, many of whom were educated in our own communion, and who ardently desire the services of the Church. But the difficulty of procuring suitable Clergymen in sufficient numbers to meet the demand for them, has greatly retarded the growth of the Church, which difficulty will probably continue until the Episcopate shall be obtained. In order to accomplish so desirable and so necessary an object for the permanent and increasing prosperity of the Diocese, the Convention of 1836 appointed a Board of Trustees to receive donations and procure subscriptions for the establishment of an Episcopal Fund. As a commencement to this fund, the Convention appropriated a tract of 640 acres of land, lying in Baldwin county, presented to the Church in Alabama by Jabob Lorillard, Esq. of the city of New-York. To this between four and five thousand dollars have been added by subscriptions; and it is the intention of the Trustees to adopt effectual measures speedily to augment the fund to such an amount as will greatly assist in the support of a Bishop.

The field for ministerial labour in this Diocese is large, and already white unto the harvest; but it has been proved by past experience that the Church can never occupy that high stand which it might and would take, if the ecclesiastical organization of the Diocese were completed by the election and consecration of a Bishop.

The value and influence of Episcopal ministrations have been witnessed in the delightful result produced by the late visitation of the indefatigable Missionary Bishop. And that such ministrations might be frequently and regularly enjoyed, the last Diocesan Convention passed a resolution, requesting the General Convention to extend the Episcopal jurisdiction of the Missionary Bishop over this Diocese, until it should be able canonically to elect a Bishop for itself. This request, however, will not be preferred, in consequence of the auspicious steps which have been taken by the General Convention to appoint additional Missionary Bishops.

At the last Convention, a Diocesan Missionary Society was organized; the chief object of which was, to engage the services of one or more Missionaries, who should travel through the entire Diocese for the purpose of making known the claims of the Church—of gathering into congregations her scattered members—and of pointing out to the Society the most eligible situations for the location of permanent Missionaries. This object, it is hoped, will be carried out to some extent, at least, during the present year.

The parochial Clergy are active, industrious, and faithful, in the discharge of their ministerial duties; strictly observing the Canons and Rubrics of the Church. They have extended, as far as it was practicable, occasional services to places destitute of the ministry of the Church; and from their representations, there is scarcely a town or neighbourhood of planters in the State where the labours of a Clergyman of the Church would not only be acceptable, but well rewarded.

In conclusion, it should be added, that with whatever discouragements and difficulties the Church has to contend, there is abundant reason to be thankful to her great Head for the increase of zeal and piety among her ministers and members, and to be “steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.”

There have been reported to the Convention, during the last three years, Baptisms—adults, 12, infants, 164; Marriages, 42; Funerals, 119; persons Confirmed, 63; Communicants, 202; Sunday School Teachers, 36; Sunday School Scholars, 305; no Candidates for Orders; contributions to the general objects of the Church, about three thousand dollars.

MICHIGAN.

This Diocese, immediately after the last General Convention, made application to the President of the House of Bishops, to elect a suitable person for the Episcopate, the Diocese not having the number required by the Canon, which would qualify them to elect for themselves. In consequence of a diversity of opinion on the construction of the Second Clause of the Second General Canon, a delay occurred in the consecration of the Bishop, and the Diocese was deprived of Episcopal supervision till August, 1836. Since that time this Diocese has been particularly blessed, both by the increase in the number of its Clergy and Communicants. There are now seventeen Clergymen, including the Bishop—during the last two years six new churches have been consecrated, four Candidates for Orders have been admitted to the Deaconship, and four to the Priesthood, and over 200 persons have been Confirmed; present number of Communicants about 500. The Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition; during the last three years this Diocese has contributed to the Missionary cause about 2,000 dollars. An Episcopal fund has been created, which now exceeds 3,000 dollars.

in consequence of the absence of certain necessary documents, other information cannot now be given.

ILLINOIS.

The Journal of the Convention assembled at Rushville, Illinois, June 4, 1838, not having been received, the Committee are able to present only a brief and imperfect report of the State of the Church in this Diocese. There are Canonically resident in it, thirteen Clergymen: the Bishop, and twelve Presbyters. The number of organized congregations is about twenty, and of Communicants connected with them, more than two hundred; the number of Baptisms, as reported on the Journals for 1836, 1837 and 1838, is 47; and of Confirmations, for the same period, 53; four churches have been consecrated. Since the last General Convention, four have been ordained to the Holy Order of Priests, three have removed from the Diocese, eight have been transferred to it, and four churches have been consecrated.

Although this statement shows some increase of Clergymen in the Diocese, there is room and need for many more.

Bishop Chase in his late address, asks, "Who will come to supply other places equally famishing, for the Word and Sacraments? Juliet is yet vacant; Dixon's Ferry, Stephenson, Danville, Mt. Carmel, Savannah, and Beardstown are vacant. Numberless are the places, abounding with precious souls, perishing for lack of spiritual food—sheep without a shepherd, who, to all human view, will never find shelter and pasture, till they find them in our Primitive Apostolic Church."

It is hoped that many will give a favourable and immediate answer to the affectionate and repeated invitations of the venerable Bishop of this Diocese.

The prospects of soon establishing the Theological Seminary in this Diocese are good.

FLORIDA.

The Diocese of Florida was organized by a meeting of Clergy and Lay Delegates held in Tallahassee in the month of January last; and an act was unanimously passed by the Legislative Council of the Territory then in Session incorporating the Diocese, extending the benefits of incorporation to all parishes which may hereafter be formed, and securing to the Church all property of every description which may at any time be given to it.

The number of Clergymen in this Diocese, at the Convention in January last, was six, and the number of parishes seven. There are three church edifices now erected, one at Pensacola, one at St. Augustine, and one at Tallahassee, and efforts are making for the erection of two more, at Key West and Apalachicola. The support given to the Church, and the attendance upon its services, are such as to justify the hope that an interest is awakened in her behalf; and when it is remembered that during the two years last past, Florida has been struggling under the pressure of an Indian war within her borders, and that difficulties ever must attend the erection of churches in a new country, we cannot but be grateful to Almighty God for the degree of success which has been already vouchsafed. Of the six parishes supplied with Clergymen, three are now independent of aid from the General Missionary Society, namely, Pensacola, Tallahas-

see, and St. Augustine. They support their own Rectors, and will soon be in a condition to aid in establishing other parishes in the Diocese. The ministers at Key West and Apalachicola, are supported in part by the General Missionary Society. Since the primary Convention in January, a parish has been formed at Marianna, and a Vestry elected, who have authorized their agent to employ a Clergyman for the parish at \$1,000 salary. Quincy has been adopted as a Missionary station, by the Domestic Committee, and a subscription circulated in that place for a Clergyman's salary, which amounts to \$650. St. Joseph's also contains friends of the Church, and will be shortly recommended by the Diocesan Authority as a Missionary station. All three of these places, it is believed, are encouraging places for Missionary operations, and it is earnestly desired by the friends of the Church in them, may be soon supplied with suitable pastors. Indeed, wherever we look in Florida, we find here and there scattered through the Diocese, the seeds of the Church. Under God our future prospects are in our own power. There is materiel enough. If, as village after village springs up, we there hold out the cross; if we wait not for circumstances to develop us, but following the echo of the axe as it rings in the forest, carry the Bible and Prayer Book to the cabin of every settler, then may we indulge any hope that may be formed. At present the population of Florida is inclined to receive the worship and discipline of the Episcopal Church. How long this may be the case is known only to Almighty God. Though in its infancy, a prospect is presented, which affords ample encouragement to the continual exertions of its ministers, and the zealous co-operation of every member of the Laity, and calls forth lively thanksgivings to Him who ruleth over the whole Church.

According to the incomplete reports made to the Primary Convention, the number of Communicants belonging to the Church in this Diocese may be estimated at about 100; Baptisms during the previous year, 42; Marriages, 26; Funerals, 75.

LOUISIANA.

The Church in Louisiana having been but recently organized, little statistical information has been collected in reference to it. It contains three organized Parishes, viz. two in the city of New-Orleans, and one at St. Francisville. Christ Church, New-Orleans, which had been for several years without the services of a stated Rector, is now supplied, and is in a flourishing state, with about 150 Communicants. St. Paul's Church, in the Upper Fauxbourg, is at present vacant, but with a prospect of being soon supplied. A Rector has been recently appointed to Grace Church, in St. Francisville, which is supposed to be in a prosperous condition.

INDIANA.

Within the bounds of what is now the Diocese of Indiana, at the Session of the last General Convention, there was but one organized parish, and only one officiating Clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Hoyt, now of Crawfordsville, who went to Indianapolis in 1834.

Some years ago, the Rev. Mr. Shaw, afterwards removed from the ministry, organized a parish in Vincennes, and the Rev. Mr. Pfeiffer, also removed, organized a parish in Washington, both of which have been extinct for several years. Mr. Hoyt not succeeding in Indianapolis,

removed to Crawfordsville, and organized a parish. Mr. Todd then settled for a time in Logansport. Soon afterwards the Rev. A. Lamar, from Virginia, removed to Madison, and became the Missionary there, but afterwards removed to Evansville, and was succeeded, in Madison, by the Rev. Lloyd Windsor. In succession, parishes were formed at New Albany, Jeffersonville, La Fayette, Indianapolis, Richmond, Michigan City, Mishawaka, and Vincennes. There are now canonically resident and officiating in Indiana, nine Clergymen, besides one or two not canonically resident, and twelve parishes.

Reports have been received from a few of the Clergy, which show an encouraging state of temporal and spiritual prosperity, which, when compared with the state of things previous to the appointment of the Missionary Bishop, calls for warm and devoted acknowledgments to Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift.

The Missionary at Evansville reports 13 Communicants; and states, that out of his congregation of 150 or 200 persons, not more than 10, besides his communicants, were baptized by our ministry. He has, within the two years of his Mission at Evansville, Baptized 10, solemnized 10 Marriages, and attended 13 Funerals. The Sunday School has 60 Scholars; and \$25 are to be sent to Domestic Missions. A lot has been secured for a church costing \$1,000, and 600 of it secured.

The Missionary at Richmond reports an increasing congregation—11 Communicants; and during the year of his Missionary labours, sometimes interrupted by sickness, 9 Baptisms, 7 Marriages, and 6 Funerals.

The Rev. Mr. Steele, of New Albany, says, we have secured the means of defraying two thirds the cost of a church. During the past year there have been added to the Church, by Baptism, 1 adult and 9 children; 4 have been Confirmed, and 5 added to the Communion, making the present number of Communicants 16; Marriages, 1; and Burials, 4; collections for Domestic Missions, \$20.

Rev. Mr. Britton, of Indianapolis, reports, within 13 months, a handsome Gothic church nearly finished, and two thirds its cost secured in the parish; Baptisms—adults, 3, children 15; Confirmed, 21; added to the Communion, 22; present number of Communicants, 26; Marriages, 1; and Burials, 4. Here \$50 has been sent to Domestic Missions. Mr. Stout, of Michigan, occasionally officiating at Mishawaka, and other places, has Baptized at Mishawaka, 1 adult and 5 children.

Two incorporated institutions of learning, one with a building, have been offered to be placed in the hands of the Church, if we will supply the men; and a loud call has been made for a teacher for a contemplated Academy.

Thus, by the blessing of God, we have gone on; and trusting in Him, we hope that the appeal of our devoted Missionary Bishop, for men and means, will be heard. Now is the time to occupy Indiana. We are, it is true, twenty years behind the Methodists, and ten behind the Presbyterians; but yet, under God, through the devoted labours of our Bishop, the Church has received an impulse which must send her onward, if in our infancy we are aided abroad in any degree proportioned to the willingness of God to bless.

The report of the Committee on the Calendar was, on motion, called up, and re-committed to the same Committee.

The Committee on Canons, to whom had been re-committed

the proposed substitute for III. Canon of 1835, presented the same with amendments, viz :

CANON

Concerning Candidates for Orders in this Church, who have been Ministers, Licentiates, or Students of Theology, among other Religious Denominations.

SECT. 1. All persons seeking admission to the Ministry of this Church, are to be regarded as Candidates for Holy Orders.

SECT. 2. When a person who, not having had Episcopal ordination, has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister or Licentiate among any other denomination of Christians, shall desire to be ordained in this Church, he shall give notice thereof to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which he resides ; or if he resides in a State or Territory in which there is no organized Diocese, to one of the Bishops of this Church ; which notice shall be accompanied with a written certificate from at least two Presbyters of this Church, stating that from personal knowledge of the party, or satisfactory evidence laid before them, they believe that his desire to leave the denomination to which he has belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavourable to his religious or moral character, or on account of which it may be inexpedient to admit him to the exercise of the ministry in this Church ; and they may also add what they know, or believe on good authority, of the circumstances leading to the said desire.

SECT. 3. If the Bishop or Standing Committee shall think proper to proceed, the party applying to be received as a Candidate, shall produce to the Standing Committee the same testimonials of literary qualifications as are required of all other Candidates ; and also a testimonial from at least twelve members of the denomination from which he came, satisfactory to the Committee, that the applicant has, for three years last past, lived piously, soberly, and honestly ; and also, a testimonial from at least two Presbyters of this Church, that they believe him to be pious, sober and honest, and sincerely attached to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Church. The Standing Committee being satisfied on these points, may recommend him to the Bishop to be received as a Candidate for Orders in this Church.

SECT. 4. Candidates admitted as above, may, at the expiration of a period not less than six months, be Ordained, on their passing the same examinations as other Candidates for Deacon's Orders ; and in the examination, special regard shall be had to those points in which the denomination whence they come differs from this Church, with a view of testing their information and soundness in the same ; and also to the ascertaining that they are adequately acquainted with the Liturgy and Offices of this Church ; provided, that in their case the testimonials shall be required to cover only the time since their admission as Candidates for Orders : and provided also, that the provisions of the Canon concerning Candidates for Orders, as far as the same relates to the age of the person to whom the dispensation may be granted, and the mode and restrictions in and under which the same may be granted, shall apply to the persons mentioned in this Canon.

SECT. 5. Every Candidate for the Ministry of any other denomination, who applies to be received as a Candidate for Orders in this Church, may be allowed by the Bishop, with the unanimous consent of the members of the Standing Committee present at a meeting duly convened, the period of time during which he has been a Student of Theology or Candidate in such other denomination ; provided, the time so allowed does not exceed two years.

SECT. 6. The third Canon of 1835 is hereby repealed.

Whereupon, it was moved and carried, to amend Section 4th, by striking out *six*, and inserting in lieu thereof *twelve*.

The proposed substitute for III. Canon of 1835, as reported by the Committee, was then passed, and sent to the House of Bishops for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in the resolution to re-commit to the same Committee the report of the Joint Committee on the subject of Typographical Errors in the Prayer Book.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in the resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee on the publication of all the Journals since 1785, and had appointed on their part the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had had under consideration the report of the Committee of Conference on the time and place for the next General Convention, and have passed the following resolution, in which they requested the concurrence of this House:—

Resolved, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that the next General Convention be held in the City of New-York, on the 1st Wednesday in October, 1841.

Whereupon, on motion, this House concurred with the House of Bishops.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have had under their consideration the proposed substitute for the 9th Canon of 1832, passed by that House, and have unanimously *resolved*, That they do not concur in passing said substitute.

Whereupon, on motion, *resolved*, That a Conference be requested with the House of Bishops, and in the event of its being granted, the following be the Committee on the part of this House:—Dr. Hawks, Dr. De Lancey, and Mr. James S. Smith.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting for concurrence a Preamble and Resolution touching the ratification of the division of the Diocese of New-York; such division to take effect on the first day of November next.

Whereupon, on motion, the Preamble and Resolution from the House of Bishops were concurred in by this House.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting to this House a Canon on Missionary Bishops, proposed as a substitute for the 2d Canon of 1835. Whereupon, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Canons.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, proposing, with the concurrence of this House, to attend this evening a meeting on the subject of Education. The House concurred with the House of Bishops.

Moved and carried, that when this House adjourns, it adjourn to meet this afternoon at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 5 o'clock.

The House adjourned.

Friday, $\frac{1}{4}$ past 5, P. M.

The House re-assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The following message was received from the House of Bishops :

On motion, *resolved*, That the House of Bishops request the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies to allow them to withdraw their resolution of non-concurrence in the proposed substitute for the 9th Canon of 1832. Whereupon, on motion, leave was given by this House.

The Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society made the following report upon the message and resolutions from the House of Bishops, referred to them on Thursday, upon the subject of a Missionary Bishop :

The Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to whom was referred the message from the House of Bishops, in relation to extending the duties and powers of Missionary Bishops, and making provision for Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Indiana, beg leave to report, That the Committee are of the opinion that it is not expedient to make any provision in relation to giving authority to the Board of Missions, to appropriate any funds towards the support of a Bishop of an organized Diocese, and that all the provisions contained in the said message from the House of Bishops, may more appropriately be provided for, by making some alterations in Canon 7th of 1832, and 2d Canon of 1835 ; the Committee, therefore, propose the following alterations in said Canons :

After the words, " Assistant Bishop," in the 1st line of Canon 7th of 1832, insert the words, " or Missionary Bishop."

After the words " another Diocese," in the second line of the third section of said Canon, insert the words " or of a Missionary Bishop."

To the 3d Section of Canon 2d of 1835, add as follows :

And the House of Bishops may at any time increase or diminish the number of States and Territories, over which the said Bishop or Bishops shall exercise Episcopal functions; and in case of the death or resignation of a Missionary Bishop, the presiding Bishop of this Church shall be, and he is hereby authorized to request one of the neighbouring Bishops to take charge of the vacant Missionary Episcopate, until the meeting of the next General Convention. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DE LANCEY, *Chairman*.

Whereupon, on motion, so much of the report as related to the proposed alterations of Canon 7, of 1832, was concurred in by the House, and the remainder of the report was laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had resolved that the House of Bishops do not concur in passing the proposed substitute for the 9th Canon of 1832, and stating their reasons for non-concurrence.

Whereupon, on motion, *resolved*, That a conference be requested with the House of Bishops, upon the disagreement between the two Houses; and in the event of its being acceded to, this House appoint, as a Committee of Conference, Dr. Hawks, Dr. De Lancey, and Mr. James S. Smith.

The remainder of the report of the Committee on Canons, touching a Canon referred to them, and which was proposed by the House of Bishops as a substitute for the 2d Canon of 1835, was then called up.

Whereupon, on motion, this House concurred with the House of Bishops in passing said substitute, with the amendment proposed by the Committee, providing for the supply of a Missionary Episcopate in case of the death or resignation of the Bishop.

The Committee on New Dioceses had leave to retire.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they acceded to their request of a conference upon the disagreement between the two Houses, respecting the proposed substitute of the 9th Canon of 1832, and had appointed on their part the Rt. Rev. Bishops Onderdonk of Pennsylvania, McIlvaine and Meade.

The Committee on Canons, to whom had been referred, on Tuesday, the proposed substitute from the House of Bishops in place of Canon I., 1835, of the Election of Bishops, presented a report, recommending that this House should concur in said substitute, with the following amendments, viz:

Sect. 2. The same as Sect. 3 of former Canon; to the words "Convention electing," then add: But two or more adjoining Dioceses, not having respectively the requisite number of Presbyters to entitle either to the choice of a Bishop, may associate and proceed to the choice of a Bishop, to exercise jurisdiction alike in each of the associated Dioceses, if there be at the time of such choice, and have been during the year previous, nine or more such Presbyters residing in any part of such associated Dioceses, qualified as aforesaid; and the Bishop so elected shall exercise Episcopal jurisdiction over each of the associated Dioceses, until such time as some one of said Dioceses, having six or more Presbyters canonically qualified to elect a Bishop, shall elect him as its own exclusive Diocesan; whereupon, his connection with the other associated Diocese or Dioceses shall cease and determine; provided always, that the Dioceses thus associating in the election of a common Bishop, and the Conventions thereof, shall in all other respects remain as before, unconnected and independent of each other; and provided, also, that such association shall be dissolved on the demise of the Bishop, if not before.

Sect. 3. (as Sect. 4 of former Canon.)

Sect. 4. The 2d Canon of 1832, the Special Canon of 1832, and the 1st Canon of 1835, are hereby repealed.

Whereupon, on motion, the House concurred in adopting the substitute proposed for the 1st Canon of 1835, with the amendments reported by the Committee.

The Report of the Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, laid upon the table this morning, was then called up, and the following resolution, proposed by the Committee, was adopted :

Resolved, That the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concur with the House of Bishops, in adopting the proposed addition to the 4th article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, with the following amendment, viz. strike out the last clause of the addition proposed by the House of Bishops, and make the addition to said article read as follows :

Provided always, that in relation to organized Dioceses having Bishops, the Board shall regulate the number of Missionary stations, but the Bishop of the Diocese may select the stations, and may at any time discontinue a station, and in lieu of it, establish one elsewhere. The Bishop may also remove a Missionary with his consent from one station to another within his Diocese, reporting his proceedings in all such cases to the Domestic Committee without delay.

The Report of the Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to whom had been referred the Triennial Report and Documents from the Board of Missions, was then taken up, and the resolutions proposed by the Committee were adopted.

The Committee on Canons presented a report, proposing the following Canon as a substitute for 7th Canon of 1832 :

CANON.

Of the Performance of Episcopal Duties in Vacant Dioceses.

SECT. 1. Any Bishop or Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop may, on the invitation of the Convention or the Standing Committee of any Diocese where there is no Bishop, visit and perform Episcopal offices in said Diocese, or in any part thereof. And this invitation may be temporary, and may at any time be revoked.

SECT. 2. A Diocese without a Bishop may, by its Convention, be placed under the full Episcopal charge and authority of the Bishop of another Diocese or of a Missionary Bishop, who shall by that act become the Bishop of the said vacant Diocese until a Bishop is duly elected and consecrated for the same, or until the said act of its Convention be revoked. And in case there shall be an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese,

under the Episcopal charge of whose Bishop the Diocese without a Bishop shall be placed, the said Assistant Bishop shall have the like charge and authority therein as he has in the Diocese of which he has been chosen Assistant Bishop.

SECT. 3. No Diocese thus placed under the full charge and authority of the Bishop of another Diocese or of a Missionary Bishop, shall invite a second Bishop to perform any Episcopal duty, or exercise authority till its connection with the first Bishop has expired or is revoked. Where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority for all purposes declared in these Canons.

SECT. 4. The VII. Canon of 1832 is hereby repealed.

The Committee on New Dioceses, to whom had been referred certain documents from the Church in Indiana, presented a report, accompanied with the following resolution, which was adopted by this House :

Resolved, (the House of Bishops concurring,) That the Diocese of Indiana be admitted into union with this Convention.

Moved and carried, that the following resolution be referred to a Special Committee :

Resolved, (the House of Bishops concurring,) That the Diocese of New-Hampshire have leave to withdraw from the association of the Eastern Diocese.

Dr. Burrows, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Warren were appointed this Committee.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in passing the Canon, of the performance of Episcopal duties in vacant Dioceses, as a substitute for the VII. Canon of 1832, with an amendment, in which they requested the concurrence of this House, viz: that the last sentence of Sect. 3, beginning with the words "Where there is no Bishop," be struck out, that provision being contained in the 3d Sect. of Canon 4, of 1832.

The House concurred with the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Joint Committee, consisting, on the part of this House, of the Secretary and Dr. Hawks, be appointed to take the necessary steps to have the Journals of this Session, and an edition of the entire Canons printed.

Resolved, That 2000 copies of the Journal, and 1500 copies of the Canons be printed; that 200 copies of each be reserved in the hands of the Secretary; and that two copies of each be transmitted by him to every Clergyman of the Church, and one copy of the Journal and Canons to each Lay Member of this Convention.

Resolved, That the Joint Committee be authorized, if in their judgment the size of the Journal will not be too much increased thereby, to append to it the entire Canons

The following motion was moved and seconded :

Resolved, That if the House of Bishops concur, this Convention adjourn to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, *sine die*.

Laid on the table.

: Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Chambers, Hoit, Cairns, Mason and Eppes for the remainder of the Session, and also to Mr. Donaldson, after to-morrow.

Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15, 1838.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, of Pennsylvania.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Robert H. Gardiner, a Lay Deputy from the Diocese of Maine, and Richard W. Howell, a Lay Deputy from New-Jersey, in place of Mr. W. Collett, absent on leave, appeared and took their seats.

The Clerical and Lay Deputies from the Diocese of Massachusetts laid before the House certain documents relative to the election of the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts; whereupon, on motion, they were referred to the Committee on the Consecration of Bishops, and the Committee had leave to retire.

The motion offered yesterday, relative to the final adjournment of the Convention, was taken up for consideration; whereupon, the following was adopted as a substitute :

Resolved, That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire and report what remaining business is to be transacted at this Session, and at what time the Convention may adjourn.

Dr. Milnor and Dr. Croswell were appointed the Committee.

The following motion was moved and seconded, and laid on the table :

Resolved, That the following alteration in the first Article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America be, and is hereby proposed, and that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, viz:—

In the first clause strike out the word *third*, and insert the word *seventh*, so as to read—"There shall be a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, at such time in every *seventh* year, and in such place, as shall be determined by the Convention."

The Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, presented the following report:—

The Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to whom was referred a resolution submitted to the House, to consider the expediency of diminishing the amount of money appropriated by the Board to Foreign Missions, and increasing the sum appropriated to Domestic Missions, and also of certain changes in the organization of the Committees,

Report, That under existing circumstances, no action of the present Convention is recommended in relation to the said resolution. The Committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and submit a resolution accordingly:—

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged.

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY, *Chairman*.

Whereupon, on motion, the resolution was adopted, and the Committee discharged.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in passing the resolution, that the Diocese of Indiana be admitted into union with the General Convention.

The Rev. James B. Britton, and Messrs. G. W. Leonard and Horace Thurston, presented testimonials of their respective appointments as Deputies from Indiana, and took their seats.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in passing the resolutions relative to the Triennial Report of the Board of Missions.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting the report of the Joint Committee on the subject of Typographical Errors in the Prayer Book, to whom their former report had been re-committed, together with a Resolution and Canon recommended by the Committee, and adopted by the House of Bishops.

Whereupon, on motion, the House concurred with the House of Bishops in adopting said Resolution and Canon.

The Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, presented the following report:—

The Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to whom was referred a Memorial praying that remuneration might be made from the Board of Missions for Missionary services performed by the Bishop of Illinois for 1836-37-38,

Report, That as this House have not concurred in the proposed alteration of the 4th Article of the Constitution, so as to authorize the Board to make such remuneration, your Committee recommend that they be discharged from the further consideration of the said Memorial, and submit a resolution accordingly.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the said Memorial.

Whereupon, on motion, the House adopted the resolution, and the Committee was discharged.

The Committee on Canons reported the following, as an additional Section to the Canon passed relative to the organizing of Dioceses out of existing Dioceses, viz :

Sect. 3. Whenever one Diocese is about to be divided into two Dioceses, the Convention of the said Diocese shall declare which portion thereof is to be the new Diocese, and shall make the same known to the General Convention, before the ratification of such division. Whereupon,

The additional Section, as proposed, was adopted by the House.

The Standing Committee on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to whom had been referred so much of the memorial from the Diocese of Maine, as relates to the New Powers to be given to the Board of Missions, or to Missionaries and Missionary Bishops, reported :

“ That they have had the same under consideration, and do recommend that, under existing circumstances, no action be had in relation to the same. The Committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the Memorial, and submit a resolution accordingly :—

Resolved, That the Standing Committee “ be discharged from the further consideration of the Memorial from the Diocese of Maine.”

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DE LANCEY, *Chairman*.

Whereupon, on motion, the House adopted the resolution, and the Committee was discharged.

The Standing Committee on the Consecration of Bishops, presented the following report :

The Committee on the Consecration of Bishops, to whom were referred the testimonials of the election of the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., to the office of Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, report, that satisfactory evidence has been presented to your Committee of the due election of Dr. Potter to the above mentioned office, and of the existence of the exigency authorizing such election ; and also, that the testimonial of the members of the Convention by which he was elected, is signed by a Constitutional Majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies composing the same. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Certificate required by the III. Canon of 1332, as evidence of the approbation of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, of the testimonials of the election of the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., to the office of Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, and of their assent to his Consecration, be now signed by the members of this House, and sent to the House of Bishops. The Committee take occasion to suggest, that in their opinion a copy of the proceedings of every Diocesan Convention in relation to elections to the Episcopal office, ought, in all cases, to be produced to the General Convention, authenticated by the presiding officer, or the Secretary, or Clerk, of such Diocesan Convention.

HARRY CROSWELL, *Chairman*.

Whereupon, on motion, *resolved*, That this House approves of the testimonials laid before them in behalf of Dr. Potter, and assents to his Consecration, as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Canonical Certificate in favour of Dr. Potter was then signed by a Constitutional Majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies composing this House, and sent with the documents relating to his election, to the House of Bishops.

Mr. Eccleston was substituted in the place of Mr. Chambers, absent on leave, in the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Law.

The following message was received from the House of Bishops :

The House of Bishops inform the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they hereby nominate the Rev. Leonidas Polk, of Tennessee, as a Missionary Bishop of this Church, to exercise Episcopal functions in the State of Arkansas.

Whereupon, on motion, the message was laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in the resolution for appointing a Joint Committee on the remaining business to be done, and on the time at which the Convention may adjourn, and have appointed, on their part, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania; and that they have also concurred in the appointment of a Joint Committee to publish the Journals of this Session and an edition of the entire Canons, and have named, on their part, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they have concurred in passing the amendments proposed by this House in the substitute for the I. Canon of 1835, with an amendment, in which they requested the concurrence of this House, viz: to insert the words "and he shall have accepted the office," after the words "elect him as its own exclusive Diocesan." Whereupon, on motion, the House concurred in the proposed amendment.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had had under consideration the amendment passed to the addition to the 4th Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and in lieu of said amendment had passed the following, in which they requested the concurrence of this House, viz: "Provided always, that in relation to an organized Diocese having a Bishop, the Board shall not adopt any station, nor appoint any Missionary, except upon the nomination of the Bishop thereof; and, in any such Diocese, the assignment of a Missionary to a particular

station, or the change of a Missionary from one station to another, or the continuance of a station, shall rest with the Bishop."

Whereupon, on motion, the message was referred to the Joint Committee, on the part of this House, on the 4th Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

On motion, the House proceeded to take up the nomination from the House of Bishops, of a Missionary Bishop.

Whereupon, it was moved and seconded, that the Rev. Leonidas Polk, of Tennessee, be elected a Missionary Bishop, to exercise Episcopal functions in the State of Arkansas.

The vote being called for in each Order by States, Messrs. Mead, Cobbs, Colston and Tidyman were appointed Tellers, and the House proceeded to ballot accordingly. The balloting having ended, and the Tellers retired—

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had appointed, on their part, Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, and Bishop Doane, as members of the Committee to be appointed under the resolution passed this day, to correct typographical errors in certain stereotyped plates of the Prayer Book; whereupon, the House appointed, as the Committee on their part, Dr. Dorr and Dr. Littell.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting certain resolutions appointing the Rev. Drs. Jarvis and Hawks to prepare an Ecclesiastical History.

Whereupon, on motion, the House concurred with the House of Bishops in passing the said resolutions.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in passing the addition proposed to the 3d Section of the Canon which is a substitute for the 2d Canon of 1835, with an amendment, in which they requested the concurrence of this House, viz: to strike out all that follows the words "a Missionary Bishop," and substitute the following—"the charge of the vacant Missionary Episcopate shall devolve on the Senior Bishop of this Church, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as his substitute in the said charge."

The House, on motion, concurred in this amendment.

The Committee who had had under consideration the message from the House of Bishops relative to the IV. Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, made a report, recommending that a Committee of Conference be asked of the Bishops.

The House agreed to the recommendation, and appointed the Joint Committee of this House as the Committee on their part.

The Tellers reported that the Rev. Leonidas Polk had been duly elected to the office to which he had been nominated by the House of Bishops. Whereupon, the Canonical Testimonial in favour of the Bishop Elect was signed by a majority of the House, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The Committee of Conference, with the House of Bishops, on the proposed substitute to the IX. Canon of 1832, reported, as the result of the Conference, that they had agreed to recommend in lieu of the proposed substitute the following amendment in the Canon as now existing: instead of the words "*with the consent of a majority of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee,*" insert the words, "*with the consent of the Standing Committee.*"

Whereupon, on motion, the House concurred in the proposed amendment of the Canon as now existing, and adopted the IX. Canon, with this amendment, in lieu of the substitute transmitted to the House of Bishops.

The Committee on Canons reported the following amendment of XIII. Canon of 1832: instead of the words, "with the consent of a majority of the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee," insert the words, "with the consent of the Standing Committee."

Whereupon, on motion, the House adopted the proposed amendment.

The Committee on the resolution offered, relative to the separation of New-Hampshire from the Eastern Diocese, presented the following preamble and resolution, which were concurred in by the House:

Whereas, it appears in its Journals, that the Convention of New Hampshire, at its last Annual Meeting, unanimously adopted resolutions to effect a separation of that Diocese from the Eastern Diocese, and at the same time soliciting a continuance of the Episcopal supervision of its present Rt. Rev. Bishop; and, whereas, it is understood that he is consenting to the above measure, therefore,

Resolved, (the House of Bishops concurring.) That the Diocese of New-Hampshire have leave to withdraw from the Association of the Eastern Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BURROUGHS, *Chairman.*

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in passing the proposed 3d Section to the Canon, in relation to the organizing of new Dioceses out of existing Dioceses.

The House of Bishops, by message, informed this House that they had acceded to the request of a conference on the proposed amendment of the 4th Article of the Constitution of the Domes-

tic and Foreign Missionary Society, and had appointed, on their part, Bishops Ives, Utey and Kemper.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, relative to certain regulations to be observed in printing future editions of the Prayer Book.

Whereupon, on motion, the message was referred to the Standing Committee on the Prayer Book.

The standing rule of the Convention of 1826, directing the publication of sermons preached at the opening of Conventions, not specifying the number of copies, on motion, the House ordered that 1000 copies of the sermon preached before them this Session be published.

On motion, *resolved*. That Rev. Mr. Wheat and Mr. Maney be a Committee to inform the Rev. Mr. Polk of his election.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a resolution for the concurrence of this House, relative to the preaching of sermons on the great need of ministers throughout the Church.

Whereupon, on motion, the message was laid on the table.

The Committee of Conference with the House of Bishops, relative to the amendment of the 4th Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, reported, as the result of such Conference, that it had been agreed upon to recommend the adoption of the following amendment of said Article to both Houses, viz: "Provided always, that in relation to organized Dioceses having Bishops, the Board shall regulate the number of Missionary stations, but the Bishop of the Diocese may select the stations, and may at any time discontinue a station, and in lieu of it establish one elsewhere.

Whereupon, on motion, the House concurred in said amendment.

Leave of absence was granted for the remainder of the Session to Messrs. Tuckerman, Hanckel, Smallwood, Swan, John Potter, Eccleston, Richardson, Weston, Ogden, and Saunders.

The House adjourned until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, September 17, 1838.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, of South Carolina.

Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, requesting the concurrence of this House in a resolution to make known to the several Diocesan Conventions a proposed alteration of Article VI. of the Constitution, in relation to the mode of trying

Bishops. Whereupon, on motion, the message was laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting the report of the Joint Committee appointed to nominate a Board of Missions; together with a resolution passed by said House, that the persons therein named, if the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concur, be the Board of Missions.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House concur in the same.

The Joint Committee on the time of adjournment reported a resolution, That the Convention adjourn *sine die* this evening. Adopted.

The message from the House of Bishops, laid on the table on Saturday, touching the preaching of Sermons in relation to the want of Ministers, was called up for consideration, and the resolution proposed was non-concurred in by the House. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That while the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies partake with the House of Bishops in the conviction of the great need of duly qualified Ministers to build up the Church, and extend its borders; and share also, in the solicitude of the Bishops to have this need supplied, they deem it inexpedient for this Convention to prescribe the manner in which this subject should be brought to the notice of Churchmen by the Bishops and Clergy, and prefer, therefore, to leave it to be presented in such way as shall seem best to each.

The Standing Committee on the Prayer Book, to whom had been referred the message from the House of Bishops, proposing certain rules to be observed in printing all future editions of the Book of Common Prayer, reported the following resolution, which was adopted by the House:—

Resolved, That this House do concur in the adoption of the rules to be observed in the printing of all future editions of the Book of Common Prayer, with the accompanying resolution, as proposed in the message from the House of Bishops.

The resolution passed on Friday, touching the printing of the Journals of this Session was, on motion, reconsidered and amended, by inserting 3,000 in lieu of 2,000 copies.

The message from the House of Bishops, in relation to a proposed alteration of Art. VI. of the Constitution, touching the mode of trying Bishops, was taken up and concurred in by the House.

A message was received from the same House, communicating the passage of the following resolution, reported by the Joint Committee, on the subject of an uniform system of Ecclesiastical Law:

Resolved, (by the House of Bishops, with the concurrence of the Houses of Clerical and Lay Deputies,) That a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed, to consider and report to the next General Convention whether any, and if any, what action should be taken to improve the legislation of this Church in relation to Ecclesiastical trials.

Whereupon, the House, on motion, concurred with the House of Bishops, with the following amendment to said resolution, viz : And that they be directed to publish and circulate the result of their labours at least six months before the meeting of the next Convention.

The following were appointed the Committee on the part of this House :—Drs. De Lancey, Hawks, Milnor, Crocker, and Anthon ; Messrs. Binney, Meredith, Collins, Boardman, and Warren.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in adopting the amendment recommended by the Committee of Conference to the IX. Canon of 1832, now existing, and also the one proposed to the XIII. Canon of 1832.

A message was received from the same House, communicating their concurrence in adopting the amendment proposed by the Committee of Conference to the 4th Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and also their concurrence in adopting the preamble and resolution relative to the separation of the Diocese of New-Hampshire from the Eastern Diocese.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had passed a Canon, (transmitted with the message,) “Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time,” in lieu of, and repealing the 7th Canon of 1835. Whereupon, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Canons.

A message was received from the same House, transmitting a Canon which they had passed, entitled, “Of Repealed Canons,” and, on motion, referred to the same Committee.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies that they had adopted certain resolutions (transmitted with the message) on the report of the Rev. Dr. Hawks as Conservator, and requesting the concurrence of this House.

The House concurred in the resolutions.

The Committee on Canons presented a report, recommending that the proposed Canon from the House of Bishops, “Of Repealed Canons,” be adopted. Carried.

The same Committee reported a resolution that the proposed

Canon, "On the mode of securing an accurate view of the Church," be non-concurred in. Carried.

Moved and carried, that the title of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society be so amended, as to read "Amended in 1823-29-32-35 and 38."*

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in the amendment proposed to the resolution on the subject of Ecclesiastical Trials, and had appointed on their part as a Committee, Bishops Onderdonk, of New-York, Hopkins, Doane, Ives, and Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in adopting the Canon concerning Candidates for Orders, &c., being a substitute for Canon 3 of 1835, with sundry amendments transmitted with the message.

Whereupon, the House concurred in the amendments proposed, with the exception, in the 4th Section, of the substitute of the provision of three months as the term of probation, in which they non-concurred.

Moved and carried, that this House propose to the House of Bishops a Committee of Conference on this subject, and that Dr. Hawks, Dr. Henshaw, and Judge Boardman, be the Committee of this House.

The Secretary laid before the House a bill presented to him for the expenses of this Session in St. Andrew's Church, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Expenses.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, requesting a Conference on the subject of the disagreement between the two Houses relative to the adoption of the proposed substitute for the 7th Canon of 1835, and appointing on their part, in the event of a Conference, Bishops Onderdonk, of New-York, Otey, and McIlvaine.

The House acceded to the request, and appointed as their Committee, Dr. Upfold, Mr. Drane, Dr. Lyell, Mr. Styles, Mr. Colston, and Mr. Winslow.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, acceding to the request of this House for a Conference on the subject of the amendment of the 4th Section of the Canon concerning Candidates for Orders, &c., being a substitute for Canon 3d of 1835, and appointing on their part, Bishops Meade, Ives, and McCoskry.

Moved and carried, that the report on the state of the Church, in Indiana, be added to the report on the state of the Church.

* Through an oversight, notice of this resolution was not sent for concurrence to the House of Bishops. N. A.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in the resolution that the Convention adjourn *sine die* this evening, and also that they had resolved, that when they adjourn they will adjourn to half past seven o'clock this evening to hear the Pastoral letter.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had had under consideration the report of the Committee of Conference, on the subject of the amendment to the IV. Section of the substitute for the III. Canon of 1835, and had adopted the amendment recommended by the said Committee, viz: That the said Section contain the words, "not less than six months."

Whereupon, on motion, the House concurred in this amendment.

Moved and carried, that when this House adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M., to hear the Pastoral Letter.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this House be presented to the President, for his faithful and unrelaxing labours in the duties of the chair, during this session.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the House be presented to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, for the able and assiduous services rendered by them, respectively.

The House adjourned.

Monday, 7, P. M.

The House re-assembled. The Minutes were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, transmitting a Canon passed by that House, relative to the performance of temporary Episcopal Missionary services.

Whereupon, it was moved and carried, that in consequence of the late stage of the business of this Convention, this House deem it inexpedient to act upon the Canon.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating the report, (which was read,) of the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, as Missionary Bishop.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had adopted a resolution (transmitted with the message,) on the subject of education. Whereupon,

The House, on motion, concurred in the same.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had adopted the Canon "Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the Church," as reported by the Committee of Conference on the subject, and requesting the concurrence of this House.

Whereupon, on motion, the message was laid on the table, and it was *resolved*, That owing to the lateness of the session,

this House deem it inexpedient to act on the subject until the next session of the General Convention.

The Committee on Expenses reported, that they had had under consideration, a bill presented for the Contingent Expenses of this session in St. Andrews' Church, and submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the usual contingent expenses.

Moved and carried, that the House of Bishops be informed that this House has completed its business, and is ready to hear the Pastoral Letter.

The Rev. Dr. Meade and Mr. James S. Smith, were appointed a Committee to deliver this message.

The following preamble and resolution, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, since the last meeting of this body, it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take from among us the venerable man, who, for so many years has been the Senior Bishop of this Church,

Resolved, That this House, unwilling to close its labours at this time, without leaving upon its records an enduring memorial, to attest its sense of departed worth, does hereby declare its cherished remembrance of the faithful and uninterrupted services of the Right Rev. William White, D. D., late Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, and desires thus publicly to express its gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for the long continuance to this portion of it, of one who, by the beauty of his example, the purity of his designs, and the moderation of his counsels, contributed for more than half a century to advance the interests, both temporal and spiritual, of the Communion to which we belong.

The House then suspended its session, to receive the House of Bishops, and hear the Pastoral Letter read by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, under the appointment of the presiding Bishop.

The Letter having been read, the presiding Bishop proceeded to close the session. Some appropriate prayers and collects from the Liturgy were read; a portion of the 99th Psalm, in metre, of the Selection, was sung; after which, the benediction was pronounced by the presiding Bishop.

The Bishops having retired, the House of Deputies *resolved*, That 1,500 copies of the Pastoral Letter be published. The House then adjourned *sine die*.

Signed by order of the House.

WILLIAM E. WYATT, D. D., *President*.

Attest, HENRY ANTHON, D. D., *Secretary*.

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PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 5th September, 1838, }
10 o'clock, A. M. }

THIS being the day and place appointed, by a resolution of the last General Convention, for the meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, 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. Nathaniel Bower, D. D., of South Carolina, the Right Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., of Illinois, the Right Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, D. D., LL. D., of Connecticut, the Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D., of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. William Meade, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Virginia, the Right Rev. Benjamin Tredwell Onderdonk, D. D., of New-York, the Right Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, D. D., LL. D., of North Carolina, the Right Rev. John Henry Hopkins, D. D., of Vermont, the Right Rev. Benjamin Bosworth Smith, D. D., of Kentucky, the Right Rev. Charles Petit Mellvaine, D. D., of Ohio, the Right Rev. George Washington Doane, D. D., of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. James Hervey Otey, D. D., of Tennessee, and the Right Rev. Samuel Allen McCoskry, D. D., of Michigan, attended Divine service in St. Peter's Church. The morning service was read by the Rev. David Moore, of New-York, assisted by the Rev. Joseph Wilner, of Virginia, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Meade; after which the communion was administered by the presiding Bishop, assisted by other Bishops.

After Divine service, the said Bishops assembled in the vestry-room of St. Peter's Church.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., was appointed Secretary.

On motion, *resolved*, That information be given to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that this House have appointed the Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., their Secretary, and are now organized and ready to proceed to business; also, that this

House have adjourned, to meet at St. Andrew's Church tomorrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Adjourned accordingly.

Thursday, Sept. 6, 1838, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended Divine service in St. Andrew's Church, with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. Present as yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That in organizing the House of Bishops for the business of another Convention, we cannot refrain from the expression of the lively sensibility which we feel at the loss of our Venerable Brother, who has so long presided over our deliberations.

Resolved, That we shall ever cherish an affectionate remembrance of the person and services of our deceased Brother, the Right Rev. William White, D. D. ; grateful to Almighty God for his long continued usefulness to the Church, and mindful of the bright example he has left us, in the purity of his life, the integrity of his purposes, the wisdom and moderation of his counsels, and the benignity of his entire character.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Dr. Lyell and Mr. Newton, a Committee, that they have organized, by appointing the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, President, and the Rev. Dr. Anthon, Secretary, and are ready to proceed to business ; and have resolved to meet daily, from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 3 o'clock, P. M. The House of Bishops resolved that they would meet at the same time.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, proposed the following resolution, which was adopted and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence : " The House of Bishops propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the two Houses unite in the morning prayer every day during the Session, at 9 o'clock ; and that the President of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies be requested to appoint a Clergyman to officiate on each day."

A memorial from the Primary Convention of Florida, requesting to be received into union with the General Convention, together with their printed Journal, and the Constitution and Canons adopted by them for the government of that Diocese, was presented to the House by the Right Rev. Bishop Otey ; which was read, and referred to a Committee, consisting of the Right Rev. Bishops Otey, Hopkins and McIlvaine.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, proposed

a resolution as follows : “ *Resolved*, (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That this Convention does agree to, and ratify the alterations in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, proposed in the last General Convention.” After some discussion, it was, on motion, laid on the table, to be taken up again for consideration to-morrow.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred in the resolution that the two Houses unite in the morning prayers daily during the Session.

The Committee on the Memorial from the Primary Convention of Florida, reported—That the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Florida are in agreement with the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Diocese of Florida be received into union with the General Convention.

Whereupon, *resolved*, That the Diocese of Florida be received into union with the General Convention, and that this resolution be transmitted, (together with the memorial and documents,) to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, for their concurrence.

A resolution was proposed by the Right Rev. Bishop Ives, as follows:—

Resolved, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to take into consideration whether any, and if any, what alterations are required in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Which was adopted.

The Right Rev. Bishops Ives, Doane, and Otey, were appointed on the part of the House of Bishops, and the resolution sent to the other House for concurrence.

The report of the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D., Conservator of the Books, Manuscripts, &c., belonging to the Convention, was presented and read.

Whereupon, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, *resolved*, That the report of the Conservator be transmitted to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and that, with the consent of said House, the report be referred to a Joint Committee of the two Houses, to report to the Convention during its present Session.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Right Rev. the Presiding Bishop be requested to prepare, and lay before this House, a draft of a Pastoral Letter.

The Triennial Report of the Trustees of the General Theolo-

gical Seminary, was presented by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, and was ordered to be laid on the table

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, *resolved*, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that a Joint Committee of this House and the House of Deputies be appointed to consider the expediency of the adoption of measures by this Convention, to provide more effectually for education, in conformity with the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church; the Committee to report during the Session of the present Convention. This resolution was directed to be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, for concurrence.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Friday, 7th September, 1838, 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 on yesterday, together with the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Missionary Bishop in the states of Missouri and Indiana.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A Preamble and Resolutions, adopted by the Faculty of the General Theological Seminary, on the subject of a Standard Bible, were laid before the House by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, and read, as follows:—

At a meeting of the Faculty of the General Theological Seminary, on Thursday, June 28th, 1838,

The following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz:

“Whereas, it was ‘resolved’ by the General Convention, at their last meeting, that the Faculty of the General Theological Seminary be appointed a Committee to compare and collate the best accessible editions of the Holy Bible in the English language, and to have printed, by some printing establishment, which will undertake the expense of the work, a Bible to be set forth by them as the standard Bible of this Church; and that they appoint some suitable person to superintend the printing, and correct the proofs.’ The Faculty of the Seminary having had the subject of this resolution under consideration, unanimously concur in the following resolution, to wit: That, inasmuch as there are many of the best editions of the Bible to which they have no access, and as they have no fund assigned on which they can draw to meet the necessary expenses of the undertaking, it has not been in their power to perform the service requested by the resolution of the Convention.

“*Resolved*, That the President of the Faculty be requested to communicate the above resolution to the General Convention, at their next regular meeting in September next.

“Extract from the Minutes,

June 28, 1838.

CLEMENT C. MOORE, *Secretary.*”

Whereupon, on motion of the said Bishop, *resolved*, That the above report be communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay

Deputies, and that with the concurrence of said House, the Committee be discharged.

The House took up for consideration the resolution laid on the table yesterday, for ratifying the amendments of the Constitution, proposed at the last Convention; and after discussion, the farther consideration of it was, on motion, postponed until to-morrow morning.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred in adopting the resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee on the subject of measures to provide for education, in conformity with the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and appointed on their part Rev. Mr. Hanckel, Rev. Dr. Lyell, Rev. Mr. Bull, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Codman, and Mr. Ogden. The House of Bishops then appointed on their part the Right Rev. Bishops Onderdonk, of New-York, Hopkins, and Bowen; notice of which was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

A message was also received from that House, that they concurred in the resolution for a Joint Committee to take into consideration the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, &c., and appointed as their Committee, Dr. De Lancey, Dr. Crocker, Rev. Mr. Freeman, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. Stuyvesant, and Mr. Winslow.

A message was likewise received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred in the reference of the report of the Rev. Dr. Hawks, as Conservator to a Joint Committee, and appointed on the part of that House the Rev. Dr. Milnor, the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Rev. Dr. Johns, Mr. Binney, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Chambers. The House of Bishops then named on their part the Right Rev. Bishops Brownell, Ives, and McIlvaine; notice whereof was sent to the other House.

The Right Rev. Bishop Ives proposed a Canon relative to Assistant Bishops, and the Right Rev. Bishop Hopkins one relative to Suffragan Bishops. When, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell, it was *resolved*, That the proposed alterations of the Constitution, together with the said two Canons, be referred to a Committee, to report to-morrow morning. The Right Rev. Bishops Brownell, Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, and Doane, were appointed the Committee.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred with the House of Bishops, in the admission of Florida into union with the General Convention.

The following message was also received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies: "The Committee on New Dioceses,

to whom was referred the Constitution and Canons of the Clergy and Churches in the State of Louisiana, presented a report, recommending that the Diocese of Louisiana be received into union with the General Convention. Whereupon, *resolved*, (the House of Bishops concurring,) That the Diocese of Louisiana be received into union with the General Convention." This message was, on motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of the Right Rev. Bishops Kemper, McCoskry, and Smith.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Journal of the last General Convention, and report to this House whether any, and if any, what unfinished business requires the action of this House. The Right Rev. Bishops Onderdonk, of New-York, and Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, were appointed the Committee.

The report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, was taken up and read; and, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell, it was *resolved*, That the report be referred, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, to a Joint Committee of the two Houses. The Committee on the part of this House, are the Right Rev. Bishops Brownell, Mellvaine, and Doane.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday, September 8th, 1838, 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 message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred with the House of Bishops in the resolution, that the Committee, consisting of the Faculty of the General Theological Seminary, on the subject of a Standard Bible, be discharged.

A message was also received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have concurred in the resolution, proposing a Joint Committee on the Triennial Report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and have appointed on their part the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Rev. Mr. Bowman, Rev. Dr. Upfold, Mr. Warren, Mr. Stiles, and Mr. James S. Smith.

On motion, *resolved*, That on Monday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., this House will hear the draft of a Pastoral Letter.

The Committee on the application of the Diocese of Louisiana, reported the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That this

House concur with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in admitting the Diocese of Louisiana into union with this Convention." This resolution was adopted by the House, and notice thereof sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Committee, to whom was referred the proposed alteration in the Constitution in regard to the Division of Dioceses, together with certain proposed Canons in relation to the appointment of Assistant and Suffragan Bishops, reported, "That they have had the matters under their deliberate consideration, and find themselves unable to agree on any distinct proposition to recommend to the adoption of the House; they, therefore, respectfully beg leave to be discharged." On motion, *resolved*, That the Committee be discharged.

The House again took up the resolution, (the farther consideration of which was yesterday postponed,) for ratifying the alterations in the Constitution proposed at the last General Convention. And the question being put, the resolution was adopted, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, made a report as follows :

"The Committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last Convention, and report if any, and if any, what unfinished business there is claiming the attention of this House, report, that having examined the Journal accordingly, they find the following items of unfinished business, viz :

"On pages 95, 96, a Committee on the subject of Typographical Errors in the Book of Common Prayer, appointed to report at this Convention.

"On page 96, a Committee to prepare and set forth an edition of the Book of Common Prayer, in the German language.

"On page 109, a Committee to procure the publication of Journals of General Conventions, &c.

"On page 110, the postponement, until this Convention, of the consideration of Canons (printed on pages 135, 136,) on the Trial of Clergymen, and Presentment of Bishops.

"On page 133, a proposed amendment to the Table of Moveable Feasts."

The Right Rev. Bishop Mellvaine moved the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to report what measures, if any, are necessary to be adopted, for the purpose of obtaining the requisite securities, in reference to the passing of Clergymen to and from countries, in which are Protestant Episcopal churches, for the purpose of settlement."

This resolution was agreed to, and the Right Rev. Bishops Mellvaine, Hopkins, and Bowen, appointed the Committee.

A memorial from the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, and one from representatives (in part) of the churches in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, requesting the adoption of measures for supplying them with the benefit of Episcopal supervision; were presented and read; and, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, it was *resolved*, That the memorials be referred, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, to a Joint Committee of both Houses to report thereon. The Right Rev. Bishops Bowen, Ives, and Kemper, were appointed on the part of this House, and the resolution was sent to the other House for concurrence.

On motion of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to report if any, and if any, what changes in the second Canon of 1835 ought to be made. The Rt. Rev. Bishops Onderdonk, of New-York, Hopkins, and Kemper, were appointed the Committee.

The Joint Committee appointed at the last Convention, on the Book of Common Prayer, in German, reported as follows:

"The Joint Committee appointed at the last Convention, on the subject of the Book of Common Prayer, in the German language, respectfully report:

"That they have given full attention to the object of their appointment. They found no existing translation which they could recommend as a whole, and have obtained, through the faithful labours of a member of their body, and of another gentleman, a native German, and a Candidate for Orders in our Church, two new translations which are now before them, and which accompany this report; but they are not yet prepared to report one with the view of its being officially set forth and ratified. The Committee, therefore, respectfully beg to be continued; but aware that very great caution should be used before the formal sanction by the Church of a translation of the Liturgy into a foreign language, ask to be permitted to issue an edition allowed to be used until the next General Convention, the subject of its ratification to be then taken up.

"In behalf of the Joint Committee,

"BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Chairman.*"

This report was ordered to be laid on the table.

The Committee appointed this day, on the resolution moved by the Rt. Rev. Bishop McIlvaine, made the following report:

"The Committee on the subject of the emigration of Clergy to and from the foreign Protestant Episcopal Churches, respectfully report and recommend the following resolutions:

"1. That it is absolutely essential to the proper discipline of this Church, that no Clergyman from a foreign Episcopal Church should be received into union with any Diocese in these United States, except he bring a regular and formal dimissory letter from the foreign Bishop

whose Diocese he was last connected with; and further, that when so received, he should be regarded on all sides as having entirely passed from the Ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Bishop from whom the letter dimissory is brought to that of the Bishop by whom it is accepted; and further, that in the opinion of this House, no such Clergyman, or any other, desirous of passing from the Church in these United States to that of any foreign State, ought to be received by any foreign Bishop into connection with his Diocese, except upon the receipt of a regular and formal dimissory letter from the Bishop within whose jurisdiction he was last connected here; and that when thus accepted, and only then, he be considered as discharged from all obligations of canonical obedience to the discipline of this Church.

"2. That the Presiding Bishop of this Church be appointed to enter into correspondence with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Armagh, as Primate of all Ireland, the Primus of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, the Bishops of the Protestant Churches in the West India Islands, and in the colonies of Canada and Nova Scotia, for the purposes of arranging, as soon as possible, a general concurrence in the above regulations, and to report to this House at the next General Convention.

"CHARLES P. McILVAINE,

"N. BOWEN,

"JOHN H. HOPKINS."

This report was accepted, and the resolutions recommended were adopted.

The Right Rev. Bishop Doane offered the following resolution, which was seconded, and on his motion laid on the table:

"*Resolved*, if the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies shall concur. That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of some action by the Church to supply, for the use of her members, and for distribution by her Missionaries, the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and suitable Tracts; and, if deemed expedient, to propose a plan, to be reported at the present session of the General Convention."

Adjourned until Monday morning next, at 9 o'clock.

Monday, September 10, 1838, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended Divine service with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. Present, all the Bishops, except Bishops Chase and McCoskry.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred in the appointment of a Joint Committee on the Memorials from the Diocese of Georgia, and from certain churches in Florida, &c., and appointed on their part Rev. Messrs. Mead, Prestman, and Crocker, and Messrs. Stuyvesant, Nelson, and Huntington.

A message was also received from that House, with a proposed Canon respecting Candidates for Holy Orders, passed by

them, and requesting the concurrence of the House of Bishops. On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, this House concurred in adopting the proposed Canon; notice of which was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

A resolution was communicated from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in which they requested the concurrence of this House, agreeing to and ratifying the amendments of the Constitution proposed in the last General Convention; whereupon, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, *resolved*, That this House concur with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in the form proposed by that House, for agreeing to and ratifying the alterations in the Constitution proposed at the last General Convention. Notice of this concurrence was sent to the other House.

At the appointed hour, (11 o'clock,) a draft of a Pastoral Letter was read by the Right Rev. the Presiding Bishop; and, on his suggestion, it was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Right Rev. Bishops Moore, Bowen, and Brownell, to confer with the Presiding Bishop, and, in conjunction with him, report thereon to the House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, communicating a resolution, in which they requested the concurrence of this House, for the appointment of a Joint Committee to confer respecting the time and place for the meeting of the next General Convention, and appointing, on their part, Dr. Upfold, Rev. Mr. Jackson, Rev. Mr. Forbes, Mr. Newton, Mr. Huntington, and Dr. Tidyman. The House of Bishops concurred in passing the resolution, and named, on their part, the Right Rev. Bishops Bowen, Brownell and Smith; notice whereof was sent to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with information that it had been "moved and carried" in that House, "that the House go into an election for a Committee, to act with a Committee of the House of Bishops in nominating a Board of Missions, to-morrow morning, at 12 o'clock." The House of Bishops resolved to go into an election by ballot, of a Committee, on their part; and the ballots being given and counted, the Right Rev. Bishops Doane, Onderdonk, of New-York, and Mellvaine, were elected; notice whereof was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

A resolution was communicated from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, for the appointment of a Joint Committee of both Houses, to inquire if any and what rules of order are necessary for the more regular transaction of the business of the two Houses, and appointing, on their part, Dr. Milnor, Dr.

Mason, Mr. Saunders, Messrs. Meredith, De Rossett, and Warren. The House of Bishops concurred in passing the resolution, and named, on their part, the Right Rev. Bishops Brownell, Ives and Meade; notice whereof was sent to the other House.

On motion, the right Rev. Bishop Meade was added to the Joint Committee on the subject of Measures for Promoting Education, in conformity with the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church; notice of which was sent to the other House.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, requested leave of absence, after the adjournment to-day, until Thursday next, which was granted.

The House then took up for consideration the report of the Committee on the Book of Common Prayer, in the German language, presented on Saturday; and, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, *resolved*, (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That the Committee be continued, and be permitted to issue an edition allowed to be used until the next Convention; the subject of its ratification to be then taken up. This resolution, with the report of the Committee, was sent to the other House for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, communicating a Canon passed by them, providing for the mode of calling the Primary Convention of a new Diocese, formed by the union or division of existing Dioceses, and requesting the concurrence of the House of Bishops. This House concurred in passing the Canon; notice of which was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

A message was also received from that House, that they concurred with the House of Bishops in the matter of the German Prayer Book, and have also added to their Committee on the subject Mr. Adolphe Frost.

The Right Rev. Bishop Hopkins offered a resolution, as follows:—*Resolved*, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, That a Joint Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of providing for a uniform system of Ecclesiastical Law regarding the trial of Bishops and Clergymen throughout the Church, and to report such provisions as they may think worthy of adoption. This House passed the resolution, and named the Right Rev. Bishops Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, Hopkins, and McIlvaine, the Committee on their part; notice of which was sent to the other House, and their concurrence in the resolution requested.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, 11th September, 1838, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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

Present, all the Bishops, except Bishops Chase, and Onderdonk, of New-York.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Doane, the House proceeded to elect by ballot a Bishop, to supply a vacancy in the Committee on the part of this House for nominating a Board of Missions, occasioned by the absence of the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York; and the ballots being given and counted, the Right Rev. Bishop Ives was elected; notice of which was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred in the appointment of a Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Law, regarding the trial of Bishops and Clergymen, &c., and appointed on their part Dr. De Lancey, Dr. Hawks, Dr. Gadsden, Messrs. Binney, Chambers, and James S. Smith.

The Joint Committee on the IV. Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, reported as follows:

“ The Joint Committee appointed to take into consideration, if any, and if any, what alterations may be required in the 4th Article of the Constitution of the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, report the following additions to that Article:—

“ Provided always, that in relation to organized Dioceses having Bishops, the Board shall regulate the number of Missionary Stations, but the Bishop of the Diocese may select the stations, and may at any time abandon a station, and in lieu of it establish one elsewhere. The Bishop may also remove a Missionary, with his consent, from one station to another within his Diocese: reporting his proceedings, in all such cases, to the Domestic Committee without delay.

“ And the Board shall have power to appropriate money for the remuneration of services of a Missionary character, heretofore performed by any Bishop of this Church not a Missionary Bishop, and they may hereafter make arrangements with any Bishop of this Church, not a Missionary Bishop, for the performance of services of a Missionary character, and make remuneration for such service.

L. SILLIMAN IVES, *Chairman.*”

The House proceeded to consider the report, and amended the proposed addition to the article so as to read thus—“ Provided always, that in relation to organized Dioceses having Bishops, the Board shall regulate the *number* of Missionary Stations, but the Bishop of the Diocese may select the station, and may at any time discontinue a station, and in lieu of it establish

one elsewhere. And the Board shall have power to make arrangement with any Bishop of this Church, not a Missionary Bishop, for the performance of services of a Missionary character, and make remuneration for such services." Whereupon, *resolved*, That the addition to the article thus amended be adopted, and sent, (together with the report,) to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, for concurrence.

The Right Rev. Bishop Brownell proposed a Canon "Of the Election of Bishops," in place of, and repealing the 1st Canon of 1835; which was adopted by this House, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

The Triennial Report of the Board of Missions was presented, and ordered to be communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Joint Committee, on the time and place for the meeting of the next General Convention, made a report, unanimously recommending that the next Triennial Convention be held in the city of New-York, on the second Wednesday of September, 1841. And, on motion, *resolved*, That the said time and place be appointed for the next meeting of the General Convention. This resolution (with the report) was sent to the other House for concurrence.

A resolution was proposed by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, as follows:—*Resolved*, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, That a Joint Committee be appointed to report, at the next General Convention, a Canon prohibiting Marriages within certain degrees of consanguinity and affinity, defining those degrees, and declaring the penalty (if any) to be inflicted, by the authority of this Church, on the parties marrying, and on any Clergyman officiating at such a marriage." The resolution was adopted by this House, and sent to the other House for concurrence. The Right Rev. Bishops Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, Moore, and Brownell, were appointed the Committee on the part of this House.

The Right Rev. Bishop Hopkins proposed the following resolution, which was seconded, and on his motion laid on the table for the present,—"*Resolved*, That the last period of the VI. Canon of 1832, be repealed."

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, communicating a Canon passed by that House, "Of defraying the expenses of the General Convention," amending the VIII. Canon of 1835; in which they asked the concurrence of this House. The House concurred in passing the Canon; notice of which was sent to the other House.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, September 13, 1838, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and attended Divine service with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. Present, all the Bishops, except Bishop Hopkins.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have appointed on their part, Rev. Dr. Hawks, Rev. Mr. McGuire, Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. Tuckerman, and Mr. Stuyvesant, on the Joint Committee of Nomination for a Board of Missions.

A message was also received from that House, that they had concurred in the resolution of the Bishops, touching the time and place of the next General Convention, with the following amendment, in which they requested the concurrence of the House of Bishops:—"Resolved, That the next Triennial Convention of this Church be held in the city of New-York, on the first Wednesday of September, 1841." Whereupon, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop McIlvaine, resolved, That this House do not concur in the proposed amendment. Information of which was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Joint Committee on the memorials from Georgia, Florida, &c., reported as follows:

"The Joint Committee of both Houses, to whom have been referred the memorials from the Diocese of Georgia, and from the Delegates conjointly of Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida, after most attentive consideration of the matter committed to them, beg leave respectfully to report, as follows:—

"Whereas, the Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, and the Delegation of that Diocese, and those of Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Louisiana, to this Convention, have submitted to the House of Bishops memorials, praying for Episcopal supervision, through the agency of Missionary Bishops; and whereas, the House of Bishops are not authorized by Canon to nominate Missionary Bishops for organized Dioceses, and at the same time are unwilling to withhold the means within its power of supplying them with Episcopal supervision: therefore, resolved, That a Missionary Bishop be appointed for the State of Arkansas, with permission to extend such provisional services to any or all of the said Dioceses, as they may respectively request. And furthermore, that each of these Dioceses be encouraged to ask for a Bishop, under the first Section of Canon I. of 1835; and that in every case of a Bishop being thus asked, where the Diocese making the petition is unable to give an adequate support, the Missionary Board be hereby authorized to provide for the deficiency till such time as the said Diocese shall have power to support its Episcopate. Provided, that in all such cases, the Diocese receiving aid, shall contribute to the support of the Bishop a sum equal, at least, to that which is received from the Missionary Board.

"Respectfully submitted, and signed in behalf of the Joint Committee,
N. BOWEN, Chairman."

The House proceeded to consider this report. Whereupon, *resolved*, That the preamble and resolutions reported be adopted. This resolution was sent, with the report, to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

The four following resolutions were then proposed by the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, seconded by the Right Rev. Bishop McCoskry :—

I. *Resolved*, That the present Missionary Bishop exercise Episcopal jurisdiction in the State of Missouri and the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, and in all other parts of the United States north of latitude $36\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, where the Church is as yet unorganized.

II. *Resolved*, That the Missionary Bishop to be appointed for the State of Arkansas, be authorized to extend his jurisdiction over all parts of the United States south of latitude $36\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, where the Church is as yet unorganized.

III. *Resolved*, That the application of the Church in Indiana, now before the Convention, be granted, and that that Diocese be placed under the jurisdiction of the Missionary Bishop of Missouri, &c., in the same manner that the southern Dioceses are authorized to place themselves under the jurisdiction of the Missionary Bishop of Arkansas.

IV. *Resolved*, That in case of the death or resignation of a Missionary Bishop, the presiding Bishop of this Church shall be, and is hereby authorized to request one of the neighbouring Bishops to take charge of the vacant Missionary Episcopate, until the meeting of the next General Convention.

These four resolutions were severally passed by this House, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have had under consideration the message of the Bishops, stating their non-concurrence in the amendment touching the time of meeting of the next Convention, and have resolved to request a Committee of Conference on the subject; and should the House of Bishops assent, the Committee of that House appointed are Dr. Henshaw, Dr. Lyell, Mr. Freeman, Messrs. Meredith, Donaldson, and Ogden. This House agreed to the conference, and appointed on their part the Right Rev. Bishops Bowen, Brownell, and McIlvaine: notice of which was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have had under consideration the message of the Bishops, proposing the appointment of a Joint Committee, to report at the next General Convention a Canon prohibiting Mar-

riages within certain degrees of consanguinity, &c., and have passed the following resolution:—*Resolved*, as the sense of this House, That it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of marriages.

A message was also received from that House, transmitting to the House of Bishops the report of the Standing Committee of that House on the nominations of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, with information that the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies have confirmed the nominations therein contained. The House of Bishops concurred in confirming the nominations; notice of which was sent to the other House.

The report on the State of the Church was received from the other House, with the following communication:—

“The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the 51st Canon of 1832, respectfully transmit 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.

“In transmitting this report, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies solicit for the Church the prayers and blessing of the Bishops, and request their counsel in a Pastoral letter to the Clergy and members of the Church.”

This House took up the report transmitted, and it being under consideration, it was, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, *resolved*, That the following communication be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies:—

“The House of Bishops being convinced, upon examination, that there are several omissions, &c., in the report of the State of the Church, which they trust could easily be supplied, respectfully request the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies to withdraw said report, in order that the Committee who made it may supply the omissions, &c.; as the House of Bishops is exceedingly anxious that the statistics of the Church should be as accurate and full as possible.”

The Joint Committee appointed at the last Convention on the subject of Typographical Errors in the Book of Common Prayer, made a report, concluding with a joint resolution recommended for adoption.

The House proceeded to consider this report, and, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, adopted the resolution reported, which was sent, with the report, to the other House for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that that House having had the message of the House of Bishops on the report of the State of the Church under their

consideration, accede to the request contained therein, and respectfully request leave to withdraw said report for the present. The report was accordingly returned to that House.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Thursday, 13th September, 1838, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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

Present, all the Bishops.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the following Preamble and Resolution were on motion adopted:—Whereas, the General Convention, at its last Session, adopted a resolution, proposing to add to the note on the Table of Moveable Feasts, according to the days that Easter can possibly fall upon, the words, “unless the Table gives some day in the month of March for it, for in that case the day given by the Table is the right day:” which resolution has been made known to the Convention of every Diocese, according to the terms of the Constitution; therefore *resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the words above recited be added to said note, as proposed. The House of Bishops concurred in passing this resolution; notice of which was sent to the other House.

The Committee of Conference on the time of the meeting of the next General Convention, made a report as follows:—

“The Committee of Conference appointed to re-consider the subject of the time and place of holding the next General Convention, beg leave respectfully to report—

“That they have found much difficulty in coming to a determination, probably satisfactory to all, which would, in their opinion, be effectually obviated, as to the future, if the time of holding the Convention were made constitutional and permanent. No recommendation to make it so, comes within the scope of the powers given the Committee. They have had under consideration many propositions as to the time suitable for the meeting of this body; and have found themselves unable, satisfactorily, to agree on any other time than the first Wednesday in October. That day is accordingly recommended to the Convention, as that on which the two Houses of the same shall meet in New-York, in 1841.”

This report was for the present laid on the table.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a report, for the consideration of this House, on the subject of Marriages prohibited by the law of God; to be reported at the next Session, and to be sent to each Bishop, individually, at least one year previously. The House passed this

resolution, and appointed the Right Rev. Bishops Griswold, Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, and Brownell, the Committee.

A resolution was proposed by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, as follows:—*Resolved*, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, That it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is proposed to alter the first Article of the Constitution of this Church, so that, instead of the words, “at such time in every third year,” it shall read, “*on the first Wednesday in October, in every third year, from the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.*” This resolution was passed by the House, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, proposed a Canon of “Candidates for Orders,” in lieu of, and repealing, the ninth Canon of 1832, and repealing also the thirteenth Canon of 1832. He likewise proposed a Canon of “the preparatory exercises of a Candidate for Deacon’s Orders,” in lieu of, and repealing, the fourteenth Canon of 1832. Both these Canons were ordered to be laid on the table.

The Right Rev. Bishop McIlvaine proposed a Canon of “Missionary Bishops,” in lieu of, and repealing, the second Canon of 1835; and it was ordered to be laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, transmitting the report of the Joint Committee on the General Theological Seminary, with information, that that House having had the same under consideration, had accepted the report, and passed the resolutions therein contained, with the exception of the third, for which they had adopted a substitute, and requesting the concurrence of the House of Bishops therein. This House concurred in passing the first, second, and fourth resolutions reported by the Joint Committee, and the substitute passed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in lieu of the third resolution reported by that Committee; notice of which was sent to that House.

A Canon, “of a minister declaring that he will no longer be a minister of the Church,” was proposed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, in lieu of, and repealing, the thirty-eighth Canon of 1832; and it was ordered to be laid on the table.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Brownell asked and obtained leave of absence, after this day, for the remainder of the Session.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o’clock.

Friday, September 14, 1838, 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, except Bishop Brownell.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had concurred in the resolution relative to the proposed alteration in the first Article of the Constitution.

A message was also received from that House, that they have had under consideration a proposed substitute for the ninth Canon of 1832; that they have passed the same with certain amendments, and request the concurrence of the House of Bishops.

The report of the Committee of Conference on the time and place for the meeting of the next Triennial Convention, was, on motion, taken up; whereupon,

Resolved, (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That the next General Convention be held in the city of New-York, on the first Wednesday in October, 1841. This resolution was sent (with the report) to the other House for concurrence.

The Canon received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, as a substitute for the ninth Canon of 1832, was then considered; whereupon,

Resolved, unanimately, That this House do not concur in passing the proposed substitute; notice of which was sent to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Deputies, that they have had under consideration the report of the Joint Committee on the subject of Typographical Errors in the Prayer Book, and the resolution of the House of Bishops thereon, and, on motion, have resolved to recommit the subject to the same Committee. In this resolution this House concurred, and sent notice thereof to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

A message was also received from that House, communicating the following resolution:

Resolved, (the House of Bishops concurring,) That a Joint Committee be appointed to procure, by some publishing house, the printing, at its expense, and for its profit, of all the Journals of the General Convention since 1785, together with all the Pastoral Letters which have been set forth by the House of Bishops, and that the said Committee be authorized to append to such edition of the Journals a suitable index: the Committee on the part of that House being the Rev. Drs. Anthon and Hawks. This House concurred in passing the resolution, and appointed on their part the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York; notice of which was sent to the other House.

The report on the State of the Church was again sent up to this House from the House of Deputies, and read, and, on mo-

tion, was referred to the Presiding Bishop, to make such use thereof in the Pastoral Letter as he may think proper.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, laid before the House the two following documents, relative to the division of that Diocese :

Extract from the Journal of the Adjourned Session of the Special Convention of the Diocese of New-York.

September 11, 1838.

On motion of the Rev. Orange Clark, D. D.,

Resolved, That the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-York, be divided into two Dioceses, and that the line formed by the present eastern boundary lines of the counties of Broome, Chenango, Madison, Oneida and Lewis, and the north-easterly line of the county of Jefferson, as the said lines of those counties are now established by law, be the boundary line between the said Dioceses ; that such division take effect on the first day of November next, and that the Delegates from this Diocese to the General Convention, be requested to present this resolution, duly authenticated, to the General Convention, now in Session in the city of Philadelphia, and request its consent to, and ratification of, the said division.

On motion of John C. Spencer, Esq.,

Resolved, That this Convention will, at the October session, determine the names of the respective Dioceses.

(Attest.)

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, D. D.,
*President of the Convention, and Bishop of the
Prot. Epis. Church in the State of New-York.*

FRANCIS L. HAWKS, *Secretary*, by

BENJAMIN I. HAIGHT, *Assistant Secretary*.

It being provided by the fifth Article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as amended by this Convention, that "no new Diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, unless with the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese concerned ;" the undersigned, the Bishop of the Diocese of New-York, hereby informs this Convention, that the action reported to them by the Diocese of New-York, providing for the formation, within its limits, of a new Diocese, has his entire consent.

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK,

Bishop of the Diocese of New-York.

Philadelphia, September 14, 1838.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, then proposed the following preamble and resolution ; which was adopted, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies :—

Whereas, it appears by documents laid before this Convention, that the Diocese of New-York has, by its Convention, and in accordance with the fifth article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as amended by this Convention, resolved that the said Diocese be, on the first day of November next, divided into two Dioceses,

by the forming of a new Diocese within the limits of the said Diocese of New-York, the said new Diocese to comprise that part of the state of New-York which lies west of the present eastern boundary lines of the counties of Broome, Chenango, Madison, Oneida, and Lewis, and the north-easterly line of the county of Jefferson, as the said lines of those counties are now established by law; and whereas the Bishop of the Diocese of New-York has, by an instrument under his hand this day laid before both Houses of this Convention, signified his consent to the said formation of a new Diocese within the limits of his Diocese: therefore,

Resolved, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, That this Convention does hereby ratify the above mentioned division of the Diocese of New-York into two Dioceses, by the formation within its limits of the new Diocese above described, such division to take effect on the first day of November next; and that this Convention does hereby recognise the union with the General Convention of the new Diocese west of the above named county boundary lines, to take effect on the said first day of November next; the name of the said new Diocese to be determined at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-York, in October next.

The Canon proposed by the Right Rev. Bishop Mellvaine, in lieu of, and repealing, the second Canon of 1835, laid on the table yesterday, was taken up for consideration, passed, and sent to the House of Deputies for concurrence.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the seventh Canon of 1835, and report whether any, and if any, what alterations should be made therein. The Right Rev. Bishops Onderdonk, of New-York, Doane and Bowen, were appointed the Committee.

The Right Rev. Bishop Bowen asked and obtained leave of absence, after one o'clock to-morrow, until the end of the Session.

A resolution was offered by the Right Rev. Bishop Ives, as follows:

Resolved, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, That the members of this Convention will attend a meeting to be held at half-past seven o'clock this evening in this church, to consider the importance of conducting education in conformity with the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and whether measures may not be adopted for the immediate promotion of this object. This resolution was adopted, and sent to the other House for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, requesting a Conference with the House of Bishops, in reference to the substitute for the ninth Canon of 1832, passed by that House, and non-concurred in by the House of Bishops, and appointing on the part of that House, Dr. Hawks, Dr. De Lancey, and Mr. J. S. Smith. This message was ordered to be laid on the table for the present.

A message was also received from the other House, that they concurred in the resolution touching the meeting this evening in reference to education.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania,

Resolved, That the House of Bishops request the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies to allow them to withdraw their resolution of non-concurrence in the proposed substitute for the ninth Canon of 1832. This resolution was directed to be communicated to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with a Canon adopted by that House as a substitute for the third Canon of 1835, in which they requested the concurrence of the House of Bishops.

On motion, *resolved*, That when this House adjourns, it will adjourn until a quarter past five o'clock this afternoon.

Adjourned accordingly.

Eodem die, ¼ past 5 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of this morning were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have acceded to the request of this House to withdraw their resolution of non-concurrence in the proposed substitute for the ninth Canon of 1832.

This House then, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, directed the resolution, that they do not concur in passing the proposed substitute for the ninth Canon of 1832, to be again communicated to the other House, together with information that their reasons for not concurring are as follows:—1. They deem the proposed amendments inexpedient. 2. They are not aware that evil consequences have resulted from the Canon of 1832, sufficient to justify a change of legislation. 3. They are unwilling to make frequent and unnecessary changes in the Canons.

The Canon communicated from the other House this morning, as a substitute for the third Canon of 1835, was taken up and considered.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that having received from the House of Bishops their message containing their reasons for non-concurring in the proposed substitute for the ninth Canon of 1832, they have resolved to request a Conference with the Bishops upon the disagreement between the two Houses, and appointed on their part Rev. Dr. Hawks, Rev. Dr. De Lancey, and Mr. James S. Smith. The House of Bishops acceded to the request of a Conference, and appointed on their part the Right Rev. Bishops Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, Mellvaine and Meade: notice whereof was sent to the other House.

A message was also received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, communicating a Canon "Of the performance of Episcopal duties in vacant Dioceses," passed by that House as a substitute for the seventh Canon of 1832, and requesting the concurrence of the House of Bishops therein. This House concurred in passing the Canon, with an amendment, (in which they requested the concurrence of the other House :) which amendment is, that the last sentence of the third section (beginning with the words "where there is no Bishop") be struck out:—that provision being contained in the third section of the fourth Canon of 1832. Notice whereof was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, 16th September, 1838, 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 the last meeting were read and approved.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concur in the amendment proposed by the Bishops, as to the last sentence of section 3, of the proposed substitute for the seventh Canon of 1832.

A message was also received from that House, that they have had under consideration the Triennial Report and Documents of the Board of Missions, and have adopted certain resolutions, in which they request the concurrence of the Bishops. The House of Bishops concurred in these resolutions; notice of which was sent to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with the following resolution, in which they requested the concurrence of this House:—

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Diocese of Indiana be admitted into union with this Convention. This

resolution was, on motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of the Right Rev. Bishops Otey and Kemper, to consider and report thereon.

The Joint Committee appointed at the last Convention, on the subject of Typographical Errors in the Book of Common Prayer, to whom their former report made on Wednesday last was re-committed, now presented the following report :

The Committee of the two Houses, on Typographical Errors in the Prayer Book, beg leave respectfully to report :

That, on a general view of the matter committed to them, and considering the very limited opportunity they have had for action, they have deemed the following suggestions the best calculated to produce the result intended in the act appointing them

They believe, that the proper tests of the typographical correctness of the Prayer Book are—good authorities for orthography; the sound technical principles of proof reading and correction; good editions of the Bible; the several standard copies of the American Prayer Book, particularly that adopted in 1835; editions of established authority or value of the English Prayer Book; and the votes on the subject, of the General Convention.

They are of opinion that the stereotype plates of the Female Episcopal Prayer Book Society, of Philadelphia, should be adopted as the standard, subject to correction according to the above rule by a small Committee, to be appointed for the purpose, and residing in a convenient position, in or near the city of Philadelphia; the corrections to be made by the first day of January next; and the Prayer Book so corrected to be set forth by the Committee.

They beg leave further to express the opinion, that, in all future editions of the Prayer Book, it is expedient that the whole contents of the volume, except the metrical portions, be in the full sized type adopted for the editions respectively: the metrical portions to be in that type, or otherwise, as publishers and societies may prefer.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Joint Resolution and Canon.

Resolved. That a Committee of two Bishops, one Presbyter, and one Layman, be appointed, to correct the typographical errors that may exist in the stereotype plates of the Prayer Book published by the Female Episcopal Prayer Book Society of Philadelphia; the corrections to be made by the first day of January next, and in conformity with the principles enumerated in this report. The Prayer Book so corrected to be set forth by the said Committee.

CANON.

Of the Mode of Publishing Authorized Editions of the Book of Common Prayer, &c.

SECT. 1. The Bishop of this Church in any Diocese, or where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee thereof, shall appoint one or more Presbyters of the Diocese, who shall compare and correct all new editions of the Common Prayer Book, the Articles, Offices, and Metre Psalms and Hymns, by some standard book; and a certificate of said editions having been so compared and corrected, shall be published with the same. And in case any edition shall be published without such correction, it shall be

the duty of the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, to give public notice that such edition is not authorized by the Church.

SECT. 2. Editions from the stereotype plates of the Prayer Book of the Female Episcopal Prayer Book Society of Philadelphia, comprising the Common Prayer Book, the Articles, Offices, Psalms in Metre, selected from the Psalms of David, and Hymns, are hereby established as the standard; together with the whole Book of Psalms in Metre in the duodecimo edition published by the New-York Protestant Episcopal Press in 1832, with the exception of errors evidently typographical; the correction of which errors is confided to such person or persons as the Bishop or Standing Committee may appoint for superintending any publication.

SECT. 3. The sixth Canon of 1835 is hereby repealed.

H. U. ONDERDONK,
 BENJ. T. ONDERDONK,
 G. W. DOANE,
 GEORGE UFFOLD,
 N. B. CROCKER,
 R. S. MASON,
 W. MEREDITH,
 E. L. WINSLOW,
 SAM'L. I. DONALDSON.

Whereupon, on motion, the House of Bishops adopted the resolution and Canon recommended, and sent them, with the report, to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, for concurrence.

The Committee on the application of the Diocese of Indiana, made a report recommending the adoption of the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That this House concur with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in their resolution, admitting the Diocese of Indiana into union with the General Convention of this Church." Which resolution was passed by the House of Bishops, and notice thereof sent to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with the following resolution:—" *Resolved*, That a Joint Committee (the House of Bishops concurring) be appointed to inquire and report what remaining business is to be transacted at this session, and at what time this Convention may adjourn;" and appointing on their part the Rev. Drs. Milnor and Crosswell. The House of Bishops concurred in passing the resolution, and named on their part the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania; notice of which was sent to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred in passing the substitute proposed by the House of Bishops for the first Canon of 1835, with amendments, in which they requested the concurrence of this House. The House of Bishops concurred in the amendments

proposed, with an amendment to that in the second Section, by adding the words, "and he shall have accepted the office," after the words "shall elect him as its own exclusive Diocesan." Notice whereof was sent to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred in passing the addition proposed by this House to the IV. Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, with amendments, making the addition read as follows: "Provided always, that in relation to organized Dioceses having Bishops, the Board shall regulate the *number* of the Missionary stations, but the Bishop of the Diocese may select the stations, and may at any time discontinue a station, and in lieu of it establish one elsewhere. The Bishop may also remove a Missionary, with his consent, from one station to another within his Diocese; reporting his proceedings, in all such cases, to the Domestic Committee without delay." Whereupon, the Right Rev. Bishop Otey offered a resolution, that the addition to the Article should be amended, so as to read as follows, instead of the language used by the other House, viz: "Provided always, that in relation to an organized Diocese having a Bishop, the Board shall not adopt any station, nor appoint any Missionary, except upon the nomination of the Bishop thereof; and, in any such Diocese, the assignment of a Missionary to a particular station, or the change of a Missionary from one station to another, or the continuance of a station, shall rest with the Bishop."

This resolution was adopted by this House, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Ives, the House *resolved*, that they would, at twelve o'clock this day, proceed to nominate a Missionary Bishop for the State of Arkansas.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with a resolution passed by them, as follows:

"*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Joint Committee (consisting on the part of this House of the Secretary and Dr. Hawks) be appointed, to take the necessary steps to have the Journals of this Session, and an edition of the entire Canons printed." The House of Bishops concurred in the resolution, and appointed on their part the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York; notice of which was given to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred in passing the proposed substitute for the II. Canon of 1835, with an amendment, making the following addition to the III. Section: "And the House of Bishops

may; at any time, increase or diminish the number of States and Territories over which the said Bishop or Bishops shall exercise Episcopal functions; and in case of the death or resignation of a Missionary Bishop, the presiding Bishop of this Church shall be, and is hereby authorized to request one of the neighbouring Bishops to take charge of the vacant Missionary Episcopate, until the meeting of the next General Convention." This House took this proposed amendment into consideration, and concurred in passing it with an amendment, striking out all that follows the words "resignation of a Missionary Bishop," and substituting the following—"the charge of the vacant Missionary Episcopate shall devolve on the senior Bishop of this Church, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as his substitute in the said charge." Notice whereof was sent to the other House, and their concurrence requested.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred in adopting the Resolution and Canon, relative to the mode of publishing authorized editions of the Book of Common Prayer, sent to them by this House. When, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, the House resolved to appoint the members on their part of the Committee directed by the said resolution, and named as such the Right Rev. Bishops Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania; and Doane: notice of which was sent to the other House.

On motion of Rt. Rev. Bishop Hopkins, the two following resolutions were passed, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence:

Resolved, (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., LL. D., be appointed Historiographer of the Church, with a view to his preparing, from the most original sources now extant, a faithful Ecclesiastical History, reaching from the Apostles' times, to the formation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Resolved, (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D., now conservator of all the books, pamphlets, and manuscripts of this Church, be requested to prepare, at his earliest convenience, a condensed view of the documents he has collected, so as to form a connected History of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with a section adopted by them, to be added as a third section to the Canon in relation to the organizing of new Dio-

ceses out of existing Dioceses. This House concurred in adopting it, and sent notice thereof to the other House.

The House then, on motion, proceeded to the nomination of a Missionary Bishop for the State of Arkansas; and, after spending some time in silent prayer, chose, by ballot, the person to be nominated, and communicated to the House of Deputies the nomination as follows:

“The House of Bishops inform the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they hereby nominate the Rev. Leonidas Polk, of Tennessee, as a Missionary Bishop of this Church, to exercise Episcopal functions in the State of Arkansas.”

On motion of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, the following resolutions, relative to the mode of printing future editions of the Prayer Book, were passed, and sent to the other House for concurrence:

Resolved, (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That the following rules be observed in printing all future editions of the Book of Common Prayer, viz:

I. The words, “Let us pray,” to be always printed in the same type with the prayers.

II. The word “Amen” to be printed in the Roman character, besides in the cases mentioned in the action of the House of Bishops, as recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of that House, on the 29th of August, 1835, in the following cases, viz:

1. After the baptismal act, “N. I baptise thee,” &c., in each of the baptismal services.

2. After the sentence in the marriage service, commencing, “With this ring,” &c.

3. After the sentence in the same service, commencing, “Forasmuch as M. and N.,” &c.

4. After the sentence pronounced by the Bishop, at the laying on of hands in the ordination of Deacons and Priests.

It being understood by this Convention, that the word “Amen,” in the above cases, is not properly a response, but proper to be used only by the party required to say the words to which it is attached.

III. The rubric in the Institution Office, commencing with the words, “If any objection,” &c., to be printed in three paragraphs, as follows:

“If any objection,” &c., to the word “service.”

“No objection,” &c., to the word “institution.”

“And then shall,” &c., to the end.

And whereas, there is a difference in different editions of the Prayer Book, in the mode of printing the word Amen, after the words used by the Bishop at the laying on of hands in confirmation, therefore,

Resolved, (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) As the sense of this Convention, that in this case the word "Amen" should be printed in the Italic character, as being properly a response.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have concurred in adopting the preamble and resolution passed by the House of Bishops, in relation to the division of the Diocese of New-York.

A Canonical testimonial of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in favour of the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., was received from that House, accompanied by the following message :

"The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, transmit to the House of Bishops the accompanying testimonial in favour of the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., which has been signed by a constitutional majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies of this General Convention, and also the following resolution adopted by this House :

"*Resolved*, That this House approve of the testimonials laid before them in favour of the Rev. Dr. Potter, and do assent to his consecration." Documents proving the election of Dr. Potter, were also transmitted.

On motion of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, the House of Bishops assented to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Potter.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concur in the amendment proposed by the House of Bishops, in the substitute for the first Canon of 1835.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade proposed the following resolution, which was passed by the House, and sent to the other House for concurrence :

Resolved, (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That in consideration of the great need of ministers throughout the Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishops to present this subject to the Clergy and Laity, in such manner as shall seem best to each ; and that each Clergyman, in his parish, shall preach at least one sermon at as early a period as may be convenient, on the duty resting upon those having talents for the same, to examine whether it be not the will of God that they engage in the work of the ministry,—and on the duty of parents and ministers, to have reference to the preparation of the young for the ministerial office, in their prayers, their instruction, and the whole conduct of the education of the same.

A resolution was proposed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane, as follows :

Resolved, (if the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies shall

concur,) That it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is proposed, at the next General Convention, to consider the following alteration of the Constitution, viz :

Article VI. to read as follows :

The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The court appointed for that purpose shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese, the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons, may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese. None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

The House of Bishops passed this resolution, and sent it to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Ives proposed a Canon "On the trial of Bishops ;" which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical law, who have that subject before them.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, requesting a Committee of Conference upon the proposed amendment from the House of Bishops, to the fourth Article of the Constitution of the Missionary Society, and appointing on their part, Dr. De Lancey, Dr. Crocker, Mr. Freeman, Messrs. Eccleston, Stuyvesant, and Winslow. The House of Bishops agreed to the Conference, and appointed on their part the Rt. Rev. Bishops Ives, Otey, and Kemper ; notice of which was sent to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have appointed on their part the Rev. Dr. Dorr and Dr. Littell, as members of the Committee to be appointed under the resolution passed this day, to correct Typographical Errors in certain stereotype plates of the Prayer Book.

The Committee to nominate a Board of Missions, reported as follows :

The Joint Committee appointed to nominate a Board of Missions, respectfully report the following nominations :

Maine.—Robert H. Gardiner.

Vermont.—Rev. C. Chase.

Massachusetts.—Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D., Rev. J. L. Watson.

Rhode Island.—Rev. Dr. Crocker.

Connecticut.—Rev. Dr. Croswell, S. H. Huntington.

New-York.—Rev. Dr. Hawks, Rev. Dr. Wainwright, Rev. B. I. Haight, P. G. Stuyvesant, Hon. Mr. Whittlesey, Frederick T. Peet.

New-Jersey.—Rev. M. H. Henderson, Rev. G. E. Hare.

Pennsylvania.—Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D. D., Rev. S. H. Tyng, D. D., G. M. Wharton, T. Wagner.

Maryland.—Rev. Dr. Wyatt, Rev. Dr. Johns, Hon. J. B. Eccleston.

Virginia.—Rev. M. P. Parks.

North Carolina.—Rev. Samuel J. Johnson.

South Carolina.—Rev. Christopher Gadsden, D. D.
Tennessee.—Rev. Leonidas Polk.
Ohio.—Rev. W. A. Smallwood.
Michigan.—Charles C. Trowbridge.
Louisiana.—Joseph Lovell.

For the Committee,
 GEORGE W. DOANE, *Chairman.*

This House resolved, that the report be adopted, and that the persons therein named, (if the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concur,) be the Board of Missions; and sent the same to that House for concurrence.

Adjourned until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Monday, 17th September, 1838, 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 on Saturday, except Bishop Chase.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The Joint Committee on the subject of a uniform system for the Trial of Clergymen, reported as follows:—

The Joint Committee of both Houses, appointed to consider and report on the expediency of providing for a uniform system of Ecclesiastical Law, respecting the Trial of Clergymen throughout the Church, respectfully report—

That on account of the present late period of the sitting of this Convention, and the grave importance and sundry difficulties of the inquiry entrusted to them, it is, in their opinion, inexpedient to propose at this time any change in the legislation of the Church, as regards Ecclesiastical Trials; the Committee, therefore, beg leave to propose the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved, (by the House of Bishops, with the concurrence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,) That a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to consider and report to the next General Convention whether any, and if any, what action should be taken to improve the legislation of this Church in relation to Ecclesiastical Trials.

All which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES P. McILVAINE.

The House of Bishops adopted the proposed resolution, and sent it to the other House for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have adopted the amendment proposed by the House of Bishops, to the third section of the Canon which is a substitute for the second Canon of 1835.

A message was also received from that House, that they have adopted the amendment to the 4th Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, agreed upon by the Committee of Conference, to be reported to both Houses.

viz:—"Provided always, that in relation to organized Dioceses having Bishops, the Board shall regulate the number of Missionary Stations, but the Bishop of the Diocese may select the Stations, and may at any time discontinue a Station, and in lieu of it establish one elsewhere." This House concurred in adopting that amendment; notice of which was sent to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they have concurred in the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, as historiographer of the Church; and also, in the request to be made of the Rev. Dr. Hawks, relative to a condensed view of the Church from the documents in his possession.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, informing this House that they have duly elected the Rev. Leonidas Polk to the office to which he has been nominated by the House of Bishops, and transmitting to that House the Canonical Testimonial in favour of the Bishop Elect, signed by a constitutional majority of the Clerical and Lay members of the House of Deputies. Whereupon, on motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, *resolved*, That the presiding Bishop be requested to take order for the consecration of the Missionary Bishop elect.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with a Preamble and Resolution passed by them, relative to the separation of the Diocese of New-Hampshire from the Association of the Eastern Diocese, in which they requested the concurrence of the House of Bishops. This House concurred in passing the Preamble and Resolution; notice of which was sent to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that having had under consideration the result of the Conference relative to the disagreement between the Houses in reference to the proposed substitute for the ninth Canon of 1832, they have adopted the recommendation of the Joint Committee, viz: in lieu of the proposed substitute, the following amendment of the ninth Canon now existing—instead of the words, "*with the consent of a majority of the Clerical members of,*" insert the words, "*with the consent of the Standing Committee.*" That the House of Deputies have also adopted the following amendment to the thirteenth Canon of 1832, viz: instead of the words, "*with the consent of a majority.*" &c., insert the words, "*with the consent of the Standing Committee.*" The House of Bishops concurred herein with the House of Deputies; notice of which was sent to that House.

A message was received from the House of Deputies, with the following resolution:—*Resolved*, (the House of Bishops con-

curring.) That this Convention will adjourn *sine die* this evening. Which was for the present laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Deputies, that having had under consideration the resolution of the House of Bishops, relative to the great need of Ministers, &c., they do not concur in the same, and have passed the following resolution on the subject:—*Resolved*, That while the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies partake with the House of Bishops in the conviction of the great need of duly qualified Ministers to build up the Church, and extend its borders; and share, also, in the solicitude of the Bishops to see this need supplied, they deem it inexpedient for this Convention to prescribe the manner in which this subject should be brought to the notice of Churchmen by the Bishops and Clergy, and prefer, therefore, to leave it to be presented in such way as shall seem best to each.

A message was received from the House of Deputies, that they have concurred in the nomination of the Board of Missions, as proposed by the Joint Committee on that subject.

The resolution proposed by the Right Rev. Bishops Hopkins, on Tuesday last, and then laid on the table, for the repeal of the last period of the sixth Canon of 1832, was taken up for consideration, and the question, on it being put, it was negatived.

The Joint Committee on the report of the Rev. Dr. Hawks, as Conservator, reported as follows:—

The Joint Committee on the Report of the Rev. Dr. Hawks, the Conservator of the Books, Pamphlets, and Manuscripts of the Church, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave respectfully to report the following resolutions:—

Resolved,—(the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That the thanks of this Convention are hereby returned to the Rev. Dr. Hawks, Conservator of the Books, Pamphlets, and Manuscripts of the Church, for the assiduous fidelity with which he has devoted himself to the important work of procuring, both at home and abroad, so many and such valuable documents essential to the history of this Church, and for his ingenious care and skill in arranging them in the best manner for use and preservation.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Hawks is earnestly requested to proceed with such despatch as his other engagements, and the importance of the work shall allow, in discharge of the great work entrusted to him by this Convention, as *Historiographer of the American Church*.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Hawks be authorized and requested, in the name and on behalf of this Convention, to express to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the Lord Bishop of London, and to the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, the grateful sense which is entertained, by this Church, of their munificent liberality in opening to the Convention their valuable treasures of books and documents illustrative of our early ecclesiastical history; and to express, at the same time, the deep and fervent interest which is felt through our whole communion in the peace and prosperity of the Church of England.

L. S. IVES, *Chairman of Committee*.

The resolutions recommended were adopted, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, proposed a Canon, entitled, "Of Repealed Canons," which was passed, and sent to the other House for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had concurred in adopting the resolution proposing certain rules to be observed in printing future editions of the Prayer Book.

The Committee appointed to consider and report on the seventh Canon of 1835, reported a Canon in lieu of it, entitled, "Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time." The proposed Canon was considered, and passed, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for concurrence.

The Canon from the other House, "concerning Candidates for Orders in this Church, who have been Ministers, Licenciates, or Students of Theology, among other religious denominations," being a substitute for the third Canon of 1835, was again taken up for consideration; and this House concurred in passing it, with certain amendments stated in the following resolution, which was sent to the House of Deputies for concurrence, viz:

Resolved, That the House of Bishops concur in the proposed Canon "concerning Candidates for Orders in this Church, who have been Ministers," &c., with the following amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, viz:—

1. In Section 2, for "*one of the Bishops of this Church,*" read, *the Missionary Bishop within whose jurisdiction he resides.*

2. In Section 3, after the words, "*twelve members of the denomination from which he came,*" read, *or twelve members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or twelve persons, in part, of the denomination from which he came, and in part Episcopalians.*

3. In the same Section, at its close, add the words, *or in a vacant Diocese, the Standing Committee may so receive them.*

4. In Section 4, for "*twelve months,*" read, *three months.*

5. In Section 5, for "*unanimous consent of the members of the Standing Committee, present at a meeting duly convened,*" read, *consent of the Standing Committee.*

6. The addition of the following Section as Section 7, and the correspondent change of the number of the last Section:—
"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."

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concurred in adopting the resolutions recommended by the Joint Committee, on the report of Dr. Hawks, as Conservator.

A message was also received from that House, that they have had under consideration the proposed alteration of the sixth Article of the Constitution, to be submitted to the Diocesan Conventions, and have concurred in the same.

A message was also received from the House of Deputies, that they concurred in the resolution for appointing a Joint Committee, to consider and report to the next General Convention, on the subject of Ecclesiastical Trials, with the following amendment:—"and that they be directed to publish and circulate the result of their labours, at least six months before the meeting of the next General Convention;" and appointed, as the Committee on their part, Dr. De Lancey, Dr. Hawks, Dr. Anthon, Messrs. Boardman, Meredith, Collins, and Binney. The House of Bishops concurred in adopting the proposed amendment, and appointed on their part, the Rt. Rev. Bishops Onderdonk, of New-York, Hopkins, Doane, Ives, and Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania; notice whereof was sent to the House of Deputies.

A message was received from the House of Deputies, that they concurred in the adoption of a Canon, entitled "Of Repealed Canons."

A message was received from the House of Deputies, that they have had under consideration the proposed substitute for the seventh Canon of 1835, "of the mode of securing an accurate view of the State of the Church from time to time," and have passed a resolution that they do not concur in adopting it. The House of Bishops requested a Conference on the subject, appointing on their part, the Rt. Rev. Bishops Onderdonk, of New-York, Otey, and McIlvaine; notice of which was communicated to the other House.

A message was received from the House of Deputies, that they have concurred in the proposed amendments to the Canon concerning Candidates for Orders, &c., (being a substitute for Canon 3. of 1835.) with the exception of Section 4, substituting three months for twelve; in which amendment they do not concur, and propose a Committee of Conference with the Bishops, naming on their part Dr. Hawks, Dr. Henshaw, and Mr. Boardman. The House of Bishops agreed to the Conference, and ap-

pointed on their part the Rt. Rev. Bishops Meade, Ives, and McCoskry ; notice whereof was sent to the other House.

The Pastoral Letter was read by the Presiding Bishop, and, on motion, was adopted by the House.

A message was received from the House of Deputies, that they agreed to a Conference in relation to the seventh Canon of 1835, and appointed on their part Dr. Upfold, Mr. Drane, Dr. Lyell, Messrs. Styles, Colston, and Winslow.

A message was also received from that House, that they have added to their part of the Joint Committee on Ecclesiastical Trials, Dr. Milnor, Dr. Crocker, and Mr. Warren.

The Committee of Conference on the amendment to the 4th Section of the Canon which is a substitute for the third Canon of 1835, made a report, recommending an amendment, according to which, the Section should read "not less than six months," which was adopted by this House, and sent to the other House for concurrence.

The resolution from the other House, on the time of adjournment, (which was laid before on the table,) was taken up and concurred in ; notice of which was sent to the other House.

On motion, *resolved*, That when this House adjourns, it will adjourn to half past seven o'clock this evening, to hear the Pastoral Letter ; notice of which was sent to the House of Deputies.

A message was received from the House of Deputies, that they concurred in adopting the amendment recommended by the Committee of Conference in the 4th Section of the substitute for the 3d Canon of 1835, and that the Canon, together with the former amendments, as proposed by the House of Bishops, has been adopted by that House. The House of Bishops then resolved that the Canon, as amended, be passed.

A message was received from the House of Deputies, that they concur in the proposed adjournment to half past seven o'clock this evening, for the purpose of hearing the Pastoral Letter.

Adjourned to meet for business at seven o'clock this evening.

Eodem die, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of this morning were read and approved.

A Canon "Of the performance of temporary Missionary Episcopal services" was proposed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, adopted by this House, and sent to the House of Deputies for concurrence.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper presented his report as Missionary Bishop, which was read, and sent to the House of Deputies.

The Joint Committee on the subject of measures for the promotion of Education according to the principles of the Church, reported as follows :

The Joint Committee on the subject of Education respectfully report, for adoption by the Convention, the annexed resolution :

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane, and the Rev. Drs. Hawks and Muhlenberg, and the Rev. Mr. Peers, be requested to act as a Committee, to take into consideration the important subject of the Christian Education of the Youth of both sexes, in accordance with the principles of the Church; to collect information respecting the efforts already made, and the institutions already established for this purpose; to exert themselves as far as possible in extending a proper interest upon the subject, among the Clergy and Laity of the Church; and to make such a report to the next General Convention as may aid them in adopting the best measures for promoting this great object.

By order of the Joint Committee,

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Chairman*.

The resolution reported was passed by this House, and sent to the House of Deputies for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Deputies, that they have had under consideration the proposed Canon, "of the performance of temporary Missionary Episcopal services;" and have *resolved*, that in consequence of the late stage of the business of the Session, they deem it inexpedient to act upon the said Canon.

On motion of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane,

Resolved, That the House of Bishops do unanimously tender their cordial thanks to the Rev. Dr. Wilson, for his valuable services as their Secretary.

The Committee of Conference on the subject of the proposed substitute for the seventh Canon of 1835, made a report, recommending the adoption of the said substitute, with an amendment stated.

The Canon amended agreeably to this report, was adopted by this House, and sent to the House of Deputies for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they concur in the adoption of the resolution on the subject of Education.

A message was also received from that House, that they have had under consideration the amendment proposed by the Committee of Conference, in the Canon "of the mode of securing an accurate view of the State of the Church," &c.; and owing to the lateness of the Session, they deem it inexpedient to act on the subject until the next Session of the General Convention.

Information was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they were ready to hear the Pastoral Letter;

whereupon, the House of Bishops joined the other House, and the Pastoral Letter was read by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New-York, at the request of the Presiding Bishop. The two Houses then united in prayer to God, and in singing a part of the 99th Psalm of the selection; and the blessing was pronounced by the Presiding Bishop.

This House then returned to their own room, and, on motion, adjourned *sine die*.

Signed, by order of the House of Bishops,

ALEX. VIETS GRISWOLD, D. D., *Presiding Bishop*.

Attest,

BIRD WILSON, D. D., *Secretary*.

APPENDIX .

APPENDIX A.

Report of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

The Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, in presenting to the General Convention the Report required by the Constitution, of their proceedings, and of the State of the Seminary, acknowledge with gratitude the continuance of the nursing care and protection of Almighty God.

The property of the Seminary, exclusive of its real estate, consists of,—	
200 Mechanics' Bank shares, which cost,	\$5,350 00
Bonds and Mortgages of sundry persons in the city of New-York, amounting to,	73,300 00
Ground rent due, but not yet received,	477 85
Loaned out temporarily,	800 00
Cash on hand 22d August, 1838,	3,954 10

Total, \$83,881 85

Deducting from the above sum the endowments of the Scholarships:—

Warren,	\$2,500 00
Bishop White,	2,500 00
Bishop Hobart,	2,500 00
Bishop Kemp,	2,000 00
Bishop Croes,	2,000 00
Bishop Claggett,	198 50
North Carolina,	2,918 22
Thomason,	2,000 00
Wainwright,	2,500 00
Rhineland,	2,000 00
Peter Rosovolt,	500 00
St. George's Church,	2,000 00

23,646 72

The endowment of the St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery, Professorship of Ecclesiastical History,	25,000 00
The Permanent Fund, to be for ever held in Trust for the benefit of the Library,	6,000 00
The contributions towards the endowment of a Professorship of Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Eloquence,	356 87
Due a Professor one quarter's salary and interest, to scholars,	543 10
One half year's interest due on the Permanent Fund of the Library,	180 00

55,726 69

There will remain the sum of, \$28,155 69

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

The ordinary expenses of the ensuing year, will be:—

Salaries to Professors Turner and Wilson, each \$1,500 is,	\$3,000 00
Salary to Professor of Oriental Literature,	750 00
Do. to Librarian,	100 00
Do. to Janitor,	400 00
Interest on four Scholarships, founded by the Protestant Episcopal Society, for Promoting Religion and Learning in the state of New-York,	400 00
Insuring buildings and Library,	255 00
City tax on lots not rented,	180 00
Incidental expenses,	1,200 00

6,235 00

From this deducting the interest on the above balance of \$28,155, which at 7 per cent. is,

1,970 00

There will remain a yearly deficiency of income, amounting to, \$1,265 00

According to the report made to the General Convention in 1835, there have been contributed in the

Diocese of South Carolina,	\$12,379 62	
Add Donations since July, 1835,	262 00	
	<u>4,218 00</u>	12,641 62
Diocese of North Carolina,	4,218 00	
Nothing received since July, 1835,	0	
	<u>632 00</u>	4,218 00
Diocese of Virginia,	632 00	
Nothing received since July, 1835,	0	
	<u>5,704 59</u>	632 00
Diocese of Maryland,	5,704 59	
Collection in Churches since 1835,	70 00	
	<u>6,621 08</u>	5,774 59
Diocese of Pennsylvania,	6,621 08	
Collections in Churches since 1835,	398 50	
Donations,	151 50	
	<u>50 00</u>	7,171 08
Diocese of Georgia,	50 00	
Collection in a Church, since 1835,	68 00	
	<u>135,295 29</u>	118 00
Diocese of New-York,	135,295 29	
Collections in Churches since 1835,	1,080 56	
Donations and a Bequest,	3,408 12	
Collections made for the Permanent Fund of the Library,	6,000 00	
Donation from Trinity Church, for the increase of the Library,	4,000 00	
St. George's Scholarship,	2,000 00	
	<u>2,213 61</u>	151,783 97
Diocese of New-Jersey,	2,213 61	
Collections in Churches since 1835,	170 65	
A Donation	50 00	
	<u>3,806 00</u>	2,434 26
Diocese of Massachusetts,	3,806 00	
Collection in a Church since 1835,	16 00	
	<u>3,822 00</u>	

Amount carried forward,

\$188,595 52

	Brought forward,	\$188,595 52
Diocese of Delaware,	10 00	
Nothing received since 1835,	0	
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Diocese of Rhode-Island,	31 00	
Nothing received since 1835,	0	
	<hr/>	31 00
Diocese of New-Hampshire,	55 00	
Nothing received since 1835,	0	
	<hr/>	55 00
Diocese of Connecticut,	8 50	
Collections in Churches since 1835,	118 25	
	<hr/>	126 75
		<hr/>
		\$188,818 27

Since the report to the General Convention in 1835, there have been expended, in erecting the new building, the sum of \$26,277 08; in alterations of the old building, building vaults, laying flagging, and planting trees, \$3,761 55; for bedsteads, and other furniture, \$948; and in paving the Tenth Avenue, \$1,386 59, which, added to the \$58,593 60, reported to the last Convention, will make the cost of the two buildings, the furniture therein, and the improvement of the real estate, amount to \$90,966 82. The whole cost of the new building is \$32,091. Owing to the payment of the Lorillard legacy, the Trustees have been enabled to discharge the mortgage mentioned in the report of the year 1835. Since the present statement of the finances was prepared, the assessment for building a sewer in 20th Street, between 8th Avenue and Hudson River, has been confirmed, by which the property of the Seminary is charged in the sum of \$3,489 78. Payment of this sum is expected within 60 days from the day of confirmation. Its abstraction from the funds of the institution will increase the deficiency of income to the amount of the interest upon said sum.

Since the Triennial Report of 1835, the accessions to the number of students have been as follows:—

In the year ending June, 1836,	36
Do. do. do. 1837,	33
Do. do. do. 1838,	25
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	94
Number of students when the report was made, of 1835,	63
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	Total, 157

Including the present members, upwards of 344 students have entered the Institution since its establishment in 1817.

The additions to the Alumni have been,

At the commencement of 1836,	28
Do. 1837,	24
Do. 1838,	26
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	Total, 78

Exceeding by 38 the result of the three preceding commencements. Eleven of the Alumni having died; their present number is 157. The Church in these States must feel truly grateful to its Divine Head in contemplating the degree to which, under his guidance and blessing, the object has been attained, for which the Seminary was founded—the training of a well appointed and faithful ministry, to spread abroad his Gospel, and the glory of his name. The Alumni have facilities for the exercise of a wide influence and example. In their judgment and affections, the Seminary, it is believed, holds an honoured place. She ex-

pects from them, as grateful sons, the confidence and support which will enable her to stand and prosper. During the last three years two students have died, and twenty-eight have left the Seminary from various causes. Some of this number have discontinued their studies for the sacred office. Others, it is understood, have been admitted into Holy Orders. The number of students at present connected with the Institution is:—

In the Senior Class,	22
In the Middle Class,	22

44

The average annual expenses of a student, including board, washing, fuel, and lights, amount to about \$124; a sum, exceeding the estimate of former years, and which is to be attributed to the increased cost of the necessaries of life. The Trustees entertaining doubts, whether the present is the best mode of conducting the domestic economy of the Seminary, have referred it to their Standing Committee (with power) to consider the expediency of abolishing the Commons, and of appointing a steward, with appropriate duties. They have much satisfaction in stating, that through the considerate benevolence of several individuals, a suitable room has been fitted up in the new wing, for the use of the sick, and certain gentlemen of the medical profession, in the city of New-York, have kindly offered in such cases their gratuitous services. Under their advice, provision has been made by the Board of Trustees, for such gymnastic exercises, as will, it is thought, be conducive to the health and vigor of the resident students. In this connection it is proper to state, that there is no reason to believe that the health of its inmates has been more interrupted than might be expected in so large a number of young men living under strong temptation to indulge in sedentary habits. No proper opportunity has been lost, of affectionately commending to their consideration, the importance of a due regard to exercise, as a matter not only of individual interest, but of duty to the Church.

The uniform experience of Theological Seminaries evinces, that the surest way of securing their efficiency, to any extent, is to provide, with a wise foresight, the means of aiding in the support of well qualified students. To further this object, and to ensure to it the lasting usefulness of their liberality, the congregation of St. George's Church, in the city of New-York, have completed a Scholarship, to be called the "St. George's Church Scholarship," with an endowment of \$2000. The endowment, also, of the "St. Mark's Church, in the Bowery," Professorship of Ecclesiastical History, "referred to in the last Triennial Report, as having been offered by Mr. Stuyvesant, has been carried into effect, upon the conditions required by the Statutes, and in accordance with the pious and benevolent views of the donor. The Rev. Wm. R. Whittingham, D. D., of the Diocese of New-York, was, on the 13th of January, 1836, unanimously appointed by the Trustees, on the nomination of the founder, to discharge the duties of this Professorship.

Since the report made to the Convention in 1835, the course of study has not materially varied. In the departments of "the Evidences of Revealed Religion," &c., and of "Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Eloquence," gratuitous instructions have again been given. In the former, by the Rev. Dr. Seabury, and in the latter, by the Rev. Hugh Smith and the Rev. Benjamin I. Haight. The Trustees deeply regret that these two important Professorships still remain vacant from the want of means for their support. In reference to the department of Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Eloquence, which must always be regarded as of vital importance in preparing Theological students for an efficient discharge of the Christian ministry, the Trustees, in 1836, appointed an agent to present to the members of the Church throughout the Union an appeal for a suitable endowment. His untimely death, and the commercial distress of the country, disappointed the Board, in the hope which they entertained from this arrangement. A generous offer was subsequently made during their recess, to

their Standing Committee, by the Vestry of Trinity Church, in the city of New-York, to contribute the sum of \$25,000 for the endowment of a Professorship, to be termed the "Hobart Professorship of the Evidences of Christianity and of Moral Science in its relations to Theology," whenever a like sum was raised for the endowment of the Professorship above alluded to. For the attainment of so desirable an end, arrangements were immediately made by the Standing Committee, to enlist in the cause of the Seminary, the grateful regards of its Alumni; and it is believed, that under ordinary circumstances, the object would have been accomplished by this zealous band of agents within the time proposed by the Vestry of Trinity Church for the acceptance of their offer. The Trustees, however, at their meeting in June, 1837, under the existing deficiency of income for the current uses of the Seminary, found that an appeal for annual collections was of imperative necessity; and apprehending that the efforts of the Alumni in behalf of the Professorship, might interfere with such a measure of relief, they were constrained to pass a resolution, authorizing them to suspend, for the present, their contemplated agency. To the venerable Corporation in question, the Board have expressed their grateful sense of their generous offer, and have readily obtained from them an extension of the time proposed, for completing the endowment of the Professorship which they selected, until the 1st of January, 1839.

The examinations of the Students have been regularly held every Session. The results have been given to the Church in the printed proceedings of the Board. They afford the strongest proof of the industry of the Students in availing themselves of the many valuable privileges, furnished by the Seminary, for a thorough education for the work of the ministry, and of the ability, zeal, and fidelity of the Professors, whom the Providence of God has made their daily guides and instructors. It is with sincere regret, that the Board have to announce the resignation of their Treasurer, in consequence of ill health. They have to lament in him the loss of an officer, whose industry and abilities in the management of their finances have, for a period of sixteen years, been truly felt and appreciated.

Of the facilities afforded by Theological Seminaries, for a due preparation for the sacred calling, a most important one is the founding and sustaining of a suitable Library. In relation to our own, your Board have the satisfaction of being able to state, that the arrangements alluded to in 1835, for its immediate and permanent increase, have been completed. Ten thousand dollars have been raised for this object, viz: Six thousand, by the subscriptions of donations of individuals, to be for ever held in trust by the Board, for a permanent endowment, paying interest semi-annually, at the rate of six per cent. per annum; and the balance of four thousand dollars, contributed for immediate investment in books, by a liberal grant from the Corporation of Trinity Church, in the city of New-York. In consequence of this endowment, and of donations in books from the friends of the Seminary, both at home and abroad, many and highly valuable additions have been made; the entire Library has been re-arranged, numbered, and compared with the Catalogues, and now consists of 6,775 printed volumes, being an increase of 2,704 since 1835.

The General Convention were apprised in the last Triennial Report, of the important step taken by the Trustees in the commencement of an additional building, for the accommodation of Students. The Board are highly gratified to announce its completion and occupation, so far as to furnish (besides apartments for one of the Professors and his family) accommodations for one hundred and ten Students, a chapel, and commodious Lecturo rooms in the first and basement stories. The stories above these, in the western wing, from the want of funds, remain in an unfinished state.

In addition to the matters which have been stated, as having engaged the consideration of the Trustees, they have adopted (as will be perceived on reference to their proceedings, copies of which accompany this report,) the following amendment of the III. Article of the Constitution, which they propose

to the General Convention, and respectfully request their concurrence in it, as a part of the same :

“It shall be competent for three Trustees, assembled at the time and place appointed for any stated or special meeting of the Board of Trustees, (if a quorum shall not be present,) to adjourn such meeting from day to day, or for any number of days, not exceeding at one time seven days; and any Board of Trustees, to be convened in pursuance of any such adjournment, shall be deemed to be legally convened and constituted, provided such Board be formed within ten days next after the time originally appointed for such stated or special meeting.”

From the statement of the Finances, now submitted, it will be seen that the Seminary is yet suffered, from year to year, to struggle with embarrassments on account of an inadequate income. The Trustees, in deliberating upon the most effectual means for the relief of this necessity, deemed it their duty, in the year 1837, to direct an appeal, to the Ministers and Vestries of Churches throughout the United States, for collections or contributions for the current expenses of the Seminary for the next five years.

Most painful is it to record, that of the whole number of Episcopal Clergy men within the bounds of the United States, but about *forty* have responded to the call. If this non-compliance is owing to the impression, which has gone abroad, of the real property of the Seminary having become so productive as to stand in need of no efforts of ministerial zeal or individual liberality, the Trustees can do no more than earnestly and respectfully solicit attention to the financial statements contained in this report. These statements, showing that the annual income of such property is less than \$500, expose the error of such a reliance, and justify the strong fears which their Finance Committee have recently been obliged to express: “*that unless more general efforts are made to raise funds to meet the deficiency in the income of the Seminary, its present capital will soon be expended; great embarrassment in conducting the affairs of the Institution may then ensue, and the benefit now conferred by it upon the cause of religion and sound learning be greatly diminished.*”

To avert such a result, a common duty rests upon our household of faith, from her highest to her humblest member. The Seminary has been established for the good of the whole Church, by the unanimous voice of the highest council of the Church. She has justified the expectations which were formed at her foundation, in a degree, which calls for our fervent gratitude to God. Upon this central school we have, in this western world, to depend as the chief source, of supplying an apostolic, well trained, and faithful ministry, to preach the comfortable doctrine of Christ, and to break down the kingdom of sin, Satan and death. Under this view, notwithstanding the disappointment experienced in the measures which have been formed to relieve the finances, the Trustees cannot abandon the hope, that the Clergy and Laity will embrace the first opportunity of sustaining them. By giving to this noble Institution their confidence, their patronage and their prayers, they may make her “an eternal excellency—a joy of many generations.” To withhold heart and hand in the present crisis is to peril her honour and prosperity, and the increase, the strength, and the glory of the Church, for which the Saviour shed his blood.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY ANTHON, Sec'y.

Resolutions submitted to the General Convention.

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, held in Trinity Church, New-York, September 3d, 1838, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, the continued and increasing deficiency of the income of the Seminary to meet its ordinary annual expenditure, imposes on the Board of Trustees the painful duty of resorting to early measures of retrenchment, in order to the preservation of the remaining capital fund, the necessary effect of which meas-

ures must be to abridge the means of Theological education now afforded to the students: And whereas, all the great interests of the Church at large, and especially those of the Missionary cause, are connected with the prosperity of this Institution, and deeply concerned in the maintenance and preservation of an enlarged and liberal system of instruction, by which to furnish a continued supply of faithful and efficient heralds of the Gospel: Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the present financial condition of the Seminary be earnestly recommended to the deliberate consideration of the General Convention, with a view to such action thereon, as in the wisdom of that body may appear most effectual in calling forth throughout the whole Church a more general co-operation in sustaining the Institution.

2. *Resolved further*, That the attention of the General Convention be specially solicited to a consideration of the expediency of some general regulation, by which the relief of the Seminary during the continuance of its present urgent necessities may be embraced among the objects of those stated collections, which, in the shape of systematic charity offerings, or otherwise, are made in the various congregations of our Church.

Attest,

HENRY ANTHON, *Sec'y.*

APPENDIX B.

Conservator's Report to the General Convention of 1838.

To the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America:—

The undersigned, appointed at the last General Convention Conservator of the Books, Manuscripts, &c., belonging to the Convention, begs leave respectfully to report—

That since the last meeting of your Body, he has endeavoured diligently to fulfil the purposes of his appointment, and he is happy to say, that his efforts have not been without success. For the better understanding of his acts, he will arrange the particulars of what he has to report under separate heads.

1. *Periodicals of the Church.* In addition to those named in my former communication, printed on pp. 89-90, of the last Journal of this Convention, I have now to state, that I have continued to take, and preserve for the Church, "The Gambier Observer," "The Churchman," "The Episcopal Recorder," and "The Southern Churchman." From the Rev. Dr. Rudd, editor of "The Gospel Messenger," printed in the Western part of New-York, I have received six volumes of that work as a present to the Collection, accompanied by a promise, that the rest of the work shall be hereafter given, so that the series shall be complete. "The Christian Witness," of Boston, and the "Chronicle of the Church," of New-Haven, have both been established since the last General Convention. Of these, the latter has been sent by the editor to me, and I have preserved it for the collection; for the former I have applied to one of the gentlemen interested in its publication, and there is no doubt that I shall get it. "The Charleston Gospel Messenger," and "Protestant Episcopalian," (of the former of which I have seven volumes, and of the latter four,) I would gladly have continued to take, but have not been able to encounter the expense. Neither have I, for the same reason, a file of "The Missionary," of New-Jersey. In truth, the periodicals of the Church have now become so numerous, that I fear, unless their respective proprietors will give them to the Convention, it will not be in my power longer to procure them. The subscription price, together with the postage, is a heavy tax. I would bear it cheerfully, if I could, but I am not in a condition to do so. Availing myself, however, of the privilege

conferred on me by the last Convention, of soliciting, in the name of the Church, additions to our collection, I would here respectfully ask of the editors and proprietors of all our Church periodicals, copies of their respective publications, to be preserved for the Church.

2. *Books and Pamphlets.* Of the first, I have received some few donations—one, a volume of the early Journals of Ohio, from Mrs. S. Johnson, of Cincinnati; one from Rev. Dr. Reed, of Poughkeepsie; one from Peter A. Jay, Esq.; another from W. H. Harison, Esq., of New-York, and one from the Rev. H. H. Norris, of Hackney, near London. I have also taken pains to procure copies of all Pamphlets connected with the affairs of the Church, that have been published since the last General Convention. When these shall be bound they will add several volumes to our collection of Pamphlets, and make it as nearly perfect as is now possible. I have been careful, also, to keep up the series of Journals of the several State Conventions, and there is no doubt that the General Convention now possesses the most complete series extant. In this department, my greatest difficulty is in the expense of binding. I should be happy if the Convention could devise some mode of defraying it.

3. *Manuscripts obtained in America.* I have added some valuable materials to this stock. These are the donations of the descendants of some of our deceased Bishops and Clergy. They will all, I hope, in due time be bound. Some of them are very important, as will be seen when I state, that among them are the original Canonical documents on which nearly all of our Bishops have been consecrated.

4. *Manuscripts obtained abroad.* It will be recollected that by the last General Convention, authority was given to our late venerable presiding Bishop and myself, to apply, in the name of the Church, to such persons or societies in England, as might be in possession of documents illustrating our Ecclesiastical History, for copies of the same. In pursuance of this authority, in March, 1836, I sailed for England, furnished by Bishop White with proper credentials, and recommended, as to the purposes of my mission, to his Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and to his Lordship, the Bishop of London. To say simply that my reception by these prelates was kind, would not adequately express my sense of the cordiality manifested toward me, in furthering the great ends of my agency. In an interview had with the Archbishop, soon after my arrival, he was pleased to express the deep interest he felt in the prosperity and welfare of our portion of the Church of Christ, and after inquiries into its condition and prospects, said that he thought we were wise in making efforts to preserve authentic materials for our history, and added, that it afforded him pleasure to aid us in so good a work.

As President of the venerable Society for Propagating the Gospel, he then furnished me with a note to the Secretary, desiring that I might have free access to the documents and records of that institution. An introduction to Sir Henry Ellis, the Keeper of the British Museum, made accessible to me its rare treasures of early American tracts: and I was freely permitted to make my researches in the valuable Library of MSS., at the Archbishop's Palace at Lambeth. The MSS. under the control of the Bishop of London, at Fulham, were also most promptly and kindly submitted to my inspection, with full permission, both from the Archbishop and Bishop, to make copies of any papers that might seem to me valuable or important.

Indeed, I owe it to both these distinguished prelates, to say, that the truly kind spirit they manifested toward our Church, and toward myself, as being her agent in this business, was, during my whole stay, most gratifying to my feelings, as a Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Nor must I omit here to mention, that from some of the Clergy of the Church of England, I received the most valuable aid in my labours. The Rev. Mr. Norris, of Hackney, whose interest in our Church had led him to some research into its early history, was especially kind. He freely bestowed his time, his influence, and his labours, in furthering the great end I had in view; and it is due to him to say, that but for his valuable assistance, my mission would

have been far less successful than it was. I met with no Clergyman of the Church of England, who took a deeper interest in the welfare of our Communion, and none to whom, in the business of my agency, the thanks of the Church in this country are more justly due. From all the Clergy, indeed, to whom my business was made known, I experienced the kindest treatment, but none could help me as Mr. Norris did.

There were three sources from which I expected to derive the documents our Church desired. These were, the Library of MSS. at Lambeth, the Correspondence of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and the Letters and Documents of the former Bishops of London, preserved at Fulham. I examined them all. By direction of the Archbishop, my copies were furnished with every facility for making transcripts at Lambeth, and the kind feelings of his Grace will appear in the following extract from a Communication, received from his Chaplain:—

“I have the pleasure of stating to you, in behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury, that you have had his Grace's full and free permission of access to the Lambeth Library, for the important public object which you have had in view, and consequently, no fee or remuneration whatever, is to be paid by you to any of the officers of the Archiepiscopal establishment. His Grace has felt a lively satisfaction in forwarding, in this instance, the designs of the Episcopal Church of the United States, and begs to assure yourself, and through you, the Clergy and Laity of your Church, of the interest with which he has heard, and will always hear, of the prosperity of your religious institutions.”

The Bishop of London was not less kind in causing all the parcels relating to America to be selected from the mass of documents in his possession, and these I was permitted to examine at my leisure.

In the records of the venerable Society I found all the correspondence of the Missionaries sent out to this continent, from the commencement of its existence in 1701, up to the American revolution. This was contained in about fifty bound volumes, and a large mass of unbound MSS. I read the whole, and caused transcripts to be made of such portions as were useful in illustrating our history. The result of my labours was eighteen large folio volumes of MSS., which I arranged chronologically, and assorted with reference to the colony or province from which they came, and caused to be bound. A specimen is herewith submitted, for the inspection of the Convention. Beside a volume containing such papers as refer not to any particular colony or province, but to the Church at large, there are historical documents touching the Church in: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New-York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

The Library of the Convention is therefore truly rich in unpublished MSS. Many of the papers in these volumes illustrate incidentally interesting points in our civil history, and they have been consulted with profit by those whose pursuits have led them to make historical researches. These volumes have cost two thousand dollars, and I am happy to inform the Convention that they are paid for. As the Agent of the Convention, under the resolution passed at the last Triennial Meeting, I applied to the Corporation of Trinity Church, in New-York, asking its aid to procure these valuable documents for the Church, and the Vestry very liberally appropriated \$1,500 toward the expense of copying. A gentleman of the Church of the Ascension, in New-York, gave me for the same purpose, \$125, the residue I was happy to be able to give myself. In the name, and on behalf of the Convention, I wrote a letter of thanks to the Corporation of Trinity Church, and informed them of the good they had done to the Church in procuring these MSS. Before leaving England, I felt it to be my duty to express, by letter, the thanks of this body to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, and the venerable Society for propagating the Gospel. I did this in the name of the Convention, and as its Agent in this business. Copies of these letters are appended to this report. From the Archbishop I received a letter containing the expression of his kind feeling to the Protestant

Episcopal Church in the United States, and a message for our late father, the venerable and beloved Bishop White. Before I had an opportunity of delivering the latter, that good man was with God. It would be unjust to his memory to withhold this tribute to his worth, from one so pious and estimable as the present primato of the English Church. Our hearts I am sure will all respond to the testimonial which living worth here renders to the virtues of our departed Bishop. It is a laudable feeling that seeks to preserve it on our records. The letter of the Archbishop will therefore also be found in the Appendix to this report.

I know not that I have more to add to this official statement, except in general terms to say, that the Convention has now a very valuable library of materials for our Ecclesiastical history. A little care taken in adding to it from time to time will make it a treasure to our posterity. The foundation is well laid; may we not hope that the Church will feel some interest in furnishing materials for the superstruction? If members, Clerical and Lay, will but bear in mind that there is a place of safe deposit for every thing connected with our history, past or present; and, gathering up the fragments within their reach that nothing may be lost, will but send them to the Conservator, they may, with but little trouble to themselves, do much good to the Church. In conclusion, the Conservator begs leave to say, not officially, but as communicating that which may be of interest to some of his brethren, that since his return he has not been idle. With the valuable aid of the now ample materials in his possession, he has written two more volumes, and will soon have a third prepared for publication. With God's blessing he hopes to be enabled to go on until he has finished the long task he has undertaken, and put into the hands of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States its whole history. He has found in his researches into that history much of deep interest that he did not know before, much that is now unknown to his brethren. His work may therefore possess at least the attraction of novelty, and in its prosecution, he asks of his brethren, Clerical and Lay, their aid, their sympathy, and their prayers.

FRANCIS L. HAWKS.

New-York, September 1, 1838.

Letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lambeth, August 1st, 1836.

DEAR SIR—I lose no time in acknowledging your very acceptable present, the History of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia, which I trust is to be regarded as the first of a series of volumes comprising the Ecclesiastical History of the United States of America, from the first settlement of the Colonies to the present day. This period is interesting in the highest degree, as considered with reference both to the growth of the Church under the peculiar circumstances of the country, and to its instrumentality in ages to come in extending the limits of Christendom by the overflowings of population at home, or the agency of Missions at a distance.

I have had great pleasure in affording from the MSS. collection at Lambeth, a supply of materials for this important work. * * *

I can assure you with truth, that I shall be happy to avail myself of every opportunity of showing my high respect for the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, and the warm interest I take in its growing prosperity.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Your faithful Servant,

W. CANTUAR.

P. S. I have been exceedingly gratified by Bishop White's attention in sending me the second edition of his Memoirs of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. of America. The work is more than ordinarily valuable as an authentic record of transactions of the highest importance to the American Church, and as a lasting memorial of the truly Christian principles, temper and conduct of the venerable persons, American and English, by whose prudence

and piety the proceedings were brought to a happy issue. I trust that the relation thus providentially established between the two Churches, will subsist unimpaired, and will be acknowledged by mother and daughter with sentiments of mutual respect and affection to the end of the world. To the venerable Prelate who may be regarded as, in more senses than one, the Father of your Episcopal Church, I request you to convey my warm and sincere congratulations on his having been preserved by a gracious Providence to rejoice in the success of his labours, and in the prospect of a still brighter futurity. That his most sanguine hopes may be realized, and that the evening of a life devoted to the service of God, and the benefit of mankind, may be unclouded with pain or sorrow, is my earnest prayer.

Copy of a Letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

London.

MY LORD ARCHBISHOP,—In the name, and on behalf of "the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States," it is my duty, and, allow me to add, my pleasure, to offer to your Grace the cordial thanks of that body for the ready kindness with which every facility was afforded to their agent in prosecuting the mission on which he was sent.

The documents in the library of MSS. at Lambeth, as well as those of the venerable Society over which your Grace presides, have afforded most valuable materials for the history of the American Episcopal Church: and the aid which your Grace has, with so much generosity, rendered, in obtaining access to them, will be duly appreciated by those whom I have the honour here to represent.

Your Grace has been pleased through your chaplain (Mr. Ogilvie) to give it me in charge to communicate to the Clergy and Laity of the communion to which I belong, the gratification with which you have heard of the prosperity of the American Episcopal Church, and the interest felt in its future progress and welfare. The duty shall be faithfully performed, and will, I am sure, increase the affectionate feeling with which the Episcopalians of the United States do now contemplate that Church, which, in the infancy of their communion, was a dear mother to them, and to which (in the language of the preface to our Book of Common Prayer) we are so deeply indebted "for a long continuance of nursing care and protection."

I have the honour to be

Your Grace's

Most obedient Servant,

FRANCIS L. HAWKS,

*Conservator of the Records and Documents of the
Prot. Epis. Church in the United States.*

To the Right Hon. and Most Reverend,
the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

Copy of a Letter to the Bishop of London.

London.

MY LORD,—I should but execute in part the trust confided to me, if I did not, in the name of "the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States," thank your Lordship for the aid afforded to me in accomplishing the purposes of my mission.

I think it will afford satisfaction to your Lordship to know that the papers put into my possession at Fulham, have been of essential value; and on one point, of much interest in America, have furnished information which I have long sought without success. Tradition has brought down to us (on the other side of the Atlantic) the *suspicion*, I can scarcely call it more, that before the separation from the mother country, *two non-juring Bishops were living in America*: I mean bishops consecrated by some of the non-juring bishops here to supply that want of the Episcopal office that was so long and sorely felt in the Colonies. The papers put into my possession by your Lordship's kindness have

confirmed the tradition, and I now know the names of the gentlemen who were thus consecrated. The discoveries on this subject will be hailed with much interest at home, and I confess I am enthusiast enough to feel that they quite reward all my labours.

I have the honour to be, with great respect,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient Servant,

FRANCIS L. HAWKS,

*Conservator of the Records and Documents of the
Prot. Epis. Church in the United States.*

To the Right Hon. and Right Reverend
the Lord Bishop of London.

*Copy of a Letter to the Secretary of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in
Foreign Parts.*

London.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Permit me, through you, to tender to “the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts,” the thanks of “the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States,” for the kind and obliging manner in which their views and wishes have been met by the Society, in the business on which I was deputed to visit England.

The free access which has been afforded me to the documents of the Society, has enabled me (in the correspondence of the Missionaries sent to the American Continent) to trace the progress of the Church in the United States, from the commencement of the Society's existence. For more than seventy years, our history is, in a great degree, but the history of your benevolence. May I not add that our present condition in America is such, that the Society, when asked for the fruit of its labours, may, without shame, point to us. The tree, I believe, will not disgrace those who planted it, and nursed its infancy.

I have caused many volumes of transcripts to be made from your records, and these will be preserved, in America, in the Library of the General Convention, a body which represents the *whole* Church in our land.

I shall not fail properly to represent at home, the kind spirit exhibited by the Society, and I will answer for its being duly appreciated.

With every sentiment of respect for the members of the Society, and my earnest prayers for its continued prosperity and usefulness,

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANCIS L. HAWKS,

*Conservator of the Records and Documents of the
Prot. Epis. Church in the United States.*

APPENDIX C.

Secretary's Statement and Account Current.

The subscriber, as Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in the General Convention of 1835, respectfully submits the following Statement and Account Current.

In obedience to the orders of the House, 2,000 copies of the Journal, and 1,000 copies of the Pastoral Letter were printed. An extra thousand copies of the Journal was printed upon the subscriptions of individuals, and the Corporation of Trinity Church, New-York, in order that the proceedings of the Convention might have a wider circulation. 440 copies of the Canons of the edition of 1832, with the amendments of 1835, and 119 copies of the Journal, it will appear from the

Printer's account, have been sold, and the amount applied to meet demands against the Convention.

From the Account Current it will be seen that in most cases the quotas when due have not been punctually transmitted. The Canon makes it the duty of the several Diocesan Conventions to forward such sums to the Secretary of this House, at each annual meeting of said Conventions. But in the majority of instances the undersigned has been put to the trouble of writing repeatedly to the Dioceses, urging their attention to this subject. It should be borne in mind, that punctuality in this matter, whilst it enables the General Convention to sustain its credit with printers, furnishes it also with the ability to have its printing executed upon the most economical and favourable terms. By the operation of the 5th Canon of 1835, requiring an Annual instead of a Triennial contribution for contingent expenses, the Convention is now freed from debt, and has a considerable balance in its Treasury. The subscriber, after paying the debts, has, from time to time, as the quotas were gathered in, deposited them in trust for the Convention on interest, with the understanding that they may be withdrawn at any time for the use of the Convention.

The official receipts from 1835 to September, 1838, have been	\$1,905 72
The expenditures have amounted to	1,012 72

Leaving in the Treasury a balance of	\$893 00
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The expenses of the present Session may be estimated at \$700. In the present state of the funds, these expenses therefore can readily be defrayed. The Subscriber begs leave to suggest to the House the expediency of relieving the Secretary from the care of the finances, by the appointment of a Treasurer, and also of so amending the 5th Canon as to give power to this officer to invest, from time to time, for the benefit of the Convention, such surplus of funds as he may have in hand. Certificates of Deposit and Trust to the amount of \$560, exclusive of interest due, accompany this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY ANTHON.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in Account with H. Anthon, Secretary.

1835.

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Quotas Received.

August. Received during the Session at Philadelphia, the following, due for 1832

Maine,	Dr. Merrill,	\$ 3 00
Connecticut,	Dr. Wheaton,	57 00
New-Jersey,	Bishop Doane,	19 00
Maryland,	Dr. Wyatt,	54 00
North Carolina,	Mr. Millett,	16 00
Alabama,	Mr. Raymond,	3 00—\$152 00

August. Received during the same Session the following, due agreeably to Canon 51 for 1835.

Maine,	Dr. Merrill,	\$ 2 25
New-Hampshire,	Dr. Burroughs,	1 50
Massachusetts,	Mr. Baury,	28 50
Vermont,	Mr. Crane,	13 50
Connecticut,	Dr. Wheaton,	60 00
New-York, (in part.)	Mr. F. Smith,	101 53
New-Jersey,	Bishop Doane,	24 19
Pennsylvania,	Dr. Meade,	59 25
Delaware,	Mr. Prestman,	1 50
Maryland,	Dr. Wyatt,	19 50

Amount, carried forward,	\$347 72	\$ 152 00
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	Amounts brought forward,		\$347 72	\$152 00
Virginia,		Mr. Lee,	51 50	
North Carolina,		Mr. Mallett,	16 50	
South Carolina,		Mr. Walker,	12 00	
Georgia,		Mr. Bartow,	6 00	
Ohio,		Mr. Bond,	23 25	
Kentucky,		Dr. Cook,	10 50	
Tennessee,		Dr. Cook,	7 50	
Alabama,		Mr. Raymond,	2 25	
Michigan,		Mr. Trowbridge,	6 00	
New-York,	Oct. 9,	(balance due received),	100 00	—\$ 613 22
1836.	Received in this year the following quotas, due for 1836.			
Illinois,	July 23,	Bishop Kemper,	\$ 2 50	
Massachusetts,	June 21,	Mr. Baury,	25 00	
	1837.			
North Carolina,	Feb. 21,	Mr. Winslow,	10 00	
New-York,	March 1,	Mr. Rowland,	42 50	
New-Jersey,	Feb. 21,	Bishop Doane,	16 50	
Maine,	April 3,	Mr. Berry,	4 00	
Pennsylvania,	April 7,	Mr. Wagner,	43 00	
South Carolina,	April 20,	Mr. Spear,	22 00	
Maryland,	June 8,	Mr. Hall,	23 00	
Connecticut,	June 17,	Mr. Morgan,	36 50	
Delaware,	July 30,	Mr. Thomas,	3 00	
Vermont,	August 28,	Mr. Crane,	8 50	
New-Hampshire,	Nov. 20,	Mr. Cady,	3 00	
	1838.			
Tennessee,	Jan. 25,	Mr. Tappan,	5 50	—\$315 00
	Received, in 1837 and '38, the following quotas, due for 1837.			
Delaware,	July 20,	Mr. Thomas,	\$ 3 00	
Massachusetts,	Sept. 4,	Mr. Boyle,	26 00	
New-York,	Oct. 9,	Mr. Rowland,	112 50	
Connecticut,	Oct. 12,	Mr. Morgan,	39 00	
	1838.			
Tennessee,	Jan. 25,	Mr. Tappan,	7 00	
Illinois,	July 17,	Sherman & Trevett,	4 50	
New-Hampshire,	July 13,	Dr. Burroughs,	3 00	—\$ 195 00
	Received the following quotas, due for 1838, &c.			
Illinois,	July 6,	Mr. Chase,	\$ 5 00	
New-Hampshire,	July 13,	Dr. Burroughs,	3 00	
Connecticut,	July 17,	Mr. Morgan,	40 50	
Rhode Island,	June 27,	{ Mr. Jones, quotas		
		{ from 1832 to '38,	56 00	
Maryland,	Aug. 6,	Mr. Hall, 1837-38,	63 00	
Pennsylvania,	Aug. 23,	{ Mr. Wagner,		
		{ 1837-38,	83 00	
Ohio,	Aug. 25,	{ Mr. Wing, in part,		
		{ from 1832 to 1838,	49 50	
Vermont,	Aug. 29,	Mr. Crane, 1837-38,	18 00	
Massachusetts,	Sept.	Mr. Newton, 1838,	25 00	
New-Jersey,	Sept.	Bp. Doane, 1837-38,	35 50	
Delaware,	Sept.		3 00	
Virginia,	Sept.	{ Mess. Cobbs, Nelson,		
		{ and Burwell,		
		{ 1836-37-38,	113 50	
	Amounts carried forward		\$495 00	\$1275 22

Amounts brought forward,		\$195 00	\$1275 22
North-Carolina,	Sept. Mr. Wright, 1837-38,	20 50	
South-Carolina,	Sept. Dr. Gadsden, 1837-38,	46 50	
Ohio,	Sept. Bishop Melvaine,	35 00	
Georgia,	Sept. { Mr. Cairns,		
	1836-37-38,	10 00	
Mississippi,	Sept. Mr. Fish, 1836-37-38,	5 00	
Tennessee,	Sept. Mr. Wheat, 1838,	9 00	
Alabama,	Sept. { Mr. Cleveland,		
	1836-37-38,	9 00	\$ 630 50
Sept. 10, 1838,		Total,	\$1905 72
E. E.		H. ANTHON.	

Expenditures.

1835.	DR.			
Sept. 1.	Paid G. D. Rumbaugh's bill, for services as doorkeeper and cleaning Church,			\$47 87½
Do.	Paid Jasper Hardin, for Printing, during Session,			85 50
Do.	do. For Portage of Documents,			1 00
Sept. 3.	do. H. Anthon, balance due him,			89
Do.	do. Episcopal Press, on account,			438 94
Do. 11.	do. do. do.			40 00
Do.	do. do. do.			101 53
Oct. 9.	do. do. do.			100 00
1836.				
July 6.	do. do. do.			25 00
1837.				
March 1.	do. do. do.			127 50
April 19.	do. do. do.			40 00
June 8.	do. do. do.			17 39
Do. 26.	do. For Printing Proposed Canons, in 1829,			26 00
Do. "	do. Bill of H. Anthon's Postage, from 1835			4 91½
1838.				
July 17.	do. Bill of H. & S. Raynor, for Stationery,			2 40
Do.	do. Bill of Swords, Stanford & Co			3 75
				\$1,012 72

Errors excepted.

HENRY ANTHON.

Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1838.

NOTE.—See page 34 of this Journal, for the report of the Committee on Expenses on the above statement and account current.

Expenses of the Session of 1838, in part

1838.		
Sept. 15.	Discount on uncurrent money	\$1 45
Do.	Portage of Documents,	75
Do.	E. G. Dorsey, for Printing,	40 00
Do. 17.	Bill from St. Andrew's Church	100 00
		\$112 45

The above paid by

H. ANTHON.

Philadelphia, Sept. 15, 1838.

General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Dr. to E. G. Dorsey.

To Printing 300 copies List of Delegates,	\$19 00
" 150 slips Canon Election of Bishops,	1 50
" 150 reports Committee on the Calendar,	4 25
" 150 slips 4th Article Com. D. and F. M. Society,	2 00
" 150 " Committee on the Mem. Georgia and Florida,	4 25
" 150 " Canon 9,	4 75
" 150 " Canon 3,	4 25
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	\$10 00

Received of the Rev. Dr. Anthon payment in full.

E. G. DORSEY.

Philadelphia, Sept. 17th, 1838.

The General Episcopal Convention, Dr. to St. Andrew's Church.

To three day's services in preparing Church for Convention,	\$6 00
To services during the Session, at two dollars per day,	22 00
To hire of two Tables and portrage of the same,	2 75
To portrage of Chairs for the House of Bishops,	1 25
To making a temporary Table for do.	2 75
To Green Cloth for covering for the same,	8 00
To Tacks for do.	0 25
To Tumblers and one Picher,	1 00
To Ice,	2 50
To Postage for two Letters for House of Bishops,	0 51
To Portrage of large Book,	0 25
To do. of twelve Bundles, at 12½ cents each,	1 50
To services for one evening and lights,	5 00
To lights at different times,	3 00
To cleaning Church,	25 00
To Stationery,	11 79
To putting up and taking down Stage,	3 87½
To covering for carpet in chancel,	10 91
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	\$108 36½

Received payment of one hundred dollars of Rev. Dr. Anthon, for Lambert Duy, Church Warden.

R. S. HULL.

TABULAR VIEW. No. I.

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

DIOCESES.	BISHOPS.	Churches Consecrated.	Ordina'ts.		Candidates for Orders.	Confirma- tions.
			Priests.	Deacons.		
Maine, New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode-Island, Vermont,	Eastern Diocese. } A. V. Griswold,	5	12	20	3	24
		13			10	96
		13	24	25	25	739
		46	59	66	50	402
Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland,	J. H. Hopkins, T. C. Brownell, B. T. Onderdonk, G. W. Doane, H. U. Onderdonk, "	11	7	4	3	400
	Vacant.	3			24	1777
		3	5	9	10	122
Virginia,	{ R. C. Moore, } { Wm. Meade, }	18	15	26	6	525
North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia,	L. S. Ives, N. Bowen,	8	11	10	6	800
Ohio, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee,	C. P. McIlvaine, B. B. Smith, James H. Otey,	19	15	16	12	492
Alabama, Michigan, Illinois, Florida, Louisiana, Indiana,	P. Chase, S. A. McCoskry, P. Chase, J. Kemper,	1	4	4	3	48
		4	2	11		900
		2	4	4		20
		6	4	4		15
		4	4			65
		6	4	4		63
		4	4			200
						53
						25

SUMMARY AND COMPARATIVE VIEW.

1835.		1838	
Churches consecrated,	123	Do.	168
Priests ordained,	136 } 333	Do.	179 } 393
Deacons ordained,	197 }	Do.	214 }
Candidates for Orders.	165	Do.	188
Confirmations,	10,277	Do.	11,866

TABULAR VIEW. No. II.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Dioceses.	Clergy.	Parishes.	Families.	Baptisms.				Communicants.		Marriages.	Funerals.	Sunday Scholars	Sunday School Teachers.	Parish Library.	Sunday School Library.	Churches in progress.	Clergy died.	REMARKS.
				Adults.	Infants.	Not specified.	Total.	Added.	Total.									
Maine,	4	6		43	56	2	101		232	39	61							
New-Hampshire,	6	11	350						360	49	95	325	59	300	800	1	1	
Massachusetts,	48	40					1306	826	2421	283	734	2817						
Rhode-Island,	19						426	552	1752	221	492	2500	286					
Vermont,	20	33					530		1200									
Connecticut,	85		4505	4101	1854		2264	1448	4530	892	1345	3930	673					
New-York,	256	238		932	5816	1270	8018		12072	3058	5226	11527	1525					
New-Jersey,	40	39			887		1054		1227							1		
Pennsylvania	86	99		620	3361				5781			8238	1031					
Delaware,	10	16		114	247		361		313			797						
Maryland,	72						3241		4060							2		
Virginia,	76			103	1569				3297	633	1004							
North Carolina,	22	23							*933									
South Carolina,	47	40					1557	†4454	6680	345	682	5395	676					* Supposed to fall short by 300.
Georgia,	6	6		16	195		211		293	62	146	168	26					† Indicating probably material error in the statement annexed to the last report.
Ohio,	53	75		120	638		758		2450			3000						
Kentucky,	20			14	129		133			44	77							
Tennessee,	18	16		24			226		210			331	45					
Alabama,	10			121	164				202	42	119	305	36	120	1075	2	1	
Michigan,	17								500									
Illinois,	13	20					47											
Mississippi,	6	7							116									
Florida,	6	7					42		100	26	75							
Louisiana,	2	3							150									
Indiana,	9			5	48		53		51	25	32	60						

SUMMARY AND COMPARATIVE VIEW OF CHIEF ITEMS.

1835.		1836.	
Clergy in 19 Dioceses,.....	763	Clergy in 25 Dioceses,.....	951
Baptisms, { Adults in 11 Dioceses, 2,021 } { Infants in 11 Dioceses, 10,371 } { Not specified in 9 Dioceses, 9,457 }	21,849	Baptisms, { Adults in 12 Dioceses, 2,522 } { Infants in 12 Dioceses, 14,964 } { Not specified in 2 Dioceses, 1,272 }	18,758
Communicants added in 6 Dioceses,.....	2,136	Communicants added in 4 Dioceses,.....	7,230
Total of Communicants in 19 Dioceses,.....	36,416	Total of Communicants in 23 Dioceses,.....	45,930
Marriages in 11 Dioceses,.....	5,436	Marriages in 13 Dioceses,.....	5,719
Burials in 11 Dioceses,.....	8,774	Burials in 13 Dioceses,.....	10,538
Sunday Scholars in 11 Dioceses,.....	28,661	Sunday Scholars in 13 Dioceses,.....	39,413
Sunday School Teachers in 9 Dioceses,.....	3,059	Sunday School Teachers in 9 Dioceses,.....	4,267
Clergy Deceased in 3 Dioceses,.....	22	Clergy Deceased in 8 Dioceses,.....	27

TABULAR VIEW. No. III.

FUNDS AND COLLECTIONS.

Dioceses.	Episcopal Fund.	Widows and Orphans of Clergy.	Education Funds.	General Theological Seminary.	Diocesan Seminaries and Schools.	Domestic and Foreign Missions.	Missionary Contributions in General.	REMARKS.
Maine, New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode-Island, Vermont, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Michigan, Illinois, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana,	100,000 00 3,706 00 28,672 00 5,000 00* 8,000 00	50,000 00 17,000 00	 2,504 00	42,000 00 73 00		12,000 00	31,282 00 9,800 00 24,983 00 59,939 00* 4,907 00 79,500 00 17,646 00 9,213 00 1,025 00 3,313 00 2,000 00	Mostly Missionary. *Reported in Oct., 1835. Various Objects. *And 640 acres.

APPENDIX D.

List of Documents reported to the Convention, and laid upon the Table.

- Maine.*—MSS. Journals of the Conventions of 1836, '37, and '38.
New-Hampshire.—Printed Journal of 1838.
Massachusetts.—Journals of 1836, '37, and '38.
Vermont.—Journals of 1836 and '37.
Connecticut.—Journals of 1836, '37, and '38. Bishop Brownell's third Charge, and Dr. Jarvis' Sermon before the Church Scholarship Society, 1835.
New-York.—Printed Journals of 1836 and '37, and of the Special Convention of 1838.
New-Jersey.—Printed Journals of 1836, '37, and '38, and Bishop Doane's second Charge.
Pennsylvania.—Printed Journals of 1836, '37, and '38; Reports of Bishop White Prayer Book Society, and of the Diocesan Sunday School Union.
Delaware.—Printed Journals of 1836, '37, and '38.
Maryland.—Printed Journals of 1836, '37, and '38.
Virginia.—Printed Journal of 1838.
North-Carolina.—Printed Journal of 1838.
South-Carolina.—Printed Journals of 1836, '37, and '38.
Georgia.—Printed Journals of 1836, '37, and '38.
Tennessee.—Printed Journals of 1837 and '38.
Kentucky.—Printed Journals of 1836, '37, and '38.
Alabama.—Printed Journals of 1836, '37, and '38.
Michigan.—Printed Journals of 1837 and '38.
Illinois.—Printed Journals of 1836, '37, and '38.
Louisiana.—Journal of Primary Convention of 1828.
Indiana.—MSS. Journal of Primary Convention of 1838.
Florida.—Printed Journal of Primary Convention of 1838.

APPENDIX E.

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House of Bishops, 17th September, 1838.

The Right Rev. Bishop Kemper presented his report as Missionary Bishop, as follows:—

Report of the Missionary Bishop.

The 7th Section of the 2d Canon of 1835, requires that I should submit to each General Convention a report of my proceedings, and the state and condition of the Church where I have exercised Episcopal jurisdiction. May I be permitted, in consequence of constant employment, and of having been called, in the Providence of God, to visit several Dioceses and Territories not contemplated by the last General Convention, to refer for information to the reports made by me not long since to the Board of Missions, and to Bishop Otey, of Tennessee? Since the date of those reports, I have again visited many parts of Indiana; have been in Iowa, and have travelled through the greater portion of Wisconsin. This last-named Territory has four Clergymen, one of whom, the Rev. Mr. Davis, is the Missionary to the interesting congregation of Oneidas; another, the Rev. Daniel E. Brown, has been for some years devoted to the Mission School, on Fox River; the Rev. Mr. Cadle, who is one of our most faithful pioneers, and the Rev. Mr. Noble, who officiates at Milwaukie. A few congregations have been organized, and Episcopalians are to be found in many of the rising towns of that most beautiful country. I confirmed at Fort Winnebago, Depue, Green Bay, and Duck Creek; and had the high gratification of laying the corner-stone of a new edifice for Public Worship, for the Oneidas; besides the corner-stone of a Church, to be erected immediately at Green Bay.

Within the bounds of my mission there are, at least, sixteen stations that are vacant.

Respectfully submitted,
JACKSON KEMPER.

17th September, 1838, Philadelphia.

[See Vide page 122 of this Journal.]

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES.

EASTERN DIOCESE.

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

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

Maine.

The Rev. Joel Clap, Rector of Christ Church, Gardiner.

The Rev. John W. French, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portland.

The Rev. William Horton, Rector of Trinity Church, Saco.

The Rev. Timothy Hilliard, residing in Gorham.

The Rev. Stephen C. Millett, residing at Cape Elizabeth.—5.

Attest, ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, *Bishop of the Eastern Diocese.*

New-Hampshire.

The Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth.

The Rev. Moses B. Chase, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton.

The Rev. Robert Fowle, Rector of Trinity Church, Holderness.

The Rev. James B. Howe, Rector of Union Church, Claremont.

The Rev. Edward Livermore, *Deacon*, officiating in the Church of the West Parish of Holderness.

The Rev. Henry S. Smith, officiating at Trinity Church, Cornish, and the Church in West Claremont.

The Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, Missionary, at Concord.—7.

Attest, CHARLES BURROUGHS, *President of the Standing Committee.*

Massachusetts.

The Right Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, Boston.

The Rev. Ethan Allen, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Otis.

The Rev. Samuel G. Appleton, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, and officiating in Trinity Church, Marshfield.

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. Edward Ballard, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baur, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

The Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent, Rector of Grace Church, New-Bedford.

The Rev. Henry Blackaller, Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. Isaac Boyle, residing in Boston.

The Rev. Henry Burroughs, *Deacon*, residing in Boston.

The Rev. Robert M. Chapman, *Deacon*, Principal of a Classical School, Pittsfield.

The Rev. Thomas M. Clark, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. Joseph H. Church, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

The Rev. Honace L. Conolly.

The Rev. William Cook, *Deacon*, residing in Salem.

The Rev. William Crosswell, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

The Rev. David L. Devens, *Deacon*, Minister of St. John's Church, Northampton.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, residing in Boston.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr., Rector of Christ Church, Andover.
 The Rev. Sturgis Gilbert, Rector of St. James's Church, Great Barrington.
 The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.
 The Rev. Eleazer A. Greenleaf, Minister of Christ Church, Clappville.
 The Rev. George F. Haskins, Superintendent and Chaplain of the Boylston Asylum.
 The Rev. Samuel Hassard, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.
 The Rev. M. A. De Wolf Howe, Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury.
 The Rev. Thomas B. Lambert, Deacon, Chaplain in the United States' Navy.
 The Rev. Daniel Lench, Teacher of a Classical School, Roxbury.
 The Rev. Henry W. Lee, Deacon, New-Bedford.
 The Rev. William H. Lewis, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
 The Rev. Charles Mason, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.
 The Rev. Samuel M. Burney, Minister of a Free Church, Boston.
 The Rev. James Morss, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
 The Rev. Samuel P. Parker, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.
 The Rev. Albert C. Patterson, Deacon, residing in Boston.
 The Rev. Jacob Pierson, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.
 The Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro'.
 The Rev. Horatio Southgate, Jr., Missionary to Persia.
 The Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.
 The Rev. Titus Strong, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.
 The Rev. Charles C. Taylor, Minister of St. James's Church, Amesbury.
 The Rev. James H. Tyng, residing in Maryland.
 The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.
 The Rev. Milton Ward, Deacon, Minister of St. Mark's Church, Blanford.
 The Rev. George Waters, Minister of Christ Church, Lynn.
 The Rev. John L. Watson, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston.
 The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Rector of the School of Moral Discipline, South Boston.
 The Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Minister of Christ Church, Quincy.—43.
 The Rev. Addison Searle, of the Diocese of Michigan, Chaplain in the United States' Navy, Charlestown.—49.

Attest,

ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, *Bishop of the Eastern Diocese.**Rhode-Island.*

The Rev. John Bristed, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.
 The Rev. Lemuel Burge, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wickford.
 The Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Providence.
 The Rev. Henry M. Davis, officiating at Woonsocket.
 The Rev. John P. Fenner, residing at Portsmouth.
 The Rev. George W. Hathaway, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Warren.
 The Rev. William L. Hickox, Deacon, Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.
 The Rev. Lewis Jansen, Minister of St. Peter's Church, South Kingstown.
 The Rev. Sylvester Nash, Rector of St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich.
 The Rev. Samuel Penny, Jr., Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth.
 The Rev. James Pratt, Rector of Christ Church, Westerly.
 The Rev. George Taff, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket.
 The Rev. Washington Van Zandt, Rector of Christ Church, Lonsdale.
 The Rev. A. H. Vinton, Rector of Grace Church, Providence.
 The Rev. John West, Rector of Zion Church, Newport.
 The Rev. Salmon Wheaton, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Newport.
 The Rev. Henry Waterman, Rector of St. James's Church, Woonsocket.—17.

Attest,

ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, *Bishop of the Eastern Diocese.*

DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hopkins, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.
 The Rev. Darius Barker.
 The Rev. Carlton Chase, Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows' Falls.
 The Rev. S. A. Crane, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.
 The Rev. Alexander H. Cull, Deacon, officiating in Zion Church, Manchester.
 The Rev. Jacob W. Diller, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.
 The Rev. Charles Fay, Rector of St. John's Church, Highgate.
 The Rev. Lyman Foote, Rector of St. John's Church, Poughney.
 The Rev. John Glegg, Rector of St. James's Church, Arlington.
 The Rev. John A. Hacks, Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.
 The Rev. William Henry Hoyt, Rector of Union Church, St. Albans.

The Rev. Lewis McDonald, Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon.
 The Rev. Josiah Osgar, Deacon, officiating at Calvary Church, Berkshire, Union Church,
 Montgomery, and Christ Church, Enosburgh.
 The Rev. B. C. C. Parker, Rector of St. James's Church, Woodstock.
 The Rev. Richard Peck, residing in Sheldon.
 The Rev. John B. Pratt, Deacon, officiating in Christ Church, Guilford.
 The Rev. Nathaniel O. Preston, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington.
 The Rev. James Sabine, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel.
 The Rev. John T. Sabine, Deacon.
 The Rev. Oliver H. Staples, Deacon, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Windsor.
 The Rev. Zadock Thompson, Deacon, residing in Burlington.—21.
 The above list is believed to be correct.

JOHN H. HOPKINS.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.

The Right Rev. T. C. Brownell, D. D., LL. D., Bishop, residing in Hartford.
 The Rev. William B. Ashley, Minister of St. Luke's Church, Glastenbury.
 The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, residing in Stratford.
 The Rev. David Baldwin, Rector of St. John's Church, North Guilford.
 The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett.
 The Rev. E. Edwards Beardsley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cheshire.
 The Rev. Benjamin Benham, residing at Brookfield.
 The Rev. Lorenzo T. Bennett, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-Haven.
 The Rev. Moses P. Bennett.
 The Rev. George Benton, Missionary to Greece.
 The Rev. Silas Blaisdale, Rector of Christ Church, Salem.
 The Rev. Hilliard Bryant, officiating in the Parishes of Milton and Bradleyville.
 The Rev. George Burgess, Rector of Christ Church, Hartford.
 The Rev. Daniel Burhaus, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Oxford.
 The Rev. Riverius Camp, Rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, and Christ Church, Pomfret.
 The Rev. Alonzo B. Chapin, officiating in St. James's Church, Westville.
 The Rev. Jacob L. Clark, Rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury.
 The Rev. Peter G. Clark, residing at Cheshire.
 The Rev. Gurdon S. Coit, Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport.
 The Rev. Nathaniel E. Cornwell, Rector of Trinity Church, Southport.
 The Rev. Levi H. Corson, officiating at Branford.
 The Rev. Joseph H. Covell, Rector of Trinity Church, Bristol, and All Saints' Church, Wolcott.
 The Rev. Harry Croswell, D. D., Rector of Trinity Parish, New-Haven.
 The Rev. Edward J. Dunkan, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.
 The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, residing at Litchfield.
 The Rev. Samuel M. Emery, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham.
 The Rev. Henry Fitch, Rector of Grace Church, Hauden.
 The Rev. Alpheus Geer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Hebron.
 The Rev. John M. Guion, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden.
 The Rev. Caleb L. Good, Professor of Ancient Languages, Washington College.
 The Rev. Robert A. Hallam, Rector of St. James's Church, New-London.
 The Rev. William G. Hayer, officiating at East Haddam.
 The Rev. Solomon G. Hitchcock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodbury.
 The Rev. Frederick Holcomb, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Watertown.
 The Rev. Oliver Hopson, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck.
 The Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wallingford.
 The Rev. Enoch Huntington, Rector of St. John's Church, New-Milford.
 The Rev. Edward Ingersoll, Rector of Christ Church, Westport.
 The Rev. Edward J. Ives, Rector of Christ Church, East-Haven.
 The Rev. Almer Jackson, Assistant Professor of Languages, Washington College.
 The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., LL. D., Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.
 The Rev. William Jarvis, residing at Chatham.
 The Rev. Stephen Jewett, officiating in St. James's Church, Westville.
 The Rev. Isaac Jones, Rector of Union Church, Hitchcocksville.
 The Rev. Zebediah Hyde Mansfield, officiating at St. Mark's Church, New-Britain.
 The Rev. Truman Marsh, residing at Litchfield.
 The Rev. William C. Mead, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.
 The Rev. Joseph H. Nicholls, Rector of Christ Church, Greenwich.

- The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, residing at Bridgeport.
 The Rev. David Ogden, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New-Canaan.
 The Rev. Seth B. Paddock, Rector of Christ Church, Norwich.
 The Rev. William Payne, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Litchfield.
 The Rev. Lucius M. Purdy.
 The Rev. Smyth Pyne.
 The Rev. Nathaniel S. Richardson, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Watertown.
 The Rev. Rodney Rossiter, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Monroe.
 The Rev. John H. Rouse, Rector of Christ Church, Bethany.
 The Rev. Thomas S. Savage, Missionary to Africa.
 The Rev. Joseph Scott, Rector of St. James's Church, Derby.
 The Rev. George C. Shepherd, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford.
 The Rev. Henry B. Sherman, officiating in St. Andrew's Church, New-Preston.
 The Rev. David H. Short, Rector of St. James's Church, Danbury, and St. Thomas's Chapel, Bethel.
 The Rev. John D. Smith, Rector of Union Church, Humphreysville.
 The Rev. T. S. Snow, Rector of Trinity Church, Northfield, and Christ Church, Bethlem.
 The Rev. Albert Spooner, residing at Norwich.
 The Rev. George A. Sterling, officiating in Christ Church, Middle Haddam.
 The Rev. Servilius Stocking, officiating in St. George's Church, Milford.
 The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Rector of Trinity Church, Newtown.
 The Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, Rector of St. John's Church, Stamford.
 The Rev. Charles I. Todd, Rector of Christ Church, Reading.
 The Rev. David G. Tomlinson, Rector of Christ Church, Trumbull.
 The Rev. Silas Totten, D. D., President of Washington College, Hartford.
 The Rev. Joseph D. Tyler, Instructor in the Asylum, Hartford.
 The Rev. William Warland, Jr., Rector of Grace Church, Saybrook.
 The Rev. William Watson, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Plymouth.
 The Rev. Nathaniel S. Whenton, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans.
 The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield.
 The Rev. George S. White, residing at Canterbury.
 The Rev. Milton Wilcox, residing at Simsbury.
 The Rev. John Williams, Tutor in Washington College, Hartford.
 The Rev. John S. Woodward, Rector of Trinity Church, Windham.—80.
 The Rev. Thomas Clark, of the Diocese of New-York, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Huntington.
 The Rev. James M. Tappan, of the same Diocese, officiating in the Parishes of North Haven and Northford.
- A true list, THOS. C. BROWSELL, *Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.*

DIOCESE OF NEW-YORK.

- The Right Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop, and Professor of the Nature, Ministry and Polity of the Church in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New-York.
 The Rev. Charles G. Aely, Rector of Trinity church, Watertown, Jefferson county.
 The Rev. Hiram Adams, Principal of a Select School, Kingston, Ulster county.
 The Rev. Norman H. Adams, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, Otsego county.
 The Rev. William Alanson, Missionary at Medina, Orleans county.
 The Rev. Edward Andrews, Rector of Christ Church, Binghampton, Broome county.
 The Rev. George B. Andrews, Rector of Zion Church, Wappinger's Creek, Dutchess county.
 The Rev. Henry Anthon, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, New-York.
 The Rev. Henry S. Atwater, Missionary at Mount Morris, Livingston county.
 The Rev. Deodatus Babcock, Missionary at Ballston Spa, and Saratoga Springs, Saratoga county.
 The Rev. William Baker, Missionary at Fairfield and Norway, Herkimer county.
 The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, Missionary at Mayville and Jamestown, Chautauque county.
 The Rev. William Barlow, Rector of St. John's Church, Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence county.
 The Rev. Liberty A. Barrows, Missionary at Norwich, Chenango county.
 The Rev. Lewis P. Bayard, D. D., Rector of St. Clement's Church, New-York.
 The Rev. John Bayley, Deacon, Missionary at Owego, Tioga county.
 The Rev. Amos B. Beach, Deacon, Missionary at Walton, Delaware county.
 The Rev. Seth W. Beardsley, Missionary at Moravia, Cayuga county.
 The Rev. Alva Bennett, Teacher in the Private Episcopal Institute, Troy.

- The Rev. Moses P. Bennett.
 The Rev. William Berrian, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, including St. Paul's and St. John's Chapels, New-York.
 The Rev. Moore Bingham, Missionary at Hampton, Washington county.
 The Rev. James A. Bolles, Rector of St. James's Church, Batavia, Genesee county.
 The Rev. Robert Bolton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, East Cheater, Westchester county.
 The Rev. William W. Bostwick, Rector of St. James's Church, Hammond's Port, and St. Thomas's Church, Bath, Steuben county.
 The Rev. Charles W. Bradley.
 The Rev. Johnson A. Brayton, Missionary at Hamilton, Madison county.
 The Rev. George Bridgeman.
 The Rev. Thomas S. Brittan, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brooklyn.
 The Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, and St. Thomas's Church, New-Windsor, Orange county.
 The Rev. John W. Brown, Deacon, Minister of St. George's Church, Hallett's Cove, Queen's county.
 The Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., residing in Alleghany county.
 The Rev. Nathan B. Burgess, Missionary at Rome, Oneida county.
 The Rev. Richard F. Burnham, Rector of Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county.
 The Rev. Leverett Bush, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Oxford, Chenango county.
 The Rev. Clement M. Butler.
 The Rev. David Butler, D. D., residing at Troy.
 The Rev. Robert Campbell, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Monticello, Otsego county.
 The Rev. James D. Carder, Rector of St. John's Church, Fort Hamilton, King's county, and Secretary and General Agent of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New-York.
 The Rev. William M. Carmichael, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county.
 The Rev. Lawson Carter, Rector of Trinity Church, New-Rochelle, Westchester county.
 The Rev. Lucius Carter, Missionary at Hunt's Hollow, Alleghany county.
 The Rev. Peter S. Chauncey, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, Westchester county.
 The Rev. Topping R. Chipman, Deacon.
 The Rev. Joseph T. Clark, Missionary at Skaneateles, Onondaga county.
 The Rev. Orange Clark, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Rochester.
 The Rev. Thomas Clark.
 The Rev. James P. F. Clarke, Rector of Christ Church, Manhasset, Queen's county.
 The Rev. James Coghlan, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Flatbush, King's county.
 The Rev. Joseph H. Coit, Rector of Trinity Church, Plattsburgh, Clinton county.
 The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn.
 The Rev. Calvin Colton.
 The Rev. James W. Cooke, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, New-York.
 The Rev. Samuel Cooke, Deacon, Minister of Grace Church, Lyons, Wayne county.
 The Rev. William C. Cooley, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Peckskill, Westchester county.
 The Rev. Richard Cox, Rector of St. John's Church, Troy.
 The Rev. William Creighton, D. D., Rector of Zion Church, Greensburg, and Christ Church, Parrytown, Westchester county.
 The Rev. Ebenezer H. Cressy, Rector of Christ Church, Lockport, Niagara county.
 The Rev. Alexander H. Crosby, Rector of St. John's Church, Phillipsburgh, including a Chapel at Tuckahoe, Westchester county.
 The Rev. William A. Curtis, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Mamaroneck, Westchester county.
 The Rev. Benjamin C. Cutler, D. D., Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county.
 The Rev. Edward Davis, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county.
 The Rev. Samuel C. Davis, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Williamsburgh, King's county.
 The Rev. Isiah G. De Grasse, Deacon, (a coloured man,) Missionary to the coloured Episcopalians, at Jamaica, Flushing, and Hallett's Cove, Queen's county.
 The Rev. George Dennison, Missionary at Upper Lockport, Niagara county.
 The Rev. John Dowdrey, Jun., Missionary at Kingston, Ulster county.
 The Rev. Palmer Dyer, Missionary at Whitehall, Washington county.
 The Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Ascension, New-York.
 The Rev. William E. Eigenbrodt, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Bainbridge, Chenango county.
 The Rev. Edmund Embury, Missionary at Penn Yan, Yates county.

- The Rev. George B. Engle, Missionary at Dalton, Oswego county, and Baldwinsville, Onondaga county.
- The Rev. John F. Ernst, Deacon, Principal of an Academy, Batavia, Genesee county.
- The Rev. Benjamin Evans, Missionary at Patterson, Putnam county, and North Salem, Westchester county.
- The Rev. John Murray Forbes, Rector of St. Luke's Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Edward K. Fowler, Missionary at Monticello, Sullivan county.
- The Rev. Alexander Frazer, Missionary at large, in the city of New-York.
- The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Rector of Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany county.
- The Rev. John P. Gallagher, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Syracuse, Onondaga county.
- The Rev. John M. Garfield, Principal of the Albany Female Seminary.
- The Rev. Isaac Garvin, Missionary at Wethersfield Springs, Genesee county.
- The Rev. John D. Gilbert.
- The Rev. Kingston Goddard, Rector of Christ Church, Brooklyn.
- The Rev. Frederick Goodwin, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Henry Gregory, Rector of Calvary Church, Homer, Cortland county.
- The Rev. David Griffith, Missionary at Morristown, St. Lawrence county.
- The Rev. Charles W. Hackley.
- The Rev. Benjamin I. Haight, Rector of All Saints' Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Benjamin Hale, D. D., President of Geneva College, Geneva, Ontario county.
- The Rev. William Hammel, residing in New-York.
- The Rev. Robert W. Harris, Rector of Grace Church, White-Plains, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Abram B. Hart, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Samuel Haskell, residing at New-Rochelle, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Frederick W. Hatch, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county.
- The Rev. Cicero S. Hawks, Rector of Trinity Church, Buffalo.
- The Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D., Rector of St. Thomas's Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Caleb S. Henry, D. D., Editor of the New-York Review, New-York.
- The Rev. Edward Y. Higbee, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Origen P. Holcomb, Rector of Trinity Church, Windham, Greene county.
- The Rev. Humphrey Hollis, Missionary at South Danby, Tompkins county, and Candor, Tioga county.
- The Rev. Herman Hooker.
- The Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, Deacon.
- The Rev. Reuben Hubbard, Missionary at Stillwater and Mechanicsville, Saratoga county.
- The Rev. Richard T. Huddart, Deacon, Principal of an Academy, Bloomingdale, New-York.
- The Rev. John Hughes, Missionary at Gilbertsville and Otego, Otsego county.
- The Rev. Aaron Humphrey, Missionary at Waddington, St. Lawrence county.
- The Rev. David Huntington, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Hobart, Delaware county.
- The Rev. Nathaniel Huse, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Westfield, Chautauque county.
- The Rev. Pierre P. Irving, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county.
- The Rev. Hiram Jelliff, Missionary at Lithgow, Dutchess county.
- The Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, Rector of St. John's Church, Brooklyn, King's county.
- The Rev. William L. Johnson, Rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county.
- The Rev. George Jones, Chaplain in the United States Navy.
- The Rev. Lot Jones, Missionary in the city of New-York, in charge of the Mission Church of the Epiphany.
- The Rev. Bethel Judd, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Ithaca, Tompkins county.
- The Rev. Thomas S. Judd, Rector of St. John's Church, Delhi, Delaware county.
- The Rev. Ravaud Kearney, Rector of Trinity Church, Ulster, Ulster county, and St. Paul's Church, Upper Red Hook, Dutchess county.
- The Rev. James Keeler, Missionary at Harpersville, Broome county.
- The Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg.
- The Rev. Charles V. Kelly.
- The Rev. John B. Kerfoot, Deacon, Chaplain, and assisting the Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages, St. Paul's College, College Point, Flushing, Queens county.
- The Rev. Nathan Kingsberry.
- The Rev. William L. Kip, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany.

- The Rev. John Knill, Missionary at Port Jackson, Montgomery county, and West Charlton, Saratoga county.
- The Rev. Daniel S. Lewis, Missionary at West Troy, Albany county.
- The Rev. Henry Lockwood, Missionary to China.
- The Rev. William Lucas, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Auburn, Cayuga county.
- The Rev. Thomas Lyell, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Charles McCabe, Rector of St. James's Church, Milton, Saratoga county.
- The Rev. John McCarty, Rector of Christ Church, Oswego, Oswego County.
- The Rev. Stephen M'Hugh, Missionary at Holland Patent and Oriskany, Oneida county.
- The Rev. John M'Vickar, D. D., Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy, and Political Economy, in Columbia College, New-York.
- The Rev. Thomas Mallaby, Rector of St. James's Church, Goshen, Orange county.
- The Rev. Solon W. Manney, Deacon, Minister of the Church of the Nativity, New-York.
- The Rev. Moses Marcus, Missionary to the Island of Nantucket, Massachusetts.
- The Rev. Darwin B. Mason, M. D., Deacon, Missionary at Granville, Washington county.
- The Rev. Thomas Menchem, Missionary at Centrefield, Ontario county.
- The Rev. Edward N. Mead, Rector of St. Paul's Church, and Chaplain to the New-York State Prison, Sing Sing, Westchester county.
- The Rev. John F. Messenger, Teacher, Brooklyn.
- The Rev. Kendrick Metcalf, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Le Roy, Genesee county.
- The Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Timothy Minor, officiating at Westford and Cherry Valley, Otsego county.
- The Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Richmond, including Trinity Chapel, Factoryville, Richmond county.
- The Rev. Thomas Morris, Missionary at Ellicottville and Olean, Cattaraugus county.
- The Rev. William Morris, Assistant Minister of St. Michael's and St. James' Churches, and Rector of the Episcopal Collegiate School, New-York.
- The Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, D. D., Senior of the Collegiate Family, and Professor of the Evidences and Ethica of Christianity, St. Paul's College, College Point, Flushing, Queen's county.
- The Rev. Rufus Murray, Missionary at Lewiston, Niagara county.
- The Rev. Samuel Nichols, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bedford, Westchester county.
- The Rev. William W. Niles, residing in New-York.
- The Rev. Beardsley Northrop, residing near Lockport, Niagara county.
- The Rev. George H. Norton, Missionary at Allen's Hill, Ontario county.
- The Rev. John D. Ogilby, Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages, Rutgers' College, New-Brunswick, New-Jersey, and officiating in Trinity Church, New-York.
- The Rev. George Ogle, Deacon.
- The Rev. William P. Page.
- The Rev. Amos Pardee.
- The Rev. Isaac Pardee, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson.
- The Rev. Alfred H. Partridge, Deacon, officiating in St. Matthew's Church, Bedford, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Henry Peck, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Paris Hill, Oneida county.
- The Rev. Isaac Peck, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, New-York.
- The Rev. Marcus A. Perry, residing at New-Hartford, Oneida county.
- The Rev. Hawlett R. Peters.
- The Rev. Joseph F. Phillips, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.
- The Rev. Washington Philo, Deacon.
- The Rev. Samuel Phinney, Principal of an Academy, Newburg's, Orange county.
- The Rev. George S. Porter, residing at Fredonia, Chautauque county.
- The Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., Professor of Moral Philosophy and Belles Letters, in Union College, Schenectady.
- The Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.
- The Rev. Jesse Pound, Rector of Christ Church, Manlius, Otsego county.
- The Rev. William Powell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Westchester, and Principal of an Academy, West-Farmus, Westchester county.
- The Rev. Augustine P. Provost, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county.
- The Rev. Joseph H. Price, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New-York.
- The Rev. P. Alexis Prout, Rector of Trinity Church, Utica.
- The Rev. Henry H. Prout.
- The Rev. Thomas Pyne.
- The Rev. Joseph Ransom, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Fulton county.
- The Rev. John Reed, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county.
- The Rev. Thomas C. Reed, Professor in Union College, Schenectady.

- The Rev. James C. Richmond, Rector of St. Michael's, St. James's, and St. Mary's Churches, New-York.
 The Rev. William Richmond, Rector of Zion Church, New-York,
 The Rev. Ferdinand Rogers, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Brownville, Jefferson county.
 The Rev. Seth S. Rogers, Missionary at Fayetteville, Chenango county.
 The Rev. John C. Rudd, D. D., Editor of the Gospel Messenger, Utica.
 The Rev. Thomas J. Ruger, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Sherburne, Chenango county.
 The Rev. Richard Salmon.
 The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, residing at Jamaica, Queen's county.
 The Rev. John Frederick Schroeder, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-York.
 The Rev. John Scovill, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Greenville, and Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church, Oakhill, Greene county.
 The Rev. Charles Seabury, Missionary at Setauket and Islip, Suffolk county.
 The Rev. Samuel Seabury, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Annunciation, and Editor of the Churchman, New-York.
 The Rev. Robert Shaw, Missionary at Marlborough, Ulster county.
 The Rev. George A. Shelton, Rector of St. James's Church, Newtown, Queen's county.
 The Rev. William Shelton, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Buffalo, Erie county.
 The Rev. Isaac Sherwood, Missionary at Coldspring Harbour, Queen's county, and Huntington, Suffolk county.
 The Rev. Reuben Sherwood, Rector of St. James's Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county.
 The Rev. Richard C. Shimeall, residing in New York.
 The Rev. Albert Smedes, jun., Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.
 The Rev. Hugh Smith, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, New-York.
 The Rev. Lucius Smith, Missionary at Fredonia, Chautauque county.
 The Rev. Orsamus H. Smith, Missionary at Rensselaerville, Albany county.
 The Rev. Richard Smith, Missionary at Hector, Tompkins county, and Johnson's Settlement, Chemung county.
 The Rev. Erastus Spaulding, Missionary at Vienna, Ontario county, and Sodus, Wayne county.
 The Rev. John A. Spooner, Deacon, officiating in St. George's Church, Schenectady.
 The Rev. William Stanton, Special Agent of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, New-York.
 The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, D. D., Missionary at Waterford, Saratoga county, and Cohoes, Albany county.
 The Rev. James O. Stokes, residing near Medina, Orleans county.
 The Rev. Henry L. Storrs, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New-Hartford, Oneida county.
 The Rev. James Sunderland.
 The Rev. Isaac Swart, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Cooperstown, Otsego county.
 The Rev. James M. Tappan.
 The Rev. William Tatham, Missionary at Canton, St. Lawrence county.
 The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New-York.
 The Rev. Anthony Ten Broeck, Deacon, Minister of St. Anna's Church, Fishkill Landing, Dutchess county.
 The Rev. Foster Thayer, Missionary at Waterloo, Seneca county.
 The Rev. Lewis Thibon, jun., Missionary at Angelica, Allegany county.
 The Rev. William B. Thomas, Rector of Christ Church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county.
 The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary at Durham, Greene county.
 The Rev. Frederick T. Tiffany, Rector of Christ Church, Cooperstown, Otsego county.
 The Rev. Francis T. Todrig.
 The Rev. Thomas Towell, Missionary at Little Falls and Mohawk, Herkimer county.
 The Rev. Amos C. Treadway, Missionary at Sacket's Harbour, Jefferson county.
 The Rev. Francis Tremayne.
 The Rev. Henry Tullidge, Missionary at Seneca Falls, Seneca county, and Montezuma, Cayuga county.
 The Rev. Samuel H. Turner, D. D., Professor of Biblical Learning, and the Interpretation of Scripture in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New-York.
 The Rev. Albi T. Tving, Teacher in the Private Episcopal Institute, Troy.
 The Rev. John V. Van Ingen, Rector of Zion Church, Greene, Chenango county.

- The Rev. Robert B. Van Kleeck, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy.
 The Rev. John A. Vaughan, Secretary and General Agent of the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New-York.
 The Rev. Antoine Verren, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, and Professor of the French Language and Literature in Columbia College, New-York.
 The Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D., an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New-York.
 The Rev. Gershom P. Waldo, Deacon.
 The Rev. William F. Walker, Rector of Christ Church, and Principal of the Private Episcopal Institute, Troy.
 The Rev. William H. Walter, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Tompkinsville, Richmond county.
 The Rev. William Walton, Deacon, officiating in St. John's Church, Youkers, Westchester county.
 The Rev. Thomas Warner.
 The Rev. Nathaniel Watkins, Missionary at Pierrepont Manor, Jefferson county.
 The Rev. William M. Weber, M. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Perryville, Madison county.
 The Rev. Russel Wheeler, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, New-Berlin, Chenango county.
 The Rev. Phineas L. Whipple, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county.
 The Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Rochester, Monroe county.
 The Rev. Marshall Whiting, Missionary at Onondaga Hill and Geddes, Onondaga county.
 The Rev. William R. Whittingham, D. D., St. Mark's Church in the Bowery, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New-York.
 The Rev. Ebenezer Williams, Deacon, officiating at Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer county.
 The Rev. Eleazar Williams, Deacon.
 The Rev. Peter Williams, (a colored man.) Rector of St. Philip's Church, New-York, the Congregation of which is composed of colored persons.
 The Rev. Lloyd Windsor.
 The Rev. Gordon Winslow, Missionary at Elmira, Chemung county.
 The Rev. William Withington, Deacon.—246.

The above is a correct list of the Clergy of the Diocese of New-York.

BENJ. T. ONDERDOOK.

DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY.

- The Right Rev. George Washington Doane, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, Rector of St. Mary's Church, and Principal of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington.
 The Rev. Samuel Edwin Arnold, D. C. L., Principal of the Bordentown Institute.
 The Rev. Edmund Drinan Barry, D. D., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.
 The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D.
 The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy.
 The Rev. George T. Chapman, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Newark.
 The Rev. Asa S. Colton, Deacon, officiating in Christ Church, Bordentown.
 The Rev. John Croes, Rector of Christ Church, New-Brunswick.
 The Rev. Robert B. Croes, Missionary, Rector elect of St. Peter's Church, Freehold, and of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood.
 The Rev. William Croes Crane, Deacon, Missionary, officiating in St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria, and at Clinton and Flemington.
 The Rev. Robert Davies, Missionary, Minister of Christ Church, Belleville.
 The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Rector of Christ Church, Newton.
 The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., Chaplain and Head of the Family of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington.
 The Rev. Harry Finch, Rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, and of Christ Church, Middletown.
 The Rev. Alfred E. Ford.
 The Rev. Reuben H. Freeman, Deacon.
 The Rev. Reuben L. German, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Morristown.
 The Rev. Charles H. Hulsey, Deacon.
 The Rev. George Emlen Hure, Rector of Trinity Church, Princeton.
 The Rev. Hiram Robbins Harold, Missionary, Rector elect of St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, and of St. John's Church, Chw's Landing.
 The Rev. Matthew Henry Henderson, Rector of Trinity Church, Newark.

- The Rev. Peter Lott Jaques, Missionary, Rector elect of St. Luke's Church, Hope, Minister of Christ Church, Johnsonsbrough, and officiating in Murksborough.
- The Rev. Jehu Jones.
- The Rev. John P. Lathrop, Deacon, Principal Teacher in St. Mary's Hall, Burlington.
- The Rev. Francis Prioleau Lee, Missionary, Rector elect of St. Paul's Church, Camden, of St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and of Trinity Church, Moorestown.
- The Rev. Matthew Matthews.
- The Rev. Richard Channing Moore, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.
- The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.
- The Rev. Norman Nash.
- The Rev. Frederick Ogilby.
- The Rev. Edward G. Prescott, Rector elect of St. John's Church, Salem.
- The Rev. Samuel Starr, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.
- The Rev. Thomas Tanser, Missionary, officiating in St. George's Church, Penn's Neck ; St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill ; St. Thomas's Church, Glassborough, and Zion Chapel, Moravia.
- The Rev. John M. Ward, Missionary, Rector elect of St. Paul's Church, Hoboken.
- The Rev. Samuel Ashton Warner, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Paterson.
- The Rev. James A. Williams, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange.
- The Rev. Benjamin Davis Winslow, Deacon, officiating in St. Mary's Church, Burlington, and in St. Stephen's Church, Willingborough.
- The Rev. John Wourt, Rector of Trinity Church, Swedesborough.
- The Rev. Henry Zell, Missionary, Rector of Zion Church, Pelvidere, and of St. James's Church, Knowlton.—39.
- Attest. G. W. DOANE, *Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey.*
Philadelphia, 5th September, 1838.

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

- The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D., Philadelphia.
- The Rev. William Adderly, Missionary at Georgetown, and other places in Beaver County.
- The Rev. Charles H. Alden, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Robert Ayres, Franklin, Venango County.
- The Rev. Pierre Teller Babbit, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Erie County.
- *The Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, Assistant Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Frederick W. Bausley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia County.
- The Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster.
- The Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Charles Breck, Deacon, Missionary at Wellsborough, Tioga County.
- The Rev. Thomas Briantall, Rector of Zion Church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Gray's Ferry, Assistant Minister of St. James's (Swedes) Church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia County.
- The Rev. William Bryant, Rector of All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia, and Missionary.
- The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Piqua, Chester County, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster County.
- The Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, East Nantmeal, Chester County ; St. Thomas's Church, Morgantown, Berks County, and Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster County.
- The Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of Gloria Dei Church, Southwark, Philadelphia, and of the other Swedes Churches.
- The Rev. John B. Clemons, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Thomas Crampton, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County.
- The Rev. Christian F. Crusc, D. D., Professor in St. Paul's College, Flushing, New-York.
- The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. William N. Diehl, Germantown, Assistant Minister of Christ (Swedes) Church, Upper Marion, Montgomery County.
- The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia.

* Mr. Balch has since become Rector of St. Barthomew's Church, New York.

- The Rev. William Douglass, (a coloured man,) Rector of St. Thomas's (African) Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. George C. Drake, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburgh, and Missionary at other places in Columbia County.
- The Rev. Henry W. Durachet, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Bristol, Bucks County.
- The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Deacon, Rector of Grace Church, Honesdale, Wayne County, and Missionary there, and at Carbondale, Luzerne County.
- The Rev. Frederick Freiman, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia County.
- The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette County, and Missionary at Pike Run, Washington County.
- The Rev. Patrick Henry Greenleaf, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County.
- The Rev. Richard D. Hall, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Nathaniel Sayre Harris, officiating in the Congregation of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. William Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester County, and Missionary.
- The Rev. William S. Hinds, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. John F. Hoff, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin County, and Missionary at Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, and Thompsettown, Juniata County.
- The Rev. John W. Hoffman, Teacher in the Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. William Hommann, Deacon, Rector of St. Gabriel's Church, Douglasville, (Morlatten,) Berks County, and Missionary.
- The Rev. Joseph Jaquet, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. John I. Kerr, Rector of Trinity Church, Connelsville, and Missionary there, and at Uniontown, Fayette County, and Greensburgh, Westmoreland County.
- The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, and Missionary there, and at Wayne Township and Red Bank, Armstrong County.
- The Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, and Grace Church, Halmesville, Bucks County.
- The Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, Pittsburgh.
- The Rev. Freeman Lane, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna County, and Missionary there, and at Pike, Bradford County.
- The Rev. Alfred Lee, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware County.
- The Rev. Samuel Tiffany Lord, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County, and Missionary there, and at Rockville, Crawford County.
- The Rev. Alfred Londerback, Rector of Christ Church, Danville, Columbia County, and St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, Northumberland County, and Missionary.
- The Rev. John H. Mursden, Harrisburgh.
- The Rev. James May, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. George Minter, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester County.
- The Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, M. D., Deacon, Rector of Christ Church, Alleghany, Pittsburgh, and Missionary.
- The Rev. Alfred A. Miller, Deacon, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill County.
- The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks County.
- The Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. George W. Natt, Deacon, Rector of St. John's Church, Belle Fonte, Centre County, and Missionary.
- The Rev. Edmund Neville, Deacon.
- The Rev. William H. Odenheimer, Deacon, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. William S. Perkins, Rector of St. James's Church, Bristol, Bucks County.
- The Rev. Charles E. Plensants, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, and St. Mark's Church, New-Milford, Susquehanna County, and Missionary.
- The Rev. William H. Rees, Rector of St. David's (Radnor) Church, Newtown, Delaware County.
- The Rev. John Reynolds, Rector of St. James's Church, Perkiomen, and St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery County.
- The Rev. Greendary W. Ridgley, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks Co.
- The Rev. John Rodney, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia County.
- The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton County.
- The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia County.
- The Rev. Isaac Smith, Missionary at Muncy and Williamsport, Lycoming County, and Milton, Northumberland County.

- The Rev. Nathan Stem.
 The Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.
 The Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, and St. Paul's Church, Chester, Delaware County.
 The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, Carlisle, Rector of Christ Church, Huntington, Adams County.
 The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.
 The Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.
 The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Philadelphia, Secretary to the Board of Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.
 The Rev. Alexander Varian, Lancaster.
 The Rev. Thomas West, Philadelphia.
 The Rev. William White, Deacon, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler County, and Trinity Church, Freeport, Armstrong County, and Missionary.
 The Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides, Deacon, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery County, and Missionary there, and at Phoenixville, Chester County.
 The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D., Philadelphia.
 The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, New-York.
 The Rev. Edwin W. Wiltbank, Deacon, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Westchester, Chester County, and St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware County.
 The Rev. James Wiltbank, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.
 The Rev. Christian Wiltberger, Rector of Immanuel Church, Kensington, Philadelphia.
 Total, 37.

Attest, Sep. 17th, 1838.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE.

- The Rev. George Allen, Professor in Newark College, Newcastle county.
 The Rev. John P. Bausman, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Middletown, Newcastle county, and St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Kent county.
 The Rev. Corry Chambers, Rector of Christ Church, Milford, Kent county, and St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Christ Church, Laurel, and St. John's Church, Little Hill, Sussex county, and Missionary.
 The Rev. William James Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, and Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred, Newcastle county.
 The Rev. Archibald T. K. McCallum, Deacon, Brandywine, Newcastle county.
 The Rev. John W. McCullough, Deacon, Rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington, and St. James's Church, Stanton, Newcastle county.
 The Rev. John Linn McKim, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Lewes, St. George's Chapel, St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, and Prince George's Church, Dagsborough, Sussex county.
 The Rev. Richard S. Mason, D. D., President of Newark College, Newcastle county.
 The Rev. William Nelson Pendleton, Professor in Newark College, Newcastle county, and performing Missionary duties in Pennsylvania.
 The Rev. Stephen W. Prentman, Rector of Immanuel Church, Newcastle, Newcastle county.

Total—10.

Attest,

H. U. ONDERDONK, *Acting provisionally as Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.*

September 13th, 1838

DIOCESE OF MARYLAND.

- The Rev. Walter D. Addison, residing at Georgetown, D. C.
 The Rev. Henry Ainsmith, Rector of St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, near Annapolis, Ann Arundel county.
 The Rev. Charles C. Austin, Rector of St. Thomas's Parish, Baltimore county.
 The Rev. Thomas Bayne, Rector of Dorchester Parish, Dorchester county.
 The Rev. Henry B. Bean, Rector of Christ Church, Washington City.
 The Rev. Thomas Billopp, Rector of King and Queen's Parish, St. Mary's county.
 The Rev. Oleott Bullock, Rector of Christ Church Parish, Calvert county.
 The Rev. Upton Beall, Rector of All Saints' Parish, Frederick county.
 The Rev. William Bryant, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Baltimore.
 The Rev. Wm. T. Chesley, Rector of St. James's Parish, West River, Ann Arundel county.

- The Rev. John Claxton, Rector of St. Andrew's and All Faith Parishes, St. Mary's county.
- The Rev. Henry Crosdale, Rector of Somerset and Coventry Parishes, Somerset county.
- The Rev. John Delaplaine, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Hancock, Washington county.
- The Rev. William Duke, residing at Elkton, Cecil county.
- The Rev. Ira A. Easter, Rector of Sherwood Chapel, Baltimore county.
- The Rev. John Forman, residing in Poplar Town, Worcester county.
- The Rev. Levi I. Gilliss, Rector of Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's Parishes, Montgomery county.
- The Rev. Robert W. Goldsborough, Rector of All Hallow's Parish, Ann Arundel county.
- The Rev. Robert Lloyd Goldsborough, Rector of St. George's and St. John's Parishes, Havre De Grace, Harford county.
- The Rev. Henry B. Goodwin, Charles county.
- The Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.
- The Rev. William Hawley, Rector of St. John's Church, Washington City.
- The Rev. F. T. Hanson.
- The Rev. Matthias Harris, Rector of Emanuel Parish, Cumberland, Alleghany county.
- The Rev. Hugh T. Harrison, Rector of St. John's and Christ Churches, Queen Caroline Parish, Oakland Mills, Ann Arundel county.
- The Rev. Alfred Holmead, Rector of St. James's Parish, Baltimore county.
- The Rev. Hector Humphrey, D. D., Principal of St. John's College, Annapolis.
- The Rev. Orlando Hutton, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church, Baltimore.
- The Rev. Warner Hoyt, Rector of All Hallow's and Worcester Parishes, Worcester county.
- The Rev. John Johns, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Baltimore.
- The Rev. Leonard H. Johns, St. Paul's Church, Sharpshurg, Washington county.
- The Rev. Clement F. Jones, Rector of Chester Parish, Chestertown, Kent county.
- The Rev. Norris M. Jones, residing in St. Mary's county.
- The Rev. John K. Keech, Rector of St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, residing at Belle Air, Harford county.
- The Rev. Henry S. Kepler, Assistant Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Baltimore.
- The Rev. Samuel C. Kerr, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's county.
- The Rev. George McElhiney, Rector of St. Ann's Parish, Annapolis.
- The Rev. Georgeo L. Machenheimer, Rector of Queen Ann's Parish, Prince George's county.
- The Rev. Henry M. Mason, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot county.
- The Rev. James A. McKenney, Rector of William and Mary's Parish, Charles county.
- The Rev. Alexander M. Marbury, Rector of St. John's Church, Georgetown, D. C.
- The Rev. Benjamin M. Miller, Rock Creek Church, D. C.
- The Rev. Andrew T. McCortuick, residing in Washington City, D. C.
- The Rev. R. Mitchell, Rector of William and Mary's Parish, St. Mary's county.
- The Rev. John Owen, Rector of Trinity Church, Washington City.
- The Rev. William Pinkney, Rector of Zion and St. Matthew's Churches, Bladensburg, Prince George's county.
- The Rev. Robert Prout, Rector of Durham Parish, Charles county.
- The Rev. Richard H. Phillips, Rector of St. Mark's Parish, Frederick county.
- The Rev. Robert Piggot, Rector of St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil county, and Shrewsbury Parish, Kent county.
- The Rev. Joshua Peterkin, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, and St. James's First African Church, Baltimore.
- The Rev. Francis Peck, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Baltimore.
- The Rev. Willie Peck.
- The Rev. J. J. Robertson, D. D., Missionary to Greece.
- The Rev. John P. Robins, Assistant Minister of All Hallow's Parish, Worcester county.
- The Rev. John P. Robinson, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann county.
- The Rev. Purmell F. Smith, residing at Georgetown, Kent county.
- The Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot county.
- The Rev. Phillip Slaughter.
- The Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Rector of St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery county, and Zion Parish, Frederick county.
- The Rev. Fitch W. Taylor.
- The Rev. Edwin M. Van Dousen, Rector of Broad Creek Parish, Prince George's county.

The Rev. John Wiley, Rector of St. John's Church, Hagerstown.
 The Rev. Wm. E. Wyatt, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.
 The Rev. Lemuel Wilmer, Rector of Port Tobacco Parish, Charles county.
 The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Christ Church, Prince George's and Charles's counties.
 The Rev. Henry Williams, Rector of All Saints' Parish, Calvert county.
 The Rev. Richard Henry Waters, Rector of Spring Hill and Stepeny Parishes, Somerset county.—67.

Attest,

W. E. WYATT, *President of Standing Committee.*

DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

The Right Rev. H. C. Moore, D. D., Rector of the Monumental Church, Richmond, & Richmond.
 The Right Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., Assistant Bishop, Millwood, Clarke county.
 The Rev. Ephraim Adams, St. James's Church, Drummondtown.
 The Rev. George Adie, Shelburn Parish, Leesburg, Loudon.
 The Rev. William Armstrong, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, Wheeling, Ohio county.
 The Rev. Thomas Atkinson, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.
 The Rev. Parke F. Berkeley, Raleigh and Dale Parishes, Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield.
 The Rev. Hobart M. Bartlett, Assistant Minister of Bristol Parish, Petersburg.
 The Rev. William V. Bowers, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover, Thomson's Store.
 The Rev. S. T. Carpenter, St. George's Church, Accomack.
 The Rev. Mark L. Chevers, St. John's Church, Hampton, Old Point Comfort.
 The Rev. Josias Clapham, officiating in Halifax county.
 The Rev. Nicholas H. Cobbs, Russell Parish, Bedford, Lynchburg.
 The Rev. John Cole, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper Courthouse.
 The Rev. William Crawford, Louisa Courthouse.
 The Rev. John Cooke, officiating in Hanover, Newfound Mills, Hanover.
 The Rev. John T. Clarke, Mount Laurel Church, Halifax, Mount Laurel, Halifax.
 The Rev. Robert P. Croes.
 The Rev. James M. Cofer, Tilotson Parish, New Store, Buckingham.
 The Rev. Edmund Christian.
 The Rev. Charles B. Dana, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria, D. C.
 The Rev. James Doughen, St. James's Parish, Northam, Bellarm, Goochland.
 The Rev. Adam Empie, D. D., St. James's Church, Richmond.
 The Rev. David M. Fackler, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann.
 The Rev. William Friend, St. Peter's, Port Royal, and St. Mary's, Caroline, Rapp's Academy, Caroline.
 The Rev. C. Goodrich, St. Paul's Parish, King George.
 The Rev. Frederick D. Goodwin, Augusta Parish, Staunton, Augusta.
 The Rev. Zach. H. Goldsmith, Hampstead, King George.
 The Rev. John Grammer, Antrim Parish, Halifax, C. H.
 The Rev. William H. Hart, Henrico Parish, Richmond.
 The Rev. John H. Hill, Missionary, Athens, Greece.
 The Rev. William Hodges, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.
 The Rev. William P. C. Johnson, Pohick Church, Fairfax, Alexandria, D. C.
 The Rev. Thomas Jackson, Alexandria, D. C.
 The Rev. J. E. Jackson, Christ Church, Winchester, Winchester, Frederick.
 The Rev. William M. Jackson, Wickliffe Parish, Berryville, Clarke.
 The Rev. William G. Jackson, Hungar's Parish, Eastville, Northampton.
 The Rev. James T. Johnston, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, Alexandria, D. C.
 The Rev. Alexander Jones, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson, Charleston, Jefferson.
 The Rev. William G. H. Jones, St. Thomas's Church, Orange, Orange, C. H.
 The Rev. Jacob Keeling, Suffolk.
 The Rev. René Keith, D. D., Prof. in Theological Seminary, of Va., Alexandria, D. C.
 The Rev. Edward R. Lippitt, Prof. in Theological Seminary, of Va., Alexandria, D. C.
 The Rev. George Lemmon, Hamilton and Leeds Parishes, Warrenton, Fauquier.
 The Rev. Thomas E. Locke, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg.
 The Rev. Charles Mami, Abbingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester.
 The Rev. Edward C. McGuire, St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg.
 The Rev. Francis B. McGuire, Christ Church, Lancaster, Nuttsville, Lancaster.
 The Rev. John P. McGuire, St. Ann's and St. Farnham Parishes, Loretto, Essex.
 The Rev. John Martin, Kanawha Parish, Kanawha Courthouse.
 The Rev. Richard K. Meade, Fredericksville Parish, Charlottsville, Albemarle.
 The Rev. Z. Mead, Editor of Southern Churchman, Richmond.
 The Rev. Launcelot B. Minor, Missionary to Africa, Cape Palmas.

- The Rev. Alexander Norris, Westover Parish, Charles' City Courthouse.
 The Rev. George W. Nelson, Lunenburg and Farnham Parish, Richmond, Warsaw, Richmond county.
 The Rev. Robert E. Northam, Martin's Brandon, Prince George, and Cabin Point, Surry, Cabin Point, Surry.
 The Rev. William Norwood, Assistant Minister Monumental Church, Richmond.
 The Rev. John Payne, Missionary to Africa, Cape Palmas.
 The Rev. W. N. Pendleton, Professor in Newark College, Del., Newark, Del.
 The Rev. Joseph Packard, Professor in Theological Seminary of Va. Alexandria, D. C.
 The Rev. Martin P. Parks, Christ Church, Norfolk.
 The Rev. Julian E. Sawyer, Alexandria, D. C.
 The Rev. J. S. Swift, Denon.
 The Rev. Andrew Syme, D. D., Bristol Parish, Petersburg.
 The Rev. Horace Stringfellow, Frederick Parish, Millwood, Clarke county.
 The Rev. Thomas Smith, Newport Parish, Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
 The Rev. Nelson Sals, Lexington and Nelson Parishes, New Glasgow, Amherst.
 The Rev. William Scull, St. James's and Haymarket Parishes, Brentsville, Prince Wm.
 The Rev. Charles C. Taliaferro, Norbonne Parish, Berkeley, Martinsburg, Berkeley.
 The Rev. John Towles, Barhamville, New Kent.
 The Rev. John H. Wingfield, Portsmouth Parish, Portsmouth.
 The Rev. George Woodbridge, Christ Church, Richmond, Richmond.
 The Rev. William N. Ward, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania, and St. Margaret's, Caroline, Harris', Louisa.
 The Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle, and Moore Parish, Nelson, Garland, Albemarle.
 The Rev. Dabney M. Wharton, Botetourt Parish, Big Lick, Botetourt.
 The Rev. John W. Woodville, St. Mark's Parish, Stevensburg, Culpepper.—76.
 The Rev. George Jones, (of N. Y.) Chaplain U. S. Navy, Navy Yard, Gosport.

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Attest,

H. ANTHON.

DIOCESE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

- The Right Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, D. D., LL. D., Bishop, residing in Raleigh.
 The Rev. John Burke, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
 The Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
 The Rev. Moses A. Curtis, Rector of Episcopal School, Raleigh.
 The Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ Church, Rowan county.
 The Rev. Robert B. Drane, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
 The Rev. Edward M. Forbes, Missionary at Pettigrew's Chapel, and parts adjacent.
 The Rev. George W. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.
 The Rev. William M. Green, Professor at University of Chapel Hill.
 The Rev. William N. Hawks, Rector of the Griffin School, Newbern.
 The Rev. Samuel J. Johnston, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
 The Rev. John Morgan, Missionary.
 The Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott, Rector of St. John's Church in the Wilderness, Flat-Rock.
 The Rev. Cameron F. MacRae, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
 The Rev. Win. Prout, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
 The Rev. John M. Robinson, residing in Alabama.
 The Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola.
 The Rev. John Singletary, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
 The Rev. James Sunderlund, Missionary at Louisburgh.
 The Rev. Harvey Stanley, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
 The Rev. William Thurston, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and St. John's Church, Williamsborough.
 The Rev. John Toland, officiating at Bath, Beaufort county.
 The Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.

I hereby certify that the above list is correct.

L. SILLIMAN IVES, *Bishop of North-Carolina.*

DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

- The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D., Bishop, and Rector of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.
 The Rev. Jasper Adams.
 The Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.

- The Rev. Wm. J. Boone, Missionary from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to China.
- The Rev. David T. Campbell, Minister of Pineville Chapel, St. Stephen's Parish, and of the Chapels at the Rocks and Black Oak, in St. John's, Berkeley.
- The Rev. John W. Chandler.
- The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Rector of the Church at Claremont.
- The Rev. Thomas C. Dupont, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, at Grahamville.
- The Rev. Francis P. De Lavaux, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.
- The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson.
- The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector of St. Mark's, Clarendon.
- The Rev. Stephen Elliott, Sen., Rector of Prince William's Parish.
- The Rev. John S. Field, residing at Greenville.
- The Rev. P. H. Folker, Acting Librarian of the P. E. Society, for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina.
- The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Minister of Christ Church Parish.
- The Rev. James H. Fowles, Rector of Christ Church, Wilton.
- The Rev. Hugh Fraser, residing in Prince Frederick's Parish.
- The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D., Rector of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.
- The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono, and of St. Paul's Church, Summerville.
- The Rev. Alston Gibbes.
- The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, residing in St. John's Parish, Colleton.
- The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector of All Saints' Parish, Waccamaw.
- The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.
- The Rev. J. S. Hanckell, Deacon, Charleston.
- The Rev. Robert T. Howard, Deacon, Assistant Minister at St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.
- The Rev. Richard Johnson, Rector of St. Matthew's Parish.
- The Rev. Paul Trapier Keith, Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw, Georgetown.
- The Rev. Abraham Kaufman, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.
- The Rev. Maurice H. Lauce, residing in Charleston.
- The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, Rector of Trinity Church, Edisto, and of St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville, Edisto.
- The Rev. David McElheran, Rector of St. Helena Church, on St. Helena Island.
- The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector of St. David's Parish, Cleraw.
- The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector of Grace Church, Camden.
- The Rev. Charles C. Pinckney, Rector of Christ Church, Greenville.
- The Rev. William T. Potter, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Paudleton.
- The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector of the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis, and Grace Church, Moultrieville, Sullivan's Island.
- The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.
- The Rev. W. W. Spear, Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.
- The Rev. N. B. Screven, Missionary on the Estates of the Messrs. Clarksons, on the Waterce.
- The Rev. Edward Thomas, Rector of St. John's Parish, Berkeley.
- The Rev. Paul Trapier, Minister of St. Stephen's Missionary Chapel, Charleston.
- The Rev. Cranmore Wallace, Rector of St. James's Church, James's Island.
- The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector of St. Helena's Church, Beaufort.
- The Rev. Benjamin C. Webb, Missionary in Prince William's Parish, among the Slave Population.
- The Rev. U. M. Wheeler, Rector of Trinity Church, Society Hill.
- The Rev. Thomas J. Young, Rector of St. John's Parish, Colleton.—46.
- N. BOWEN, Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina.*

GEORGIA.

- The Rev. Edward Neufville, Rector of Christ Church, Savannah.
- The Rev. Edward E. Ford, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Augusta.
- The Rev. Theodore B. Bartow, Rector of Christ Church, St. Simon's.
- The Rev. Seneca G. Bragg, Rector of Christ Church, Macon.
- The Rev. William D. Cairns, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbus.
- The Rev. John J. Hunt, Missionary, Athens, Clark county.
- The Rev. George White, Savannah.—7.
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Attest,

H. ANTHON.

DIOCESE OF OHIO.

- The Right Rev. Charles P. McIlvaine, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and President of the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Ohio, and Kenyon College, Gambier.
- The Rev. Ethan Allen, Minister of Christ Church, Dayton.
- The Rev. Benjamin P. Aydelott, D. D., President of the Woodward College, and High School, Cincinnati.
- The Rev. Norman Badger, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Utica.
- The Rev. Thomas Barrow, Minister of St. Luke's Church, Columbia.
- The Rev. Alfred Blake, B. D., Deacon.
- The Rev. Albert T. Bledsoe.
- The Rev. James Bonnar, Deacon.
- The Rev. Ebenezer Boyden, Rector of Trinity Church, Cleveland.
- The Rev. Abraham Bronson, Minister of Bethel Church, Boston.
- The Rev. Sherlock A. Bronson, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Granville.
- The Rev. John T. Brooke, Rector of Christ Church, Cincinnati.
- The Rev. John L. Bryan, Minister of Christ Church, Windsor.
- The Rev. Erastus Burr.
- The Rev. Anson Clark, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Elyria.
- The Rev. Chauncey Colton, D. D., Minister of Harcourt Parish, and Professor of Pastoral Divinity and Sacred Rhetoric in the Theological Seminary, Gambier.
- The Rev. Samuel R. Crane, Rector of St. John's Church, Ohio City.
- The Rev. Seth Davis, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hamilton.
- The Rev. Heman Dyer, Principal of the Junior Preparatory School, Kenyon College, Gambier.
- The Rev. Joshua T. Eaton, residing at Painville.
- The Rev. Abraham Edwards, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Radnor.
- The Rev. Thomas Fairchild, B. D., Minister of Christ Church, Liverpool, and St. Philip's Church, Strongsville.
- The Rev. William Granville, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Medina, and in charge of St. Jude's Church, Montville.
- The Rev. Richard Gray, Minister of St. James's Church, Cross Creek, and St. John's Church, Springfield, Jefferson county.
- The Rev. Alvah Guion, Rector of St. James's Church, Piqua.
- The Rev. C. L. F. Haensch, Minister of St. Luke's Church, Marietta.
- The Rev. Albert Helfenstein, Senior, Minister of St. John's Church, Worthington, and Grace Church, Berkshire.
- The Rev. John Hall, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Ashtabula, and officiating in St. Michael's Church, Unionville.
- The Rev. William F. Halsey, Minister of St. Philip's Church, Circleville.
- The Rev. Anson B. Hard, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Mount Vernon.
- The Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Minister of St. James's Church, Boardman, and St. Stephen's Church, Canfield.
- The Rev. Burton H. Hickox, Minister of Grace Church, Maumee City, and in charge of St. Mark's Church, Manhattan.
- The Rev. Thomas Horrell.
- The Rev. Henry V. D. Johns, Rector of Christ Church, Cincinnati.
- The Rev. T. M. Leavenworth, Minister of St. John's Church, Huron.
- The Rev. James McElroy, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Delaware.
- The Rev. Green Miller, Minister of Christ Church, Franklin.
- The Rev. William Mitchell, Minister of St. Stephen's Church, East Liverpool, Columbiana county.
- The Rev. Intrepid Morse, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Steubenville.
- The Rev. Joseph Muescher, Professor of Biblical Literature in the Theological Seminary of Ohio, Gambier.
- The Rev. William H. Newman, Minister of Trinity Church, Newark.
- The Rev. Henry Payne, Minister of All Souls' Church, Springfield.
- The Rev. Edward W. Peet, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Chillicothe.
- The Rev. William Preston, Minister of Trinity Church, Columbus.
- The Rev. Ephraim Punderson, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, and in charge of Trinity Church, Lyme.
- The Rev. Thomas H. Quinn, Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Ashtabula, and Trinity Church, Jefferson.
- The Rev. Alvah Sanford, Episcopal Female Institute of Granville.
- The Rev. William A. Smallwood, Rector of St. James's Church, Zanesville.
- The Rev. William Sparrow, D. D., Vice-President and Minor Professor of Divinity in the Theological Seminary, and Kenyon College, Gambier.

- The Rev. John Swan, Minister of St. Timothy's Church, Masillon.
 The Rev. John Williamson, residing at Gambier.
 The Rev. M. T. C. Wing, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the Theological Seminary, Gambier.
 The Rev. Thomas West, Missionary, residing at Deerfield.—53.
 * Not attested.

DIOCESE OF KENTUCKY.

- The Right Rev. B. B. Smith, D. D., Bishop, Professor of the Doctrines of Scripture and Duties of the Clergy, in the Theological Seminary of the Diocese of Kentucky, Lexington.
 The Rev. J. A. Adams, residing in Danville.
 The Rev. A. Cleaver, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Paris.
 The Rev. N. N. Cowgill, Deacon, Missionary at Shelbyville.
 The Rev. C. Crowe, Deacon, officiating in Leesburg and Versailles.
 The Rev. E. Davis, Deacon.
 The Rev. D. H. Deacon, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Henderson.
 The Rev. G. P. Giddings, Rector of Grace Church, Hopkinsville.
 The Rev. C. Higginson, Deacon.
 The Rev. William Jackson, Rector of Christ Church, Louisville.
 The Rev. M. F. Maury, Deacon, residing in Bath county.
 The Rev. William McCallen, Missionary at Russellville.
 The Rev. F. B. Nash, Deacon.
 The Rev. B. O. Peers, residing in Louisville.
 The Rev. C. H. Page, residing in Louisville.
 The Rev. W. Presby, Deacon, Missionary at Frankfort.
 The Rev. T. E. Paine, Missionary at Princeton.
 The Rev. J. Ward, residing in Lexington.
 The Rev. A. A. Willis, Deacon, Missionary at Smithland.
 The Rev. Ed. Winthrop, Professor of Sacred Literature in the Theological Seminary of Kentucky, Lexington.—20.
 A true list.

B. B. SMITH, *Bishop of Kentucky.*

DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.

- The Right Rev. James H. Otey, D. D., Bishop and Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.
 The Rev. Daniel Stephens, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Bolivar.
 The Rev. George Waller, D. D., Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.
 The Rev. Albert A. Muller, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville.
 The Rev. Leonidas Polk, Minister of ——— Chapel, Maury county.
 The Rev. John Chilton, Minister of Trinity Chapel, Haywood county.
 The Rev. Samuel G. Litton, Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange.
 The Rev. J. Thomas Wheat, Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.
 The Rev. Hamblin J. Lenoock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin.
 The Rev. William T. Lenoock, Teacher of a Select School, Maury county.
 The Rev. William Steel, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Fayette county.
 The Rev. Franklin G. Smith, Rector of Female Institute, Columbia.
 The Rev. Colley A. Foster, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Randolph and Ravenscroft Chapel, Tipton county.
 The Rev. John H. Norment, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Williamsport.
 The Rev. Abednego Stephens, Deacon, Professor of Languages, Nashville University.
 The Rev. Philip W. Alston, Deacon.
 The Rev. John H. Drummond, Deacon.
 The Rev. Edward Read, Deacon.
 The Rev. Robert G. Hays, residing at Wetumpka, Alabama.—19.
 I certify that the foregoing is a correct list of the Clergy belonging to the Diocese of Tennessee.

JAS. H. OTEY.

September, 3, 1838.

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

- The Rev. Thomas A. Cook, Missionary at Florence.
 The Rev. John R. Goodman, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

The Rev. Caleb S. Ives, Chaplain and Professor of Ancient Languages, Mobile Institute.
 The Rev. William Johnson, jr., Minister of St. John's Church, Montgomery.
 The Rev. Nathaniel P. Knapp, Minister of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
 The Rev. Samuel S. Lewis, Minister of Christ Church, Mobile.
 The Rev. Andrew Matthews.
 The Rev. Lucien B. Wright, Missionary at Haynesville and Selma.—8.
 SAMUEL S. LEWIS, *President of the Standing Committee.*

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN.

The Right Rev. Samuel Allen McCoskry, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Detroit.
 The Rev. Richard Bury, Rector of Trinity Church, Detroit.
 The Rev. Chauncey Fitch, Principal of the Branch of the University of Michigan, Detroit.
 The Rev. John O'Brien, Rector of Trinity Church, Monroe.
 The Rev. Algernon Sidney Hollister, Rector of St. John's Church, Troy, and of Zion Church, Pontiac.
 The Rev. Charles Reighly, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Ypsilanti.
 The Rev. William Clark, D. D., officiating in Livingston county.
 The Rev. Samuel Marks, Rector of St. Patrick's Church, Clinton.
 The Rev. George Washington Cole, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Tecumseh.
 The Rev. William N. Lyster, Missionary at large.
 The Rev. David I. Burger, Missionary at Adrian.
 The Rev. Samuel Buel, Minister of Trinity Church, Marshall.
 The Rev. Charles B. Stout, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Edwardsburgh.
 The Rev. James Selkraig, Rector of Trinity Church, Niles.
 The Rev. Marcus K. Cushman, Missionary at St. Joseph's.
 The Rev. Amos D. McCoy, Deacon.
 The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, officiating in Wisconsin.
 The Rev. Addison Searle, Chaplain U. S. Navy, officiating at the Navy Yard, Boston.
 The Rev. Francis H. Cuming, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor.—19.
 Attest,
 Signed, SAMUEL A. MCCOSKRY, *Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan.*

DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

The Right Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., Bishop.
 The Rev. E. G. Gear, Galena.
 The Rev. I. Hallam, Chicago.
 The Rev. Charles Dresser, Springfield.
 The Rev. J. L. Darrow, Edwardsburgh.
 The Rev. James De Pau, Alton.
 The Rev. John Selwood, Quincy.
 The Rev. James Douglass, Tremont.
 The Rev. Samuel Chase, Ottawa.—9.
 Not attested.

DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

The Rev. D. C. Page, Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez.
 The Rev. James A. Fox, Rector of Christ Church, Jefferson City.
 The Rev. M. L. Forbes, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus.
 The Rev. John F. Fish, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville.
 The Rev. Guy R. Pinching, Teacher of a School at Vicksburg.
 The Rev. Spencer Wall, Do. Do. at Woodville.—6.
 Attest, JAMES H. OTEY, *Having Provisional Charge of the Diocese of Mississippi.*

DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.

The Rev. David Brown, officiating at Jacksonville.
 The Rev. Robert Dyce, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Key West.
 The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, Rector of Trinity Church, St. Augustine.
 The Rev. Charles Jones, Rector of Christ Church, Apalachicola.

The Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola.
Attest, ROBERT DYCE, *A Member of the Standing Committee.*

DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA.

The Rev. N. S. Wheaton, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, New-Orleans.
The Rev. Roderick H. Ranney, Rector of Grace Church, St. Francisville.
St. Paul's Church, New-Orleans, Vacant.
Attest, N. S. WHEATON, *President of the Standing Committee.*

DIOCESE OF INDIANA.

The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Missionary Bishop in Missouri and Indiana,
residing at St. Louis.
The Rev. Ashbel Steele, Missionary, and Pastor of St. Paul's Church, New Albany.
The Rev. Samuel R. Johnson, Rector of St. John's Church, La Fayette.
The Rev. Archibald H. Lamon, Missionary, and Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Evansville.
The Rev. Robert Ash, Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Jeffersonville.
The Rev. James B. Britton, Missionary, and Pastor of Christ Church, Indianapolis.
The Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, Missionary, and Pastor of St. John's Church, Craw-
fordsville.
The Rev. George Fiske, Missionary, and Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Richmond.
The Rev. Henry Caswell, Missionary, and Pastor of Christ Church, Madison.
The Rev. Daniel V. M. Johnson, Missionary, and Pastor of ——— Church, Michigan
city.—10.
Taken from Journal of the Primary Convention, 1838.
Attest, H. ANTHON.

MISSOURI.

The Rev. Chaplin S. Hedges, Missionary at Palmyra and Hannibal.
The Rev. William Hommann, Missionary.
The Rev. Peter R. Minard, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Louis.
The Rev. Frederick F. Peake, Missionary at Boonville and Fayette.—4.
Not attested.

IOWA.

None.

WISCONSIN.

The Rev. Daniel E. Brown.
The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Missionary at Prairie Du Chien, Crawford county.
The Rev. Solomon Davis, Missionary to the Oneidas, Duck Creek, Brown county.
The Rev. John Noble, Missionary at Milwaukee.—4.
Not attested.

APPENDIX F.

Standing Committees during the Recess of the General Convention.

1. Committee on the Book of Common Prayer in the German Language. (This Committee was continued and permitted to issue an edition, allowed to be used until the next Convention. The subject of its ratification to be then taken up.) Right Rev. B. T. Onderdonk, Rev. Drs. Turner, Mullenberg, Keith, Crusé, Henry, Rev. Mr. J. C. Richmond, and Mr. Adolphe Frost. See Journal of 1835, pp. 51, 96. Journal of 1838, pp. 29, 97.

2. Committee to procure, by some publishing house, the printing of all the Journals. Right Rev. B. T. Onderdonk, Drs. Anthon and Hawks.

3. Committee to correct typographical errors in the stereotype plates of the Prayer Book, &c., and to set forth the Prayer Book so corrected. Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Rev. Dr. Dorr, and Dr. Lattell. Vide Journal, pp. 79, 110.

4. Committee to consider and report to the next General Convention, whether any, and if any, what action should be taken to improve the Legislation of the Church in relation to Ecclesiastical Trials, and directed to publish and circulate the result six months before the meeting. Bishops Onderdonk, of New-York, Hopkins, Doane, Ives, Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, Drs. De Lancey, Hawks, Milnor, Crocker, Anthon, Messrs. Binney, Meredith, Collins, Boardman and Warren.

5. Committee on Education, in accordance with the principles of the Church. Bishop Doane, Drs. Hawks and Mullenberg, and Rev. Mr. Peers.

6. Committee on Marriages prohibited by the Law of God. Bishops Griswold, Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania, and Brownell. Journal, p. 104.

Proposed Alterations of the Constitution.

Resolved, That it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is proposed to alter, at the next General Convention, the 1st Article of the Constitution of this Church, so that instead of the words, "At such time in every third year," it shall read, "On the first Wednesday in October in every third year, from the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one."

Resolved, That it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is proposed, at the next General Convention, to consider the following alteration of the Constitution, viz: Art. 6, to read as follows:

The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for that purpose, shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese, the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons, may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese. None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension or degradation from the Ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter or Deacon.

Done in General Convention, in the City of Philadelphia, September, 1838.

By Order of the House of Bishops.

ALEX. V. GRISWOLD, *Presiding Bishop.*

Attest, BIRD WILSON, D. D., *Secretary.*

By Order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM E. WYATT, D. D., *President.*

Attest, HENRY ANTHON, D. D., *Secretary.*

Amendment to the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

ART. 4. *Provided always*, That in relation to organized Dioceses having Bishops, the Board shall regulate the number of Missionary Stations, but the Bishop of the Diocese may select the Stations, and may at any time discontinue a Station, and in lieu of it establish one elsewhere.

Done in General Convention, in the City of Philadelphia, September, 1838.

By Order of the House of Bishops.

ALEX. V. GRISWOLD, *Presiding Bishop.*

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Attest, HENRY ANTRON, D. D., *Secretary.*

NOTICE.

THE next General Convention will be held in the City of New-York, on the first Wednesday in October, 1841.

☞ The Secretaries of Conventions will confer a favour, by forwarding to the Subscriber copies of the Journals of their respective Dioceses, as soon as they issue from the press.

HENRY ANTHON.

TRIENNIAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, respectfully present to the General Convention thereof, the following report, in compliance with the sixth article of the Constitution.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Board held its first meeting for organization on the first and second days of September, 1835, before the adjournment of the last General Convention.

The most important business transacted, was the location of the Committees, the Domestic in New-York, the Foreign in Philadelphia, the adoption of by-laws regulating the action of the Committees, and the designation of two stations for Missionary Bishops.

At an adjourned meeting, held on the 23d, 24th, and 25th of the same month, the location of the Foreign Committee was changed to New-York; and the Board became fully organized for the discharge of its important trusts, by the appointment of a Secretary and General Agent for each of its Committees.

The persons appointed to fill these offices were, the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., for the Domestic, and the Rev. James Milnor, D. D., for the Foreign Department. After rendering very important and valuable services, one for about a year and a half, the other for one year, these gentlemen resigned, and are succeeded respectively by the Rev. James D. Carder, and the Rev. John A. Vaughan.

The Board has held three annual meetings, one in New-York, one in Baltimore, and one in Boston; when it has received full and satisfactory reports of the doings of its Committees, and has taken such action for the proper regulation of the Missionary work as from time to time seemed necessary.

The following printed documents are submitted to the Convention, with this report, viz:—

1. Parts of the September and October number of the *Missionary Record* for 1835.
2. First Annual Report of the Board, 1836.
3. Second Annual Report of the Board, 1837.
4. Third Annual Report of the Board, 1838.
5. Also, a manuscript copy of the Report of the Domestic Committee, made to the Board at its present meeting.
6. And manuscript copy of the Report of the Foreign Committee, made at the same time.

Referring the Convention to these documents and papers for particular information, the Board will proceed to exhibit a general view of the affairs entrusted by the Church to its management.

TRIENNIAL REPORT.

FUNDS.—RECEIPTS.

The following amounts have been received since the last triennial report, August 19, 1835.

	Domestic.	Foreign.	Total.
1835, Aug. 19 to Nov. 25,			5,595 03
To 1836, June,	18,783 49	18,049 28	36,832 77
To 1837, June,	22,662 82	26,011 79	48,674 61
To 1838, June,	24,933 98	27,193 98	52,127 96
To 1838, September 1,	1,803 95	3,091 84	4,895 79
From other societies,	-	9,000 00	9,000 00
A donation, the interest of which is available,	10,000 00		10,000 00
	78,184 24	83,346 89	167,126 16
Making the available receipts in 36½ months,			157,126 16

N. B. The receipts from all sources for 34 months previous to the last triennial report, \$ 72,717 13

During the year ending June, 1835, two hundred Churches had contributed to these funds; in that ending June, 1838, three hundred and sixty-five.

PAYMENTS.

	Domestic.	Foreign.	Total.
1835, Aug. 19 to 1835, Nov. 25,			11,654 90
1836, June,	9,779 45	3,845 64	19,625 09
1837, June,	25,081 46	32,184 94	57,276 40
1838 “	26,154 56	32,916 40	59,070 96
1838, Sept. 1,	4,547 87	4,680 47	9,228 34
	65,563 35	79,637 45	156,855 69

Excess of available receipts over payments, 270 47

Balance August 19, 1835, 12,895 11

Balance now in Domestic Treasury, \$3,694 40 }

Balance now in Foreign Treasury, \$9,471 18 }

13,165 58

GENERAL VIEW OF MISSIONS.

DOMESTIC.

	Stations.	Missionaries
1835, August 19,	39	26
1838, September 1,	114	60

GREEN BAY MISSION SCHOOL.

This establishment is brought nearly to a close, in consequence of the removal of the Indians, and other causes. At the time of the last Convention the number of Scholars was fifty-three, the Superintendent having been instructed a few months before to reduce the number to fifty.

In April, 1836, there were sixty-one reported. In August, 1836, when it was visited by the Secretary and General Agent, the number was seventy. In October, 1836, the Superintendent was further instructed to reduce the number to twenty-five, as soon as convenient. In April, 1837, there were fifty-four. In March, 1838, thirty-two.

In May, 1838, it was determined to discontinue the School as soon as it could be justly done. In August, 1838, the Secretary and General Agent again visited it by instruction, when the number was reduced from thirty to ten.

A College has been chartered upon the Mission lands, and arrangements are on foot for disposing of the title to this new institution, which is to be Episcopal in its character and influence, and in which Indian youths will enjoy special benefits.

The persons employed in the Green Bay School have been, the Rev. Daniel E. Brown, Superintendent, Mr. J. V. Suydam, Mr. J. G. Knapp, Mr. S. B. Sherwood, Mr. Edson Sherwood, Mrs. Brown, Miss Senah Crawford, Miss Susan Crawford, and labourers.

ONEIDA MISSION.

The Rev. Solomon Davis was appointed Missionary to the Oneidas in October, 1835; Mr. S. B. Sherwood, teacher, in October, 1837, and Miss S. A. Williams, female teacher, in May, 1838. A church and parsonage house are building the present year, at the expense of the Indians, who also defray about one-third of the expense of the Mission. It is in a prosperous condition.

MENOMENEES AT LAKE WINNEBAGO.

The Rev. Henry Gregory and his wife, having been appointed teachers in an establishment of the United States Government, for the benefit of the Menomenees at Lake Winnebago, Wisconsin, Mr. Gregory was appointed Missionary to the Menomenees, in November, 1835. A little more than a year after, the establishment was relinquished by Government; and it being thought inexpedient to attempt a Mission among that tribe, at the sole expense of the Church, Mr. Gregory resigned.

WESTERN INDIANS.

Much interest has been felt for the aborigines in the Indian territory, both on account of the new relation which they there assume, and from the condition of a band of Senecas, who profess to be Episcopalians. In May, 1838, the Rev. Mr. Gregory was appointed Missionary to Fort Leavenworth, with the view of collecting information, and preparing the way for Missions in that country, should Providence open the door. Mr. Gregory has accepted the appointment conditionally, for one year; and will probably soon enter upon its duties.

MAINE.

In this State, Bangor and Augusta are stations, and the Rev. N. Hoppin, who has recently resigned, has been the Missionary at the former nearly a year.

The Rev. W. Horton, was a Missionary at Saco a short time, but is now supported by his people.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

The stations in this State are Concord and Drewsville; at the former, the Rev. P. S. Ten Broeck being the Missionary. This station is to be discontinued on the 1st of October.

The Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, who has resigned, was for a time the Missionary at Drewsville.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The stations are Cambridge and Nantucket; the Rev. T. H. Vail, and the Rev. M. Marcus, being Missionaries. The first of these is to be discontinued on the 1st of October.

WISCONSIN.

There are five Missionary stations in Wisconsin: Prairie du Chien, Milwaukee, Navarino, Mineral Point, and Cassville. At the first station is the Rev. R. F. Cadle, long known as a faithful Missionary in the Northwest; at the other, the Rev. John Noble. Navarino was supplied by Mr. Cadle about a year and a half; and he has also frequently visited Cassville and Mineral Point. Six additional Missionaries are needed in this Territory.

IOWA.

Dubuque is the only place yet recognized as a station in this Territory, in which there is not a Missionary, or other Clergyman of the Church. There

are several places where the services are needed, and the Church could be planted. Mr. Cadlo has visited the Territory, and officiated at Dubuque several times. The services of five Missionaries are needed.

MISSOURI.

The stations at Missouri at present are Palmyra, Boonville, Fayette, St. Charles, Fulton, Independence, Buffalo Knob, and the northern part of St. Louis. The only Missionaries are, the Rev. Chaplin S. Hedges at the first, and the Rev. F. F. Peake at the second station. Mr. Peake also officiates at Fayette.

The Rev. P. T. Rabbit was the Missionary at Boonville, and the Rev. Augustus Fitch, at St. Charles, for about a year: both have resigned and returned to the East. Ten or twelve Missionaries are greatly needed in this State.

ILLINOIS.

In this State, Galena, Collinsville, Quincy, Springfield, Tremont, Rushville, Ottawa, Dixonville, Alton, Juliet, Stephenson, and Pittsfield, are recognized as stations: the first eight having for their Missionaries the Rev. E. G. Gear, the Rev. J. L. Darrow, the Rev. John Sellwood, the Rev. Charles Dresser, the Rev. Wm. Douglass, the Rev. James Young, the Rev. Samuel Chase, and the Rev. James De Pui. These have all been appointed since the last Convention; and also, the Rev. A. H. Cornish, now on his way to a station.

Chicago and Jacksonville have ceased to be stations, and the Rev. Mr. Hallam, and the Rev. Mr. Batchelder, are therefore not Missionaries. The Rev. Mr. Tullidge resigned soon after the last Convention. The Rev. M. Dyer, and the Rev. J. C. Richmond, did not return to the State. Several more Missionaries are greatly needed in this important State.

INDIANA.

Crawfordsville, Evansville, New Albany, Richmond, Indianapolis, Madison, Michigan City, Jeffersonville, Lawrenceburg, Terre Haut, Vincennes, Logansport, Fort Wayne, and Mishawaka, are recognized as stations in this State; and at the first eight, the following Clergymen are Missionaries: the Rev. M. Hoyt, the Rev. A. H. Lamson, the Rev. A. Steele, the Rev. G. Fiske, the Rev. J. B. Britton, the Rev. H. Caswall, the Rev. D. V. M. Johnson, and the Rev. R. Ash. Several of the vacant stations are places of importance.

The Rev. C. J. Todd was the Missionary at Logansport about a year. He has resigned. The Rev. Lloyd Windsor was the Missionary at Madison nearly a year. He has also resigned. The Rev. Mr. Lamson was the first Missionary at Madison; but his labours were subsequently transferred to Evansville. The Rev. Mr. Hoyt, at the time of the last Convention, the only Clergyman in Indiana, was then the Missionary at Indianapolis; but was subsequently transferred to Crawfordsville. He has recently resigned, to take effect in October next.

The number of Missionaries in Indiana ought to be early increased to twenty.

MICHIGAN.

The stations in Michigan are Troy, Niles, Clinton, Tecumseh, Dexter, St. Joseph, Edwardsburgh, Marshall, Monroe, Dearbornville, Jonesville, Black River, and Ann Arbor: in the first nine of which, the following Clergymen are Missionaries: the Rev. A. S. Hollister, the Rev. J. Selkrig, the Rev. S. Marks, the Rev. G. W. Cole, the Rev. D. J. Burger, the Rev. M. K. Cushman, the Rev. C. B. Stout, the Rev. S. Buel, and the Rev. J. O'Brien. The first two and the last, were in the State at the time of the last Convention; the other six have since been appointed.

The station at Monroe was for a time discontinued, but at the solicitation of the Bishop, was taken up for one year more. The Rev. Mr. Marks was for

about two years, the Missionary at Ann Arbor. The Rev. Mr. Iyster resigned two years ago.

The Rev. Mr. Bausman removed from his station about the same time.

There is still much very important ground to be occupied by the Church in Michigan, for which Missionaries are needed.

OHIO

The stations in Ohio are Boston, East Liverpool, Springfield, Maumee City, and Miami; and the Missionaries are, the Rev. A. Bronson, the Rev. H. Payne, the Rev. W. Mitchell, and the Rev. B. H. Hickox. The Rev. R. V. Rogers, the Rev. J. Hall, the Rev. S. A. Bronson, the Rev. S. Davis, the Rev. J. P. Bausman, and the Rev. T. H. Quinan, who have been Missionaries some part of the last three years, have resigned.

KENTUCKY.

The stations in this State are Paris, Russellville, Smithland, Frankfort, Paducah, Shelbyville, and Princeton; to which the following persons are Missionaries: the Rev. A. Cleaver, the Rev. W. McCallen, the Rev. A. A. Willis, the Rev. W. Presby, the Rev. F. B. Nash, the Rev. N. N. Cowgill, and the Rev. T. E. Paine; of these, the latter five have received their appointment, since the last Convention.

The Rev. D. H. Deacon has resigned, his people assuming his entire support.

The Rev. G. P. Giddinge has also ceased to be a Missionary, depending for his support upon his people and other sources.

The Rev. W. H. Purviance was for a few months Missionary to Frankfort. He is since deceased.

TENNESSEE.

The stations in Tennessee are Franklin, Randolph, Memphis, Jackson, Knoxville, Athens, Brownsville, and Pulaski; the Rev. H. J. Leacock, the Rev. C. A. Foster, and the Rev. G. Weller, D. D., being the Missionaries at the first three.

The Rev. A. A. Muller, D. D., the Rev. D. Stephens, D. D., and the Rev. S. G. Litton, were Missionaries at Clarksville, Bolivar, and La Grango, respectively, till January last.

The Rev. Thomas West was the Missionary at Jackson, until February last.

The Rev. John Drummond was the Missionary a few months at Wesley and Hunt's Corner.

The Rev. G. P. Waldo, officiated a short time at Franklin, as a Missionary.

The Rev. J. H. Norment was the Missionary at Randolph nearly a year. These have all resigned, or their parishes have ceased to be aided by the Missionary funds, by the advice of the Bishop. Several of the vacant stations are suffering greatly for want of Pastors. It is probable that ten Missionaries could be most usefully and judiciously employed in this State.

GEORGIA.

The stations in this State are Athens and Clarksville, at the first of which, the Rev. J. J. Hunt is Missionary; for the other, the Rev. E. B. Kellogg has been recently appointed Missionary.

Nothing very important has been effected by Missionary operations here, for want of men.

The labour of several could be usefully devoted to this State.

FLORIDA.

The stations are Key West, Apalachicola, Jacksonville, Marianna and Quincy: the Rev. R. Dyco and the Rev. C. Jones, being Missionaries at the first two.

The Rev. A. Steele, of Indiana, was the Missionary at Pensacola about a year after the meeting of the last Convention.

The Rev. D. Brown was for a considerable time Missionary at St. Augustine. These places having long enjoyed the aid of Missionary funds, and being now supposed to be able to sustain their own Pastors, are no longer stations: the Missionaries have been succeeded by Rectors now regularly settled in each. Several Missionaries ought to be employed in this Territory.

ALABAMA.

In this State the stations are Florence, Wetumpka, Hayneville, Tuscaloosa, Benton, Demopolis, Lafayette, Livingston, Huntsville, St. Johns in the Prairies, Irwinton and Marion: the Rev. T. A. Cook, the Rev. R. G. Hays, the Rev. L. B. Wright, and the Rev. N. P. Knapp, being Missionaries at the first four stations.

The Rev. Mr. Wright was the Missionary a short time at Livingston; afterward at Demopolis.

The Rev. John Avery, D. D., was a few months at St. Johns in the Prairies, and Greensboro, and died at his station.

The Rev. W. Johnson, of Montgomery, was a Missionary two years, but is now supported entirely by his people.

The Rev. A. Matthews was the Missionary at Tuscaloosa, until recently. He is not assigned again to a station.

No information has been received of the Rev. J. M. Robertson, reported to the last Convention as the Missionary at Huntsville. The number of Missionaries said to be at present needed in Alabama, is twenty.

MISSISSIPPI.

The stations at Mississippi are Woodville, Columbus, Manchester, Grand Gulf, Aberdeen, Macon, Holly Springs, Bay St. Louis, Clinton and Jackson: the Rev. J. F. Fish and the Rev. M. L. Forbes, being Missionaries at the first two.

The Rev. R. H. Ranney, nearly two years the Missionary at Grand Gulf, has resigned, and taken charge of a parish in Louisiana.

The Rev. R. Cox was the Missionary at Vicksburg nearly a year, but has resigned, and returned to the North.

Mississippi is in great need of twelve or fifteen Missionaries at an early period.

LOUISIANA.

There is but one station recognised at present in this State, Alexandria and Natchitoches; and that is without a Missionary.

The Rev. J. T. Wheat was a few months the Missionary in the upper part of New-Orleans. He has resigned.

The Rev. J. W. Monroe was also a few months at St. Francisville. These places are supposed to be now able to sustain pastors without aid from the Missionary funds.

The State has never been explored, but eight or ten Missionaries are, it is believed, needed in it at present.

FOREIGN.

	Stations.	Ordained Missionaries.	Females.	Lay Assis'ts.	Native Teachers.	Pupils reported.
1835, Aug. 19,	3	5	5	0	5	500
1838, Sept. 1,	7	9	10	2	20	1196
Appointed in the interim, }	4	6	7	3	16	0
Connection } having ceased, }	0	2	2	1	0	0

N. B. Appointed—Rev. Messrs. H. Southgate, T. S. Savage, M. D., J.

Payne, L. B. Minor, G. Benton, W. J. Boone, M. D., Mr. C. R. Lincoln, printer; Mr. E. S. Byron, Assistant; Mr. J. M. Thomson, Teacher; (five of these are married.) Miss F. Mulligan, teacher.

The connection of the following persons with the Committee has ceased, viz: Rev. H. Bryant returned from Greece, and Rev. F. R. Hanson from China, resigned. Mrs. Lockwood has deceased. Mr. J. M. Thomson (coloured) has been dismissed, and Mrs. Thomson has resigned.

For statements in full, see "Proceedings" 1838, since which no change has occurred known to the Board.

SUMMARY.

GREECE. Athens. 1 Missionary and wife; 3 female assistants; 5 male and 8 female Greek teachers; 630 pupils. Service is performed on Sunday in English and in modern Greek; 20 beneficiaries reside in the mission family, and several others have become teachers in government schools in Greece.

Syria. 1 Missionary and wife; 1 printer and wife; 1 male and 3 female Greek teachers, 220 pupils. At this station Divine Service is held on Sunday in English and in French.

The press has issued, since the last report, 4,195,255 pages; in all, 6,493,400 pages.

Croto. 1 Missionary and wife; 1 male, and 1 female Greek teacher; 281 pupils. This Mission has been established less than one year.

PERDIA. 1 exploring Missionary.

CHINA. (At Batavia.) 2 Missionaries, (1 married;) 1 native teacher, about 40 Chinese pupils in the schools.

W. AFRICA. C. Palmas. 3 Missionaries, (1 married;) two lay assistants; 25 pupils. Divine service is held at 3 stations. An interior station is in progress, 40 miles distant. Several of the native boys in the school can read and write, and 4 of them act as interpreters to the Missionaries, when preaching to the natives. Two church buildings are immediately needed.

SPIRIT OF MISSIONS.

Four thousand five hundred copies are now printed, nearly all being distributed among the clergy and subscribers. The expense to the Board has been yearly reduced, as the number of subscribers has increased; and the work at the present time is probably sustaining itself.

MISSIONARY BISHOPS.

The Board of Missions declares its growing conviction that the Missions of this Church, to be efficiently carried forward in the unorganized portions of our country and in foreign parts, require the early introduction of Episcopal supervision. Such supervision is needed in its appropriate official duties, as the Missions advance, and not less so, Bishops who shall be eminently Missionary in their labours in preaching the Gospel.

The "Proceedings" submitted, record the indefatigable labours of the Missionary Bishop already in the field, and bear witness to the efficiency of such an appointment. At his consecration, three years since, there was but one Episcopal Clergyman in Missouri and Indiana; now there are at least twelve.

The Board, thus impressed, has already recorded its conviction of the importance of another appointment, for the unorganized portions of the Southwest and the Indian Territory, to which may now be added Texas. It has taken the preparatory measure prescribed by the Canon, for the recognition of West tern Africa as an Episcopal station, believing that the Missionary operations there demand a head, who shall be eminently a Missionary Bishop.

INCREASE OF MISSIONARIES.

In the opinion of the Board, properly qualified Missionaries are required for the following stations, and should be sent forth as soon as practicable.

In the Domestic Department :

Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri,	20
Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan,	10
Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia,	10
Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana,	30

In the Foreign Department :

Two Missionaries, (one of whom should be a man of experience,) are needed for Constantinople. One at least should be added, at an early date, if possible, to the China Mission. At Cape Palmas, one Missionary is much needed, whose labours shall be exclusively given to the colonists around the Mission, and another to operate upon the natives with reference to an interior station. In Texas, several devoted Clergymen are needed at once. Should it be resolved to commence a Mission in Persia, the time cannot be far distant, when several Missionaries will be required for that service.

The Board is happy to add, that in reference to labours within the Greek Church, and in Texas, several Clergymen are already in treaty with the Foreign Committee.

Such additions will demand a large increase of funds : but past experience has proved, that when Missionaries offer, in whom the Church can fully confide, the means for their support are not wanting.

CONCLUSION.

The Board conceives that the increase of funds, of labourers, of parishes contributing, and the concurrent testimony of the Domestic and Foreign Committees, afford substantial evidence that the present Missionary organization has, by the blessing of God, realized every reasonable expectation. It is steadily gaining the confidence of the great body of the Church. Above all, does the spiritual success to be found in the stations of both Departments, indicate a higher sanction. The Board has reason to believe, that a spirit is now awakening in the Church, which will, under God, extend and deepen—a spirit which will prompt, in some way, to measures for extending the blessing of the Gospel at home and abroad, by the institutions and ministry of the Episcopal Church—a spirit which must issue in bringing the energies of that Church to bear far more widely upon the spiritually destitute. Believing that Missions at home and abroad, will be prosecuted with increasing vigor, the Board cannot but rejoice in the movement, which has placed these efforts under the present supervision. An unwavering adherence to the present organization, as a wisely appointed instrument, seems needed to realize, far more, the promises awaiting a Church, whose light is not hid, and whose charities are constrained, by the love of Christ, to seek the conversion of the world to God.

ALEX. V. GRISWOLD, *President.*

P. VAN PELT, *Secretary.*

C A N O N S

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

BEING THE

SUBSTANCE OF VARIOUS CANONS ADOPTED IN GENERAL CONVENTIONS OF SAID CHURCH, (FROM A. D. 1789, TO A. D. 1832,) AND SET FORTH, WITH ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS, IN GENERAL CONVENTION, A. D. 1832;

ALSO,

THE CANONS PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTIONS, A. D. 1835 AND 1838.

TO WHICH ARE ANNEXED THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH,

AND

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C O N S T I T U T I O N
OF THE
P R O T E S T A N T E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Adopted in General Convention, in Philadelphia, October, 1789.

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

ARTICLE II.

The Church in each Diocese 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 Diocese; and in all questions, when required by the Clerical and Lay representation from any Diocese, each order shall have one vote; and the majority of suffrages by Dioceses shall be conclusive in each order, provided such majority comprehend a majority of the Dioceses represented in that order. The concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention. If the Convention of any Diocese 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 Diocese 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 Diocese 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 Diocese to which he belongs; and a Bishop shall then preside.

ARTICLE IV.

The Bishop or Bishops in every Diocese shall be chosen agreeably to such rules as shall be fixed by the Convention of that Diocese: 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 part of the United States, or any Territory thereof not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted on acceding to this Constitution; and a new Diocese to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions.

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

No such new Diocese shall be formed, which shall contain less than eight thousand square miles in one body, and thirty Presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a Parish or Congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed, if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than eight thousand square miles, or less than thirty Presbyters who have been residing therein, and settled and qualified as above mentioned.

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

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

ARTICLE VI.

In every Diocese 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 Episcopal Church in the 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 Dioceses 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, 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 Dioceses which may have adopted the same; and all alterations shall be first proposed in one General Convention, and made known to the several Diocesan 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 2d 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.—See Bioren's edition of the Journals of the General Convention, 1817, pp. 61, 75, and 216.

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.—See Journals of the General Convention, pp. 248, 249.

The second sentence of the eighth article was adopted at the General Convention of 1811.—See Journals of General Convention, p. 274.

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

The fifth article was put into its present form at the General Convention of 1838.

The same Convention adopted the following alterations.—See Journal of General Convention of 1838, p. 24.

Strike out the word "States" wherever it occurs in the first and second articles, except where it follows the word "United," in the first part of the first article, and insert in lieu of the word "States" the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "State" wherever it occurs in the second, third and fourth articles, and insert in lieu thereof the word "Diocese."

Strike out the words "or District" in the fourth article.

Strike out the word "State" in the sixth article, and insert the word "Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the eighth article, and insert the word "Dioceses;" and in the eighth article strike out the words "or State" after the words "every Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "State" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Diocesan."

C A N O N S
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
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IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION, IN NEW-YORK, OCTOBER, 1832.

CANON I.

Of the Orders of Ministers in this Church.

[This Canon was first adopted in 1789.]

In this Church there shall always be three orders in the Ministry, viz: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.

CANON II.

Of the Election of Bishops.

[Repealed by the first Canon of 1835.]

CANON III.

Of the Certificates to be produced on the part of the Bishops elect.

[Former Canons on this subject were the second of 1789; the fourth of 1792, and the third of 1808.]

Sec. 1. Every Bishop elect, before his consecration, shall produce to the House of Bishops, from the Convention by whom he is elected, evidence of such election, and from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention, evidence of their approbation of his testimonials, and of their assent to his consecration, and also certificates respectively, in the following words: such certificates, in both cases, to be signed by a constitutional majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies composing the State Convention, or the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, as the case may be. The same evidence of election by, and the same certificate from the Members of, the State Convention, shall be presented to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention.

Testimony from the Members of the Convention in the Diocese from whence the Person is recommended for Consecration.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify, that A. B.

is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion or for viciousness in life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office. We do moreover jointly and severally declare, that we do in our conscience believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and Godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the office of a Bishop, to the honour of God and the edifying of his Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

The above certificate shall be presented to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention.

Testimony from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify, that A. B. is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion or for viciousness of life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office; but that he hath, as we believe, led his life for three years last past, piously, soberly, and honestly.

SECT. 2. If the House of Bishops consent to the consecration, the presiding Bishop, with any two Bishops, may proceed to perform the same, or any three Bishops, to whom he may communicate the testimonials.

CANON IV.

Of Standing Committees.

[Former Canons on this subject were the sixth of 1789; the second of 1795, and the fourth and twenty-fourth of 1805.]

SECT. 1. In every Diocese there shall be a Standing Committee, to be appointed by the Convention thereof, whose duties, except so far as provided for by the Canons of the General Convention, may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses. They shall elect from their own body a President and a Secretary. They may meet on their own adjournment, from time to time; and the President shall have power to summon special meetings whenever he shall deem it necessary.

SECT. 2. In every Diocese where there is a Bishop, the Standing Committee shall be a council of advice to the Bishop. They shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall wish for their advice. And they may meet of their own accord, and agreeably to their own rules, when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop.

SECT. 3. Where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical authority for all purposes declared in these Canons.

CANON V.

Of the Consecration of Bishops during the Recess of the General Convention.

[Former Canons on this subject were the second of 1789; the fifth of 1805, and the sixth of 1820.]

SECT. 1. If during the recess of the General Convention, the Church, in any Diocese, should be desirous of the Consecration of a Bishop elect, the Standing Committee of the Church in such Diocese may, by their President, or by some

person or persons specially appointed, communicate the desire to the Standing Committees of the Churches in the different Dioceses, together with copies of the necessary testimonials : and if the major number of the Standing Committees shall consent to the proposed Consecration, the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned, shall forward the evidence of such consent, together with other testimonials, to the presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, or in case of his death, to the Bishop who, according to the rules of the House of Bishops, is to preside at the next General Convention, who shall communicate the same to all the Bishops of this Church in the United States ; and if a majority of the Bishops consent to the Consecration, the presiding Bishop, or Bishop aforesaid, with any two Bishops, may proceed to perform the same ; or any three Bishops to whom he may communicate the testimonials.

SECT. 2. The evidence of the consent of the different Standing Committees shall be in the form prescribed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention ; and without the aforesaid requisites, no Consecration shall take place during the recess of the General Convention. But in case the election of a Bishop shall take place within a year before the meeting of the General Convention, all matters relative to the Consecration shall be deferred until the said meeting.

CANON VI.

Of Assistant Bishops.

[The former Canon on this subject was the fifth of 1829.]

When a 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 VII.

Of the performance of Episcopal Duties in vacant Dioceses.

[Repealed by the third Canon of 1838.]

CANON VIII.

Of the Age of those who are to be Ordained or Consecrated.

[Former Canons on this subject were the fourth of 1789 ; the third of 1795, and the sixth of 1808.]

Deacon's Orders shall not be conferred on any person until he shall be twenty-one years old, nor Priest's Orders on any one until he shall be twenty-four years old. And no Deacon shall be ordained Priest, unless he shall have been a Deacon one year, except for reasonable causes it shall otherwise seem good unto the Bishop. No man shall be consecrated a Bishop of this Church, until he shall be thirty years old.

CANON IX.

Of Candidates for Orders.

[Repealed by the fourth Canon of 1838.]

CANON X.

Of the Conduct required in Candidates for Orders.

[The former Canon on this subject was the eighth of 1808.]

The Bishop, or other Ecclesiastical Authority, who may have the superintendence of Candidates for Orders, shall take care that they pursue their studies diligently, and under proper direction, and that they do not indulge in any vain or trifling conduct, or in any amusements most liable to be abused to licentiousness, or unfavourable to that seriousness, and to those pious and studious habits, which become those who are preparing for the holy ministry.

CANON XI.

Of Candidates for Orders who are Lay Readers.

[Former Canons on this subject were the tenth of 1804, and the nineteenth of 1808.]

No Candidate for Holy Orders shall take upon himself to perform the service of the Church, but by a license from the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, in which such Candidate may wish to perform the service. And such Candidate shall submit to all the regulations which the Bishop or said Clerical Members may prescribe; he shall not use the absolution or benediction; he shall not assume the dress appropriate to Clergymen ministering in the congregation; and shall officiate from the desk only; he shall conform to the directions of the Bishop or said Clerical Members, as to the sermons or homilies to be read; nor shall any Lay reader deliver sermons of his own composition; nor, except in cases of extraordinary emergency, or very peculiar expediency, perform any part of the service, when a Clergyman is present in the congregation.

CANON XII.

Of Candidates who may be refused Orders.

[Former Canons on this subject were the ninth of 1804, and the sixteenth of 1808.]

No Bishop shall ordain any Candidate, until he has inquired of him whether he has ever, directly or indirectly, applied for Orders in any other Diocese; and if the Bishop has reason to believe, that the Candidate has been refused Orders in any other Diocese, he shall write to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, to know whether any just cause exists, why the Candidate should not be Ordained. When any Bishop rejects the application of any Candidate for Orders, he shall immediately give notice to the Bishop of every Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee.

CANON XIII.

Of the Learning of those who are to be Ordained.

[Repealed by the fifth Canon of 1838.]

CANON XIV.

Of the Preparatory Exercises of a Candidate for Deacon's Orders.

[Former Canons on this subject were the sixth of 1785, and the tenth of 1808.]

SECT. 1. There shall be assigned to every Candidate for Deacon's Orders, four different examinations, at such times and places as the Bishop to whom he applies for Orders shall appoint. The examination shall take place in the presence of the Bishop and two or more Presbyters, on the following studies prescribed by the Canons, and by the course of study established by the House of Bishops. At the first examination—on some approved Treatises on Natural Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, and Rhetoric, and in the Hebrew Bible, the Greek Testament, and the Latin tongue. At the second examination—on the books of Scripture; the Candidate being required to give an account of the different books, and to explain such passages as may be proposed to him. At the third examination—on the Evidences of Christianity, and Systematic Divinity. And at the last examination—on Church History, Ecclesiastical Polity, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and of the Diocese for which he is to be ordained. In the choice of books on the above subjects, the Candidate is to be guided by the course of study established by the House of Bishops. At each of the forementioned examinations, he shall produce and read a Sermon or Discourse, composed by himself, on some passage of Scripture previously assigned him, which, together with one other Sermon or Discourse on some passage of Scripture selected by himself, shall be submitted to the criticism of the Bishop and Clergy present. And before his Ordination, he shall be required to perform such exercises in reading, in the presence of the Bishop and Clergy, as may enable them to give him such advice and instructions as may aid him in performing the service of the Church, and in delivering his Sermons with propriety and devotion.

SECT. 2. The Bishop may appoint some of his Presbyters to conduct the above examinations; and a certificate from these Presbyters, that the prescribed examinations have been held accordingly, and satisfaction given, shall be required of the candidate. Provided that, in this case, the candidate shall, before his ordination, be examined by the Bishop, and two or more Presbyters, on the above named studies.

SECT. 3. In a Diocese where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall act in his place in appointing the examining Presbyters required by this Canon; and in this case the candidate shall be again examined by the Bishop to whom he applies for orders, and two or more Presbyters, on the studies prescribed by the Canons.

SECT. 4. A Clergyman who presents a person to the Bishop for orders, as specified in the office of Ordination, without having good grounds to believe that the requisitions of the Canons have been complied with, shall be liable to ecclesiastical censure.

CANON XV.

Of the Testimonials to be produced on the part of those who are to be Ordained.

[Former Canons on this subject were the sixth of 1789; the fourth of 1792; the second of 1795, and the twelfth of 1808.]

SECT. 1. No person shall be ordained Deacon or Priest in this Church, unless he exhibit to the Bishop the following testimonials from the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which he is to be ordained, which recommendation shall be signed by the names of a majority of all the Committee, the Committee being duly convened, and shall be in the following words:

“We, whose names are hereunder written, testify, that A. B. hath laid before us satisfactory testimonials, that for the space of three years last past, he hath

lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and hath not written, taught, or held any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and moreover, we think him a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of ——. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.”

SECT. 2. But before a Standing Committee shall proceed to recommend any Candidate, as aforesaid, to the Bishop, such Candidate shall produce from the Minister and Vestry of the Parish where he resides, or from the Vestry alone, if the Parish be vacant, or if the applicant be the Minister of the Parish, a Deacon desirous of Priest's Orders; or, if there be no Vestry, from at least twelve respectable persons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, testimonials of his piety, good morals, and orderly conduct, in the following form:—“We, whose names are hereunder written, do testify, from evidence satisfactory to us, that A. B., for the space of three years last past, hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and hath not, so far as we know or believe, written, taught, or held any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and moreover, we think him a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of ——. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.” He shall also lay before the Standing Committee testimonials, signed by at least one respectable Presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in the following form:—“I do testify that A. B., for the space of three years last past, hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly, and hath not, so far as I know or believe, written, taught, or held any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and moreover, I think him a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of ——. This testimonial is founded on my personal knowledge of the said A. B. for one year last past, and for the residuo of the said time upon evidence that is satisfactory to me. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.”

SECT. 3. But in case a Candidate, from some peculiar circumstances not affecting his pious or moral character, should be unable to procure testimonials from the Minister and Vestry of the Parish where he resides, the Standing Committee may accept testimonials of the purport above stated, from at least twelve respectable members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and from at least one respectable Presbyter of the said Church, who has been personally acquainted with the Candidate for at least one year.

SECT. 4. Every Candidate for Holy Orders, who may be recommended by the Standing Committee of any Church destitute of a Bishop, if he have resided for the greater part of the three years last past within the Diocese of any Bishop, shall apply to such Bishop for Ordination. And such Candidate shall produce the usual testimonials, as well from the Committee of the Diocese in which he has resided, as from the Committee of the Church in the Diocese for which he is to be ordained.

SECT. 5. In the case of a Candidate for Priest's Orders, who has been ordained a Deacon within three years preceding, the testimonials above prescribed may be so altered as to extend to such portion only of the three years preceding his application for Priest's Orders, as have elapsed since his Ordination as Deacon; and the Standing Committee shall allow the testimonials so altered the same effect as if in the form prescribed, and shall sign their own testimonial in such altered form, with the same effect as if in the form above prescribed, unless some circumstance shall have occurred that tends to invalidate the force of the evidence on which the Candidate was ordained Deacon.

CANON XVI.

Of Candidates coming from Places within the United States, in which the Constitution of this Church has not been acceded to.

[Former Canons on this subject were the eighth of 1804, and the fourteenth of 1808.]

It is hereby declared, that the Canons of this Church which respect Candidates for Holy Orders, shall affect as well those coming from places in the United States in which the Constitution of this Church has not been acceded to, as those residing in states or territories in which it has been adopted; and in such cases, every Candidate shall produce to the Bishop to whom he may apply for Holy Orders, the requisite testimonials, subscribed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese into which he has come.

CANON XVII.

Of Deacons.

[The former Canon on this subject was the thirteenth of 1808.]

Every Deacon shall be subject to the regulations of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, of the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which he is ordained, unless he receive letters of dismission therefrom to the Bishop, or ecclesiastical authority of some other Diocese, and he thereupon received as a Clergyman of such other Diocese; and he shall officiate in such places as the Bishop or the said Clerical Members may direct. It is hereby recommended, that at the time a Candidate is finally examined for Deacon's Orders, the Bishop shall assign to him in writing, the subjects or studies on which it is expedient that he should be particularly examined before being ordained Priest, and with that view name also some author who has treated of such subjects or studies from among the works recommended by the House of Bishops. And the said Deacon shall deliver this document to the Bishop who examines him for Priest's Orders.

CANON XVIII.

Of the Preparatory Exercises of a Candidate for Priest's Orders.

[The former Canon on this subject was the eleventh of 1808.]

A Candidate for Priest's Orders shall, before his Ordination, be required to undergo an examination in presence of the Bishop, and two or more Presbyters, to be named by him, on any leading studies prescribed by the House of Bishops.

CANON XIX.

Of the Titles of those who are to be Ordained Priests.

[Former Canons on this subject were the fifth of 1789, and the thirteenth of 1808.]

No person shall be ordained Priest, unless he shall produce to the Bishop a satisfactory Certificate from some Church, Parish, or Congregation, that he is engaged with them, and that they will receive him as their Minister, or unless he be a Missionary under the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to which he belongs; or in the employment of some Missionary Society recognized by the General Convention; or, unless he be engaged as a Professor, Tutor, or Instructor of Youth, in some College, Academy, or other Seminary of Learning, duly incorporated.

CANON XX.

Of the Times of Ordination.

[Former Canons on this subject were the eighth of 1789, and the fifteenth of 1808.]

Agreably to the practice of the primitive Church, the Stated Times of Ordination shall be on the Sundays following the Ember Weeks, viz: the second Sunday in Lent, the Feast of Trinity, and the Sundays after the Wednesdays following the 14th day of September, and the 13th of December. Occasional Ordinations may be held at such other times as the Bishop shall appoint.

CANON XXI.

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

[Repealed by the third Canon of 1835.]

CANON XXII.

Of Clergymen Ordained for Foreign Parts.

[The former Canon on this subject was the eighteenth of 1808.]

No Bishop of this Church shall ordain any person to Officiate in any Congregation or Church destitute of a Bishop, situated without the jurisdiction of these United States, until the usual testimony from the Standing Committee, founded upon sufficient evidence of his soundness in the faith, and of his pious and moral character, has been obtained; nor until the Candidate has been examined on the studies prescribed by the Canons of this Church. And should any such Clergyman so ordained, wish to settle in any Congregation of this Church, he must obtain a Special License therefor from the Bishop, and officiate as a Probationer for at least one year.

CANON XXIII.

Of Clergymen Ordained by Foreign Bishops, or by Bishops not in Communion with this Church, and desirous of Officiating or Settling in this Church.

[Former Canons on this subject were the ninth of 1789, the fifth of 1804, and the thirty-sixth of 1808; see, also, the twenty fourth of the present Canons.]

SECT. 1. A Clergyman coming from a foreign country, and professing to be regularly ordained, shall, before he be permitted to officiate in any Parish or Congregation, exhibit to the Minister, or if there be no Minister, to the Vestry thereof, a Certificate, signed by the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by all the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee duly convened, that his Letters of Orders are authentic, and given by some Bishop whose authority is acknowledged by this Church, and also that he has exhibited to the Bishop or Standing Committee, satisfactory evidence of his pious and moral character, and his Theological requirements. And should he be guilty of any unworthy conduct, he shall be liable to presentment and trial. And in any case, before he shall be entitled to settle in any Parish or Church, as the Minister thereof, the Bishop or ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese must obtain satisfactory evidence of his respectable standing in the Church there; and he must also have resided one year in the United States.

SECT. 2. And if any such foreign Clergyman shall remove from one Diocese to another before one year have expired, he shall not be allowed by the ecclesias-

tical authority of the Diocese to which he goes, to officiate in said Diocese, till he shall have complied with the requisitions of the Canon concerning Ministers removing from one Diocese to another.

SECT. 3. And if such foreign Clergyman be a Deacon, he shall remain in this country at least three years, and obtain in this country the required testimonials of character, before he be ordained a Priest.

SECT. 4. When a Deacon or Priest, ordained by a Bishop not in Communion with this Church, shall apply to a Bishop for reception into the same, as a Minister thereof, he shall produce the testimonials of character, required in the first section of Canon XXI.; and shall also, not less than six months after his application, in the presence of the Bishop and two or more Presbyters, subscribe the Declaration contained in the Seventh Article of the Constitution; which, being done, the Bishop, being satisfied of his Theological acquirements, may receive him as such.

CANON XXIV.

Of Ministers Celebrating Divine Service in a Foreign Language.

[The former Canon on this subject was the sixth of 1829.]

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 twenty-third Canon 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 a 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 XXV.

Of Episcopal Visitations.

[Former Canons on this subject were the third of 1789; the first of 1795; the fourth of 1801, and the twentieth of 1808.]

SECT. 1. Every Bishop in this Church shall visit the Churches within his Diocese, for the purpose of examining the state of his Church, inspecting the behaviour of his Clergy, and administering the apostolic rite of confirmation. And it is deemed proper, that such visitations be made once in three years at least, by every Bishop, to every Church within his Diocese, which shall make provision for defraying the necessary expenses of the Bishop at such visitation.

And it is hereby declared to be the duty of the Minister and Vestry of every Church or Congregation to make such provision accordingly.

SECT. 2. But it is to be understood, that to enable the Bishop to make the aforesaid visitations, it shall be the duty of the Clergy, in such reasonable rotation as may be devised, to officiate for him in any Parochial duties which belong to him.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to keep a register of his proceedings at every visitation of his Diocese.

CANON XXVI.

Of the Duty of Ministers in regard to Episcopal Visitations.

[Former Canons on this subject were the eleventh of 1789, and the twenty-first of 1808.]

SECT. 1. It shall be the duty of Ministers to prepare young persons and others for the Holy Ordinance of Confirmation. And on notice being received from the Bishop, of his intention to visit any Church, which notice shall be at least one month before the intended visitation, the Minister shall give immediate notice to his Parishioners individually, as opportunity may offer; and also to the Congregation on the first occasion of public worship after the receipt of said notice. And he shall be ready to present, for Confirmation, such persons as he shall think properly qualified: and shall deliver to the Bishop a list of the names of those confirmed.

SECT. 2. And at every visitation it shall be the duty of the Minister and of the Church Wardens or Vestry, to give information to the Bishop of the state of the Congregation, under such heads as shall have been committed to them in the notice given as aforesaid.

SECT. 3. And further, the Ministers and Church Wardens of such Congregations as cannot be conveniently visited in any year, shall bring or send to the Bishop, at the stated meeting of the Convention of the Diocese, information of the state of the Congregation, under such heads as shall have been committed to them, at least one month before the meeting of the Convention.

CANON XXVII.

Of Episcopal Charges and Pastoral Letters.

[The former Canon on this subject was the twenty-third of 1808.]

It is deemed proper that every Bishop of this Church shall deliver, at least once in three years, a Charge to the Clergy of his Diocese, unless prevented by reasonable cause. And it is also deemed proper, that from time to time he shall address to the people of his Diocese, Pastoral Letters on some points of Christian doctrine, worship, or manners.

CANON XXVIII.

Of Parochial Instruction.

[The former Canon on this subject was the twenty-second of 1808.]

The Ministers of this Church who have charge of Parishes or Curcs, shall not only be diligent in instructing the children in the Catechism, but shall also, by stated Catechetical Lectures and instruction, be diligent in informing the youth and others in the Doctrines, Constitution and Liturgy of the Church.

CANON XXIX.

Of the Duty of Ministers to keep a Register.

[Former Canons on this subject were the fifteenth of 1789, and the fortieth of 1806.]

SECT. 1. Every Minister of this Church shall keep a Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages and Funerals within his Cure, agreeably to such rules as may be provided by the Convention of the Diocese where his Cure lies; and if none such be provided, then in such a manner as, in his discretion, he shall think best suited to the uses of such a Register.

And the intention of the Register of Baptisms is hereby declared to be, as for other good uses, so especially for the proving of the right of Church Memberships of those who may have been admitted into this Church by the Holy Ordinance of Baptism.

SECT. 2. And further, every Minister of this Church shall make out and continue, as far as practicable, a list of all families and adult persons, within his Cure; to remain for the use of his successor, to be continued by him, and by every future Minister in the same Parish.

CANON XXX.

Of the Election and Institution of Ministers into Parishes or Churches.

[Former Canons on this subject were the seventeenth of 1789; the third of 1799; the first of 1804; the twenty-ninth of 1808, and the second of 1814.]

SECT. 1. It is hereby required, that on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:—

“We, the Church Wardens, (or, in case of an assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Church Wardens) do certify to the Right Rev. [naming the Bishop] or to the Rev. [naming the President of the Standing Committee,] that [naming the person,] has been duly chosen Rector [or, Assistant Minister, as the case may be] of [naming the Parish, or Church, or Churches.]”

Which certificate shall be signed with the names of those who certify.

SECT. 2. And if the Bishop or the Standing Committee be satisfied that the person so chosen is a qualified Minister of this Church, the Bishop, or the President of the Standing Committee, shall transmit the said Certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it in a book to be kept by him for that purpose.

SECT. 3. But if the Bishop or the Standing Committee be not satisfied as above, he or they shall, at the instance of the parties, proceed to inquire into the sufficiency of the person so chosen, according to such rules as may be made in the respective Dioceses, and shall confirm or reject the appointment, as the issue of that inquiry may be.

SECT. 4. And if the Minister be a Presbyter, the Bishop or President of the Standing Committee may, at the instance of the Vestry, proceed to have him instituted according to the office established by this Church, if that office be used in the Diocese. But if he be a Deacon, the act of institution shall not take place till after he shall have received Priest's Orders. This provision concerning the use of the office of institution, is not to be considered as applying to any Congregation destitute of a house of worship.

CANON XXXI.

Of the officiating of Ministers of this Church in the Churches, or within the Parochial Cures of other Clergymen.

[Former Canons on this subject were the sixth of 1782; the fifth and seventh of 1795; the thirty-third of 1808, and the seventh of 1829.]

No Clergyman belonging to this Church shall officiate, either by preaching, read-

ing prayers, or otherwise, in the Parish, or within the Parochial Cure of another Clergyman, unless he have received express permission for that purpose from the Minister of the Parish or Cure, or, in his absence, from the Church-Wardens and Vestrymen, or Trustees of the Congregation. 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 this Canon, to be the Parish or Parishes, of the Protestant Episcopal Clergyman or Clergymen having charge of said Church or Churches, Congregation or Congregations. But if any Minister of a Church shall, from inability, or any other cause, neglect to perform the regular services to his Congregation, and shall refuse, without good cause, his consent to any other Minister of this Church to officiate within his Cure, the Church-Wardens, Vestrymen, or Trustees of such Congregation shall, on proof of such neglect and refusal before the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, before the Standing Committee, or before such persons as may be deputed by him or them, or before such persons as may be, by the regulations of this Church in any Diocese, vested with the power of hearing and deciding on complaints against Clergymen, have power to open the doors of their Church to any regular Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church. And in case of such a vicinity of two or more Churches as that there can be no local boundaries drawn between their respective Cures or Parishes, it is hereby ordained, that in every such case no Minister of this Church, other than the Parochial Clergy of the said Cures, shall preach within the common limits of the same, in any other place than in one of the Churches thereof, without the consent of the major number of the Parochial Clergy of the said Churches.

CANON XXXII.

Of Episcopal Resignations.

Whereas, the Resignation of the Episcopal Jurisdiction of a Diocese is to be discountenanced, but circumstances may sometimes create an exigency which would render an adherence to this principle inexpedient; it is hereby declared that the Episcopal Resignation of a Diocese may take place under the following restrictions: that is to say—

SECT. 1. A Bishop desiring to resign, shall declare his desire to do so, with the reasons therefor in writing, and under his hand and seal, to his Council of Advice, which shall record the said writing, and send a copy of the same forthwith to every Clergyman and every Parish in the Diocese.

SECT. 2. At the next Convention of the said Diocese, held not less than three months after the delivery of the said writing to the Council of Advice, the proposed resignation of its Bishop shall be considered; and if two thirds of the Clergy present, entitled to vote in the election of a Bishop, and two thirds of the Parishes in union with the said Convention, and entitled to a vote, and at that time represented, each Parish having one vote by its Delegate or Delegates, shall consent to the proposed resignation, the subject shall be referred to the General Convention; but otherwise, the tender of resignation shall be void.

SECT. 3. The writing aforesaid, and the proceedings of the Diocesan Convention consenting to the resignation, shall be laid before the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies at the next General Convention, which shall have cognizance of all matters relating to them; and if a majority of each order of that House, voting by States, shall agree to the measure, the said writing and proceedings shall be laid before the House of Bishops of that Convention; but otherwise, the said writing and proceedings shall be void.

SECT. 4. The said writing and proceedings being laid before the House of Bishops, it shall have cognizance of all matters relating to them; and the Bishop who proposes to resign, may sit and vote as before in that House; and if a majority of the Members present of that House shall agree to the proposed resignation, the presiding Bishop shall declare that it is confirmed; and this declaration shall be entered on the Journal of the House. But if a majority of the Bishops present do not agree to the resignation, all the previous proceedings shall be void.

SECT. 5. If no meeting of the General Convention is expected to be held within one year of the sitting of the Diocesan Convention aforesaid, the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese shall transmit copies of the said writing and proceedings of the Diocesan Convention to the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses of this Church, and if a majority of them consent to the proposed resignation, the said President shall transmit copies of the said writing and proceedings, and of the consent of the majority of the Standing Committees, to every Bishop of this Church; and if a majority of the Bishops shall notify the senior Bishop of their consent to the proposed resignation, he shall declare, under his hand and seal, that the said resignation is confirmed, and shall transmit the said declaration to the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned. But if a majority of the Bishops do not notify the senior Bishop of their consent to the measure within six months, all the previous proceedings shall be void.

SECT. 6. A Bishop whose resignation of the Episcopal Jurisdiction of a Diocese has been thus confirmed, shall perform no Episcopal act, except by the request of the Bishop of some Diocese, or of the Convention, or the Standing Committee of a vacant Diocese. And if the said Bishop shall perform any Episcopal act contrary to these provisions, or shall in any wise act contrary to his Christian and Episcopal character, he shall, on trial and proof of the fact, be degraded from the Ministry by any five Bishops, or a majority of them, to be appointed by the senior Bishop of this Church, and to be governed by their own rules in the case; and notice of the same shall be given to all the Bishops and Standing Committees, as in the case of other degraded Ministers.

SECT. 7. No Bishop whose resignation of the Episcopal Jurisdiction of a Diocese has been confirmed as aforesaid, shall have a seat in the House of Bishops.

SECT. 8. A Bishop who ceases in any way to have the Episcopal charge of a Diocese, is still subject, in all matters, to the authority of the General Convention.

CANON XXXIII.

Of the Dissolution of all Pastoral Connection between Ministers and their Congregations.

[Former Canons on this subject were the second of 1804, and the thirtieth of 1808.]

SECT. 1. When any Minister has been regularly instituted or settled in a Parish or Church, he shall not be dismissed without the concurrence of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese; and in case of his dismissal without such concurrence, the Vestry or Congregation of such Parish or Church, shall have no right to a representation in the Convention of the Diocese, until they have made such satisfaction as the Convention may require. Nor shall any Minister leave his Congregation against their will, without the concurrence of the ecclesiastical authority aforesaid; and if he shall leave them without such concurrence, he shall not be allowed to take a seat in any Convention of this Church, or be eligible into any Church or Parish, until he shall have made such satisfaction as the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese may require.

SECT. 2. In the case of the regular and Canonical dissolution of the connection between a Minister and his Congregation, the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the same. But if the dissolution of the connection between any Minister and his Congregation be not regular or Canonical, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall lay the same before the Convention of the Diocese, in order that the above mentioned penalties may take effect.

This Canon shall not be obligatory upon those Dioceses with whose usages, laws, or charters, it interferes.

CANON XXXIV.

Of Differences between Ministers and their Congregations.

[Former Canons on this subject were the fourth of 1804, and the thirty-second of 1808.]

In cases of controversy between Ministers who now, or may hereafter, hold the

Rectorship of Churches or Parishes, and the Vestry or Congregation of such Churches or Parishes, which Controversies are of such a nature as cannot be settled by themselves, the parties, or either of them, shall make application to the Bishop of the Diocese, or in case there be no Bishop, to the Convention of the same. And if it appear to the Bishop and a majority of the Presbyters, convened after a summons of the whole belonging to the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Convention, or the Standing Committee of the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention, that the Controversy has proceeded to such lengths as to preclude all hope of its favourable termination, and that a dissolution of the connection which exists between them is indispensably necessary to restore the peace, and promote the prosperity of the Church, the Bishop and his said Presbyters, or, if there be no Bishop, the Convention or the Standing Committee of the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention, shall recommend to such Ministers to relinquish their titles to their Rectorship, on such conditions as may appear reasonable and proper to the Bishop and his said Presbyters, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Convention, or the Standing Committee of the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention. And if such Rectors or Congregations refuse to comply with such recommendation, the Bishop and his said Presbyters, or, if there be no Bishop, the Convention, or the Standing Committee of the Diocese, if the authority should be committed to them by the Convention, with the aid and consent of a Bishop, may, at their discretion, proceed, according to the Canons of the Church, to suspend the former from the exercise of any Ministerial Duties within the Diocese, and prohibit the latter from a seat in the Convention, until they retract such refusal, and submit to the terms of the recommendation: and any Minister so suspended shall not be permitted, during his suspension, to exercise any Ministerial Duties. This Canon shall apply also to the cases of Assistant Ministers and their Congregations.

CANON XXXV.

Of Ministers removing from one Diocese to another.

[Repealed by the fourth Canon of 1835.]

CANON XXXVI.

Of the Officiating of Persons not Ministers of this Church.

[Former Canons on this subject were the fifth of 1792, and the thirty-fifth of 1808.]

No person shall be permitted to officiate in any Congregation of this Church, without first producing the evidences of his being a Minister thereof to the Minister, or, in case of vacancy or absence, to the Church-Wardens, Vestrymen, or Trustees of the Congregation.

CANON XXXVII.

Of Offences for which Ministers shall be Tried and Punished.

[Former Canons on this subject were the thirteenth of 1789, the first of 1801; the twenty-sixth of 1808, and the second of 1829.]

SECT. 1. Every Minister shall be liable to presentment and trial, for any crime or gross immorality, for disorderly conduct, for drunkenness, for profane swearing, for frequenting places most liable to be abused to licentiousness, and for violation of the Constitution or Canons of this Church, or of the Diocese to which he belongs: and, on being found guilty, he shall be admonished, suspended, or degraded, according to the Canons of the Diocese in which the trial takes place, until otherwise provided for by the General Convention.

SECT. 2. 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, if there be no Bishop, the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, 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, in conformity with their respective Constitutions and Canons.

CANON XXXVIII.

Of a Minister declaring that he will no longer be a Minister of this Church.

[Former Canons on this subject were the second of 1817; the seventh of 1820, and the third of 1829.]

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.

CANON XXXIX.

Of Degradation from the Ministry, and of Publishing the Sentence thereof.

[Former Canons on this subject were the third of 1792, and the twenty-seventh of 1808.]

SECT. 1. When any Minister is degraded from the holy Ministry, he is degraded therefrom entirely, and not from a higher to a lower order of the same. Deposition, displacing, and all like expressions, are the same as degradation. No degraded Minister shall be restored to the Ministry.

SECT. 2. Whenever a Clergyman shall be degraded, the Bishop who pronounces sentence shall, without delay, give notice thereof to every Minister and Vestry in the Diocese, and also to all the Bishops of this Church, and where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee.

CANON XL.

Of a Clergyman in any Diocese chargeable with Misdemeanor in any other.

[Former Canons on this subject were the second of 1792, and the twenty-eighth of 1808.]

SECT. 1. If a Clergyman of the Church, in any Diocese within this Union, shall, in any other Diocese, conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the rules of this Church, and disgraceful to his office, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall give notice thereof to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to which such offender belongs, exhibiting with the information given, the proof of the charges made against him.

SECT. 2. If a Clergyman shall come temporarily into any Diocese under the imputation of having elsewhere been guilty of any crime or misdemeanor, by violation of the Canons, or otherwise; or if any Clergyman, while sojourning in any Diocese, shall misbehave in any of these respects, the Bishop, upon probable cause, may admonish such Clergyman, and forbid him to officiate in the said Diocese. And if, after such prohibition, the said Clergyman so officiate, the Bishop shall give notice to all the Clergy and Congregations in said Diocese, that the officiating of the said Clergyman is, under any and all circumstances, prohibited; and like notice shall he give to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese to which the said Cler-

gyman belongs. And such prohibition shall continue in force until the Bishop of the first-named Diocese be satisfied of the innocence of the said Clergyman, or until he be acquitted on trial.

CANON XLI.

Of the Due Celebration of Sundays.

[Former Canons on this subject were the fourteenth of 1789, and the thirty-ninth of 1808.]

All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, in other exercises of devotion, and in acts of charity, using all godly and sober conversation.

CANON XLII.

Of Crimes and Scandals to be Censured.

[Former Canons on this subject were the twelfth of 1789; the twenty-fifth of 1808, and the third of 1817.]

SECT. 1. If any persons within this Church offend their brethren by any wickedness of life, such persons shall be repelled from the Holy Communion, agreeable to the Rubric.

SECT. 2. There being the provision in the second Rubric, before the Communion Service, requiring that every Minister repelling from the Communion shall give an account of the same to the Ordinary; it is hereby provided, that on the information to the effect stated being laid before the Ordinary, that is, the Bishop, it shall not be his duty to institute an inquiry, unless there be a complaint made to him in writing by the repelled party. But on receiving complaint, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, unless he think fit to restore him from the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the Minister, to institute an inquiry, as may be directed by the Canons of the Diocese in which the event has taken place. And the notice given as above by the Minister, shall be a sufficient presentation of the party repelled.

SECT. 3. In the case of great heinousness of offence on the part of Members of this Church, they may be proceeded against, to the depriving them of all privileges of Church Membership, according to such rules or process as may be provided by the General Convention; and until such rules or process shall be provided, by such as may be provided by the different State Conventions.

CANON XLIII.

Of a Congregation in any Diocese uniting with any other Diocese.

[Former Canons on this subject were the eighth of 1795; the thirty-seventh of 1808; the first of 1817, and the second of 1820.]

Whereas, a question may arise, whether a Congregation within the Diocese of any Bishop, or within any Diocese in which there is not yet any Bishop settled, may unite themselves with the Church in any other Diocese, it is hereby determined and declared, that all such unions shall be considered as irregular and void; and that every Congregation of this Church shall be considered as belonging to the body of the Church of the Diocese within the limits of which they dwell, or within which there is seated a Church to which they belong. And no Clergyman having a Parish or Cure in more than one Diocese, shall have a seat in the Convention of any Diocese other than that in which he resides.

CANON XLIV.

Of the Mode of Publishing authorized Editions of the Standard Bible of this Church.

[The former Canon on this subject was the second of 1821.]

The Bishop of this Church in any Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, the

Standing Committee is authorized to appoint, from time to time, some suitable person or persons, to compare and correct all new editions of the Bible by the Standard Edition, agreed upon by the General Convention. And a certificate of their having been so compared and corrected, shall be published with said book.*

CANON XLV.

Of the use of the Book of Common Prayer.

[Former Canons on this subject were the tenth of 1789, and the thirty-fourth of 1808.]

Every Minister shall, before all Sermons and Lectures, and on all other occasions of public worship, use the Book of Common Prayer, as the same is or may be established by the authority of the General Convention of this Church. And in performing said service, no other prayers shall be used than those prescribed by the said book.

CANON XLVI.

Of the Mode of Publishing authorized Editions of the Book of Common Prayer, &c.

[Repealed by the sixth Canon of 1835.]

CANON XLVII.

Of Forms of Prayer or Thanksgiving for extraordinary occasions.

[Former Canons on this subject were the ninth of 1785, and the thirty-eighth of 1808.]

The Bishop of each Diocese may compose forms of Prayer, or Thanksgiving, as the case may require, for extraordinary occasions, and transmit them to each Clergyman within his Diocese, whose duty it shall be to use such forms in his Church on such occasions. And the Clergy in those States or Dioceses, or other places within the bounds of this Church, in which there is no Bishop, may use the form of Prayer or Thanksgiving composed by the Bishop of any Diocese. The Bishop in each Diocese may also compose forms of Prayer to be used before legislative and other public bodies.

CANON XLVIII.

Of a List of the Ministers of this Church.

[Former Canons on this subject were the sixth of 1789; the first of 1792; and the forty-first of 1808.]

SECT. 1. The Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies shall keep a register of all the Clergy of this Church, whose names shall be delivered to him, in the following manner: *that is to say*, every Bishop of this Church, or, where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, shall, at the time of every General Convention, deliver or cause to be delivered, to the said Secretary, a list of the names of all the Ministers of this Church in their proper Diocese, annexing the names of their respective Cures, or of their stations in any Colleges or other Seminaries of Learning; or, in regard to those who have not any Cures or such stations, their places of residence only. And the said list shall, from time to time, be published on the Journals of the General Convention.

SECT. 2. And further it is recommended to the several Bishops of this Church, and to the several Standing Committees, that, during the intervals between the meetings of the General Convention, they take such means of notifying the ad-

* The following Resolution was ordered to accompany this Canon —

Resolved, By the two Houses of Convention, that it be recommended to every future Convention to appoint a Joint Committee, to whom there may be communicated all errors, if any, in Editions of the Bible printed under the operation of a certain Canon of this Convention; such errors to be notified on the Journal of the Convention, to which they may at any time be presented by the Joint Committee.

mission of Ministers among them, as, in their discretion respectively, they shall think effectual to the purpose of preventing ignorant and unwary people from being imposed on, by persons pretending to be authorized Ministers of this Church.

CANON XLIX.

Of the Mode of calling Special Meetings of the General Convention.

[Former Canons on this subject were the first of 1799, and the forty-second of 1808.]

SECT. 1. The right of calling Special Meetings of the General Convention shall be in the Bishops. This right shall be exercised by the presiding Bishop, or, in case of his death, by the Bishop who, according to the rules of the House of Bishops, is to preside at the next General Convention; provided that the summons shall be with the consent, or on the requisition of a majority of the Bishops, expressed to him in writing.

SECT. 2. The place of holding any Special Convention shall be that fixed on by the preceding General Convention for the meeting of the next General Convention, unless circumstances shall render a meeting at such a place unsafe; in which case the presiding Bishop may appoint some other place.

SECT. 3. The Deputies elected to the preceding General Convention shall be Deputies at such Special Convention, unless in those cases in which other Deputies shall be chosen in the meantime by any of the Diocesan Conventions, and then such other Deputies shall represent, in the Special Convention, the Church of the Diocese in which they have been chosen.

CANON L.

Of the Mode of transmitting Notice of all Matters submitted by the General Convention to the Consideration of the Diocesan Conventions.

[The former Canon on this subject was the forty-fourth of 1808.]

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, whenever any alteration of the Constitution is proposed, or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to give a particular notice thereof to the ecclesiastical authority of this Church in every Diocese.

CANON LI.

Of the Mode of securing an accurate View of the State of the Church from time to time.

[Repealed by the seventh Canon of 1835.]

CANON, LII.

Of the Alms and Contributions at the Holy Communion.

[The former Canon on this subject was the first of 1814.]

The Alms and Contributions at the Administration of the Holy Communion, shall be Deposited with the Minister of the Parish, or with such Church Officer as shall be appointed by him, to be applied by the Minister, or under his superintendence, to such pious and charitable uses as shall by him be thought fit.

CANON LIII.

Of the Requisites of a Quorum.

In all cases in which a Canon directs a duty to be performed, or a power to be exercised, by a Standing Committee, or by the Clerical Members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members, a majority of the said members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a Quorum: and a majority of the Quorum so convened, shall be competent to act, unless the contrary is expressly required by the Canon.

CANON LIV.

Of Defraying the Expenses of the General Convention.

[Repealed by the eighth Canon of 1835.]

CANON LV.

Of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to forward to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, at every General Convention, a Certificate, 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 for said Seminary, and without such Certificate the nomination shall not be confirmed.

CANON LVI.

Repealing former Canons.

All former Canons of this Convention not included in these Canons, are hereby repealed.

Done in General Convention, in the City of New-York, October, 1832.

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, HENRY ANTHON, D. D., *Secretary.*

CANONS

For the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America. Passed in General Convention, in Philadelphia, August, 1835.

CANON I.

Of the Election of Bishops.

[Repealed by the first Canon of 1838.]

CANON II.

Of Missionary Bishops.

[Repealed by the second Canon of 1838.]

CANON III.

Of those who have Officiated, without Episcopal Ordination, as Ministers among other Denominations of Christians, and apply for Orders in this Church.

[Repealed by the seventh Canon of 1838.]

CANON IV.

Of Ministers removing from one Diocese to another.

[Former Canons on this subject were the third of 1804; the thirty first of 1808; the fourth of 1829, and the thirty-fifth of 1832.]

SECT. I. No Minister removing from one Diocese to another, or coming from any State or Territory which may not have acceded to the Constitution of this Church, shall be received as a stated officiating Minister by any Parish of this Church, until he shall have presented to the Vestry thereof, a certificate from the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to which said Parish belongs, approving him as a Clergyman in regular standing. And in order to obtain

such certificate, every Minister desiring to change his Canonical residence, shall lay before the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in which he designs to reside, a testimonial from the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in which he has last resided, in the following form, viz :—

“ I hereby certify, that A. B., who has signified to me his desire to be transferred to the Diocese of ———, is a Presbyter (or Deacon) of this Diocese, in regular standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report for error in religion or viciousness of life, during the three years last past.”

When the ecclesiastical authority think proper, further statements may be added to the above letter.

SECT. 2. But in case the Minister desiring to be transferred, has been subjected to inquiry or presentment on any charge or charges of misconduct, thereby rendering the terms of the aforesaid testimonial inadmissible, he may nevertheless be transferred, if the charges have been withdrawn with the approbation of the ecclesiastical authority, or if he have been acquitted upon trial, or if he have been censured or suspended, and the sentence has had its course, so that he has been restored to the regular discharge of his official duties. And in all such cases, the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese concerned, shall, instead of the foregoing testimonial, certify to a statement of the facts, with as much detail as may be necessary to inform the ecclesiastical authority to which he desires to be transferred, of the true standing of the party.

SECT. 3. The ecclesiastical authority, in all cases under this Canon, is to be understood to refer to the Bishop of the Diocese, or in case there be no Bishop, to the majority of the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, duly convened. And if the Clergyman desiring to be received, come from a State or Territory not in connection with this Church, and having no Convention, then the above testimonial or statement shall be signed by at least three Presbyters 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 or statement.

SECT. 4. The above testimonial or letter of dismission, shall not affect the Canonical residence of the Minister receiving it, until he shall be received into some other Diocese by the Bishop or ecclesiastical authority thereof.

SECT. 5. Whenever any Bishop of this Church, or where there is no Bishop, the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, shall give letters of dismission to any Clergyman of the Diocese proposing to remove into another, the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, shall give notice of the same to the Bishop or ecclesiastical authority to whom the letters of dismission are directed; and if the Clergyman to whom the letters of dismission are given shall not present them to the Bishop or ecclesiastical authority to whom they are directed, within three months after he shall have taken up his abode in the Diocese to which he has removed, the letters of dismission shall be null and void.

SECT. 6. The thirty-fifth Canon of 1832 is hereby repealed.

CANON V.

Of Amenability and Citations.

[Former Canons on this subject were the third of 1804; the thirty-first of 1808; the fourth of 1829, and the thirty-fifth of 1832.]

SECT. 1. Every Minister shall be amenable, for offences committed by him, to the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop, the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, in which he is Canonically resident, at the time of the charge.

SECT. 2. Unless a State Convention shall otherwise provide, a Citation to any Minister to appear at a certain time and place for the trial of an offence,

shall be deemed to be duly served upon him, if a copy thereof is left at his last place of abode, within the United States, sixty days before the day of appearance named therein; and, in case such Minister has departed from the United States, by also publishing a copy of such Citation in some newspaper, printed at the seat of government of the State, in which the Minister is cited to appear, six months before the said day of appearance.

CANON VI.

Of the Mode of Publishing Authorized Editions of the Book of Common Prayer,
&c.

[Repealed by the ninth Canon of 1838.]

CANON VII.

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

[Former Canons on this subject were the eleventh of 1804; the forty-fifth of 1808; the third of 1814; the first and third of 1820, and the fifty-first of 1832.]

SECT. 1. As a full and accurate view of the State of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered, that every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, and Funerals, and of the number of Communicants in his Parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; and these Parochial Reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the Journals of the Convention. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese the occasional services he may have performed; and if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

SECT. 2. At every Annual Diocesan Convention, the Bishop shall deliver an Address, stating the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention; the names of the Churches which he has visited; the number of persons Confirmed; the names of those who have been received as Candidates for Orders, and of those who have been ordained, suspended, or degraded; the changes by death, removal, or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy; and, in general, all matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the Diocese; which Address shall be inserted on the Journals.

SECT. 3. At every General Convention, the Journals of the different Diocesan Conventions, since the last General Convention, together with such other papers, viz: Episcopal Charges, Addresses, and Pastoral Letters, as may tend to throw light on the State of the Church in each Diocese, shall be presented to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. A Committee shall then be appointed to draw up a view of the State of the Church, and to make report to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; which report, when agreed to by the said House, shall be sent to the House of Bishops, with a request that they will draw up, and cause to be published, a Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church. And it is hereby made the duty of every Clergyman having a Pastoral Charge, when any such letter is published, to read the said Pastoral Letter to his Congregation on some occasion of public worship.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, or of the person or persons with whom the Journals or other ecclesiastical papers are lodged, to forward to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, at every General Convention, the documents and papers specified in this Canon.

SECT. 5. It is recommended that the ecclesiastical authority of the Church in every Diocese, prepare a condensed report and a tabular view of the State

of the Church in their Diocese, previously to the meeting of every General Convention, for the purpose of aiding the Committee on the State of the Church, appointed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in drafting their Report.

SECT. 6. The fifty-first Canon of 1832 is hereby repealed.

CANON VIII.

Of Defraying the Expenses of the General Convention.

[Repealed by the tenth Canon of 1838.]

Done in General Convention, in the City of Philadelphia, August, 1835.

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, HENRY ANTHON, D. D., *Secretary.*

CANONS

For the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. Passed in General Convention, in Philadelphia, September, 1838.

CANON I.

Of the Election of Bishops.

[Former Canons on this subject were the first of 1795; the second of 1806; the first of 1817; the second of 1830; the second of 1832, and the first of 1835.]

SECT. 1. Any Diocese in union with this Church, having at the time less than six officiating Presbyters residing therein, regularly settled in a Parish or Church, and qualified to vote for a Bishop; and any Diocese at the time of its organization, with a view to ask for admission into union with this Church may, by a vote of the Convention thereof, request the General Convention to elect a Bishop for the same. And, thereupon, the House of Bishops may nominate to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, for their concurrence, a suitable person for the office of Bishop, who shall, in case of their concurrence, be consecrated as the Bishop of such Diocese. The evidence of the concurrence of the Clerical and Lay Deputies, shall be a certificate, to be signed by a Constitutional majority of them, agreeably to the form required by the III. Canon of 1832, to be signed by the members of the Convention, in a Diocese whence a person is recommended for consecration.

SECT. 2. To entitle a Diocese to the choice of a Bishop by the Convention thereof, there must be at the time of such choice, and have been during the year previous, at least six officiating Presbyters therein, regularly settled in a Parish or Church, and qualified to vote for a Bishop; and six or more Parishes represented in the Convention electing. But two or more adjoining Dioceses, not having respectively the requisite number of Presbyters, to entitle either to the choice of a Bishop, may associate and proceed to the choice of a Bishop, to exercise jurisdiction alike in each of the associated Dioceses, if there be at the time of such choice, and have been during the year previous, nine or more

such Presbyters, residing in any part of such associated Dioceses qualified as aforesaid: and the Bishop so elected, shall exercise Episcopal jurisdiction over each of the associated Dioceses, until such time as some one of said Dioceses, having six or more Presbyters canonically qualified to elect a Bishop, shall elect him, and he shall have accepted the office as its own exclusive Diocesan: whereupon, his connection with the other associated Diocese, or Dioceses, shall cease and determine: provided always, that the Dioceses thus associating in the election of a common Bishop, and the Conventions thereof, shall in all other respects remain as before, unconnected and independent of each other; and, provided also, that such association shall be dissolved on the demise of the Bishop, if not before.

SECT. 3. A Minister is settled for all purposes here, or elsewhere mentioned in these Canons, who has been engaged permanently by any Parish, according to the rules of said Diocese, or for any term not less than one year.

SECT. 4. The II. Canon of 1832, the special Canon of 1832, and the I. Canon of 1835, are hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Of Missionary Bishops.

[The former Canon on this subject was the second of 1835.]

SECT. 1. The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies may, from time to time, on nomination by the House of Bishops, elect a suitable person or persons to be a Bishop, or Bishops, of this Church, to exercise Episcopal functions in States or Territories not organized as Dioceses. The evidence of such election shall be a Certificate, to be subscribed by a constitutional majority of said House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in the form required by the III. Canon of 1832, to be given by the members of Diocesan Conventions, on the recommendations of Bishops elect for consecration, which Certificate shall be produced to the House of Bishops; and if the House of Bishops shall consent to the consecration, they may take order for that purpose.

SECT. 2. The Bishop or Bishops so elected and consecrated, shall exercise Episcopal functions in such States and Territories, in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and under such regulations and instructions, not inconsistent therewith, as the House of Bishops may prescribe.

SECT. 3. The jurisdiction of this Church, extending in right, though not always in form, to all persons belonging to it within the United States, it is hereby enacted, that each Missionary Bishop shall have jurisdiction over the Clergy in the District assigned him; and may, in case a presentment and trial of a Clergyman become proper, request the action of any Presbyters and Standing Committee, in any Diocese sufficiently near, and the presentment and trial shall be according to the Constitution and Canons of said Diocese. And the House of Bishops may at any time increase or diminish the number of States or Territories, over which the said Bishop or Bishops shall exercise Episcopal functions. And in case of the death or resignation of a Missionary Bishop, the charge of the vacant Missionary Episcopate shall devolve on the senior Bishop of this Church, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as his substitute in the said charge.

SECT. 4. The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies may, on nomination by the House of Bishops, in like manner, from time to time, elect, and the House of Bishops consenting thereto, may, in like manner, take order for the consecration of a suitable person to be a Bishop of this Church, to exercise Episcopal functions in any place or places out of the territory of the United States, which the House of Bishops may designate.

SECT. 5. Any Bishop or Bishops elected and consecrated under this Canon, shall be entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops, and shall be eligible to the office of Diocesan Bishop in any organized Diocese within the United States.

SECT. 6. Every such Bishop shall report to each General Convention his proceedings, and the state and condition of the Church in said States and Territories, and place or places out of the territory of the United States, and at least once a year make a report to the Board of Missions.

SECT. 7. The second Canon of 1835 is hereby repealed.

CANON III.

Of the Performance of Episcopal Duties in Vacant Dioceses.

[Former Canons on this subject were the first of 1795; the twentieth of 1808, and the seventh of 1832.]

SECT. 1. Any Bishop, Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop, may, on the invitation of the Convention, or the Standing Committee of any Diocese where there is no Bishop, visit and perform Episcopal offices in that Diocese, or in any part thereof. And this invitation may be temporary; and it may, at any time, be revoked.

SECT. 2. A Diocese without a Bishop may, by its Convention, be placed under the full Episcopal charge and authority of the Bishop of another Diocese, or of a Missionary Bishop, who shall, by that act, become the Bishop also of the said vacant Diocese, until a Bishop is duly elected and consecrated for the same, or until the said act of its Convention be revoked. And in case there shall be an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, under the Episcopal charge of whose Bishop the Diocese without a Bishop shall be placed, the said Assistant Bishop shall have the like charge and authority therein as he has in the Diocese of which he has been chosen Assistant Bishop.

SECT. 3. No Diocese thus placed under the full charge and authority of the Bishop of another Diocese, or of a Missionary Bishop, shall invite a second Bishop to perform any Episcopal duty, or exercise authority, till its connection with the first Bishop has expired, or is revoked.

SECT. 4. The seventh Canon of 1832 is hereby repealed.

CANON IV.

Of Candidates for Orders.

[Former Canons on this subject were the sixth of 1795; the seventh of 1804; the seventh of 1808; the eighth of 1820; the first of 1823; the Canon of 1826, and the ninth Canon of 1832.]

SECT. 1. Every person who desires to become a Candidate for Orders in this Church shall, in the first instance, give notice of his intention to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to such body as the Church in the Diocese in which he intends to apply, may appoint, or, where no appointment is made, to the President of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 2. No person shall be considered as a Candidate for Orders in this Church, unless he shall have produced to the Bishop, to whom he intends to apply for Orders, a Certificate from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the said Bishop, that from personal knowledge, or from testimonials laid before them, they believe that he is pious, sober, and honest; that he is attached to the doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a Communicant of the same; and, in their opinion, possesses such qualifications, as will render him apt and meet to exercise the ministry to the glory of God and the edifying of the Church. And when the Standing Committee do not certify as above, from personal knowledge, the testimonials laid before them shall be of the same purport, and as full as the certificate above required, and shall be signed by at least one Presbyter, and four respectable Laymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SECT. 3. In addition to the above testimonials, the person wishing to become a Candidate must lay before the Standing Committee a satisfactory Diploma, or a Certificate from the instructor or instructors of some approved Literary

Institution, which Certificate must state what have been his studies, and the extent of his improvement in them; or a Certificate from two Presbyters, appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, to examine him, of his possessing such Academical Learning, as may enable him to enter advantageously on a course of Theology.

SECT. 4. When a person applying to be admitted a Candidate, wishes the knowledge of the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages, and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical, to be dispensed with, the Standing Committee shall not recommend him as a Candidate, until he has laid before them a testimonial, signed by at least two Presbyters of this Church, stating, that in their opinion, he possesses extraordinary strength of natural understanding, a peculiar aptitude to teach, and a large share of prudence; and the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, shall have granted said dispensation. This dispensation shall not be granted to any person under twenty-seven years of age, nor shall any person be ordained under such dispensation, until he shall have attained thirty years of age. And in regard to the knowledge of the Hebrew language in all cases in these Canons, the Bishop shall have the sole discretion of dispensation, without reference to the age of the Candidate, as mentioned in this section.

SECT. 5. With this enumeration of qualifications it ought to be made known to the Candidate, that the Church expects of him, what can never be the test of any outward standard—an inward fear and worship of ALMIGHTY GOD; a love of Religion and a sensibility to its holy influence; a habit of devout affection; and, in short, a cultivation of all those graces which are called in Scripture the fruits of the Spirit, and by which alone his sacred influences can be manifested.

SECT. 6. The requisition of this Canon being fulfilled, the Bishop may admit the person as a Candidate for Orders, and shall record the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, and notify the Candidate of such record. And in any Diocese where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee may, on the same conditions, admit the person as a Candidate, and shall make record and notification in the same manner.

SECT. 7. If, after obtaining the Canonical Testimonials from the Standing Committee, the person be admitted as a Candidate by the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee, he shall remain a Candidate for the term of three years before his ordination, unless the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, shall deem it expedient to ordain the Candidate after the expiration of a shorter period, not less than one year.

SECT. 8. A Candidate for Orders may, on letters of dismission from the Bishop or Standing Committee of the Diocese in which he was admitted a Candidate, be ordained by any Bishop of this Church. And if there be a Bishop within the Diocese where the Candidate resides, he shall apply to no other Bishop for ordination without the permission of the former.

SECT. 9. If any Candidate for Orders shall not, within three years after his admission, apply to have his first and second examinations held, as hereafter prescribed, or if he shall not, within five years from his admission, apply to have his third and fourth examinations held, (unless the Bishop, for satisfactory reasons to him assigned, shall allow him further time,) the said person shall, in either case, cease to be a Candidate.

SECT. 10. A person desirous of becoming a Candidate for Holy Orders, shall apply to the Bishop or ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in which he resides, unless the said Bishop or ecclesiastical authority shall give their consent to his application in some other Diocese. Candidates shall not change their Canonical residence but for *bona fide* causes, requiring the same to be judged of by the Bishop or ecclesiastical authority; and they shall not be dismissed from the Dioceses in which they were admitted, or to which they have been duly transferred, for the convenience of attending any Theological or other Seminary.

SECT. 11. The ninth Canon of 1832 is hereby repealed.

CANON V.

Of the Learning of those who are to be Ordained.

[Former Canons on this subject were the seventh of 1789, altered in 1792; the fourth of 1795; the fourth of 1799; the second of 1801; the ninth of 1808, and the thirteenth of 1832.]

SECT. 1. No person shall be ordained in this Church until he shall have satisfied the Bishop and the Presbyters by whom he shall be examined, that he is well acquainted with the Holy Scriptures, can read the Old Testament in the Hebrew language, and the New Testament in the original Greek; is adequately acquainted with the Latin tongue, and that he hath a competent knowledge of Natural and Moral Philosophy, and Church History, and hath paid attention to composition and pulpit eloquence, as means of giving additional efficacy to his labours; unless the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee of his Diocese, has dispensed with the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages, and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical, in consideration of such other qualifications of the Gospel Ministry as are set forth in the fourth section of Canon VI. The dispensation, with a knowledge of the Hebrew language, to be regarded as in Canon VI.

SECT. 2. The thirteenth Canon of 1832 is hereby repealed.

CANON VI.

Candidates for Orders Ineligible to the General Convention.

No person who is a Candidate for Holy Orders in this Church, shall be permitted to accept from any Diocesan Convention an appointment as a Lay Deputy to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention.

CANON VII.

Concerning Candidates for Orders in this Church who have been Ministers, Licentiales, or Students of Theology, among other Religious Denominations.

[Former Canons on this subject were the sixth of 1801; the seventeenth of 1808; the fourth and fifth of 1820; the first of 1829; the twenty-first and twenty-fourth of 1832, and the third of 1835.]

SECT. 1. All persons seeking admission to the Ministry of this Church, are to be regarded as Candidates for Holy Orders.

SECT. 2. When a person who, not having had Episcopal Ordination, has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister or Licentiate among any other denomination of Christians, shall desire to be ordained in this Church, he shall give notice thereof to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which he resides; or if he resides in a State or Territory in which there is no organized Diocese, to the Missionary Bishop within whose jurisdiction he resides; which notice shall be accompanied with a written certificate from at least two Presbyters of this Church, stating, that from personal knowledge of the party, or satisfactory evidence laid before them, they believe that his desire to leave the denomination to which he has belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavourable to his religious or moral character, or on account of which it may be inexpedient to admit him to the exercise of the Ministry in this Church: and they may also add what they know, or believe on good authority, of the circumstances leading to the said desire.

SECT. 3. If the Bishop or Standing Committee shall think proper to proceed, the party applying to be received as a Candidate, shall produce to the Standing Committee the same testimonials of literary qualifications as are required of all other Candidates; and also a testimonial from at least twelve members of the denomination from which he came, or twelve members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or twelve persons, in part of the denomination from which he came, and in part Episcopalians, satisfactory to the Committee, that the applicant has, for three years last past, lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and also, a testimonial from at least two Presbyters of this Church, that they believe him to be pious, sober, and honest, and sincerely attached to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Church. The Standing Committee being satisfied on these points, may recommend him to the Bishop to be received as a Candidate for Orders in this Church, or in a vacant Diocese the Standing Committee may so receive him.

SECT. 4. Candidates admitted as above may, at the expiration of a period not less than six months, be ordained, on their passing the same examinations as other Candidates for Deacon's Orders; and in the examinations, special regard shall be had to those points in which the denomination whence they come differs from this Church, with a view of testing their information and soundness in the same; and also to the ascertaining that they are adequately acquainted with the liturgy and offices of this Church; provided, that in their case the testimonials shall be required to cover only the time since their admission as Candidates for Orders; and provided, also, that the provisions of the Canon concerning Candidates for Orders, as far as the same relates to the age of the person to whom the dispensation may be granted, and the mode and restrictions in and under which the same may be granted, shall apply to the persons mentioned in this Canon.

SECT. 5. Every candidate for the Ministry of any other denomination, who applies to be received as a Candidate for Orders in this Church, may be allowed by the Bishop, with the consent of the members of the Standing Committee, the period of time during which he has been a student of Theology, or Candidate in such other denomination: provided, the time so allowed does not exceed two years.

SECT. 6. 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.

SECT. 7. The third Canon of 1835 is hereby repealed.

CANON VIII.

Of the Organizing of New Dioceses Formed out of Existing Dioceses.

SECT. 1. Whenever any new Diocese shall be formed within the limits of any other Diocese, or by the junction of two or more Dioceses or parts of Dioceses, and the same shall have been ratified by the General Convention, the Bishop of the Diocese within the limits of which another is formed, or in case of the junction of two or more Dioceses or parts of Dioceses, the Bishop of eldest consecration over the Dioceses furnishing portions of such new Diocese, shall thereupon call the Primary Convention of the new Diocese for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese.

SECT. 2. In case there should be no Bishop who can call such Primary Convention pursuant to the foregoing provisions, then the duty of calling such Convention for the purpose of organizing, and the duty of fixing the time and place of its meeting, shall be vested in the Standing Committee of the eldest of the Dioceses, by the junction of which, or parts of which, the new Diocese may be formed. And such Standing Committee shall make such call immediately after the ratification of a division by the General Convention.

SECT. 3. Whenever one Diocese is about to be divided into two Dioceses, the Convention of the said Diocese shall declare which portion thereof is to be the new Diocese, and shall make the same known to the General Convention before the ratification of such division.

CANON IX.

Of the Mode of Publishing Authorized Editions of the Book of Common Prayer, &c.

[Former Canons on this subject were the third of 1801; the forty-third of 1806; the Canon of 1821; the forty-sixth of 1832, and the sixth of 1835.]

SECT. 1. The Bishop of this Church in any Diocese, or, where there is no

Bishop, the Standing Committee thereof shall appoint one or more Presbyters of the Diocese, who shall compare and correct all new editions of the Common Prayer-Book, the articles, offices, and metre psalms and hymns, by some standard book; and a certificate of said editions having been so compared and corrected, shall be published with the same. And in case any edition shall be published without such correction, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, to give public notice that such edition is not authorized by the Church.

SECT. 2. Editions from the Stereotype Plates of the Prayer-Book of the Female Episcopal Prayer-Book Society, of Philadelphia, comprising the Common Prayer-Book, the articles, offices, psalms in metre, selected from the psalms of David, and hymns, are hereby established as the standard: together with the whole Book of Psalms in metre, in the duodecimo edition, published by the New-York Protestant Episcopal Press in 1832; with the exception of errors evidently typographical; the correction of which errors is confided to such person or persons as the Bishop or Standing Committee may appoint for superintending any publication.

SECT. 3. The sixth Canon of 1835 is hereby repealed. *

CANON X.

Of Defraying the Expenses of General Conventions.

[The former Canons on this subject were the fifty-fourth of 1832, and the eighth of 1835.]

SECT. 1. In order that the contingent expenses of General Conventions may be defrayed, it shall be the duty of the several Diocesan Conventions to forward to the Treasurer of this Convention, at or before any meetings of the General Convention, seventy-five cents for each Clergyman within said Diocese.

SECT. 2. The eighth Canon of 1835 is hereby repealed.

CANON XI.

Of Repealed Canons.

SECT. 1. Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon, and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a re-enactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.

SECT. 2. The provisions of this Canon shall also apply to Canons heretofore passed having repealing clauses.

Done in General Convention, in the City of Philadelphia, September, 1838.

By order of the House of Bishops,

ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, 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, HENRY ANTHON, D. D., *Secretary.*

* The following Resolutions were ordered to accompany the forty-sixth Canon of 1832:

Resolved, That the French translation of the Book of Common Prayer, and the Articles of Religion, printed in New-York, by T. & J. Swords, in the year 1831, be, and the same hereby is, declared to be the Liturgy which may be used by any Minister of this Church, who may officiate in a Congregation to whom the French language is familiar; and that the Edition of the Book of Common Prayer in the French language, printed in 1831 by the Messrs T. & J. Swords, of New-York, be, and the same hereby is, established as the Standard Book, whereby all future Editions of the Book of Common Prayer and Articles, in the French language, shall be compared and corrected.

Resolved, That the provisions of the forty-sixth of the Canons passed by this Convention, except as far as the said Canon establishes Standard Books, shall be applied to the publication of all future Editions of the Book of Common Prayer and Articles in the French language.

Note. The above named provisions of the forty-sixth Canon of 1832, are the same as those of the first section of the ninth Canon of 1838.

COURSE OF ECCLESIASTICAL STUDIES,

Established by the House of Bishops in the Convention of 1804, in pursuance of a Resolution of the Preceding General Convention.

In attending to this subject a considerable difficulty occurs, arising out of the difference of the circumstances of Students, in regard not only to intellectual endowments and preparatory knowledge of languages and science, but to access to authors, and time to be devoted to a preparation for the Ministry. For, in accommodating to those whose means are slender, we are in danger of derogating from the importance of religious knowledge; while, on the other hand, although we should demand all that is desirable, we shall be obliged to content ourselves, in some cases, with what is barely necessary.

In consideration of the above, it will be expedient to set down such a course of study, as is accommodated to a moderate portion of time and means; and afterward to suggest provision, as well for a more limited as for a more enlarged share of both.

Let the Student be required to begin with some books in proof of the *divine authority of Christianity*, such as Grotius on the *Truth of the Christian Religion*; Jenkins on the *Reasonableness of Christianity*; Paley's *Evidences*; Leslie's *Methods with the Jews and Deists*; Stillingfleet's *Origines Sacrae*; and Butler's *Analogy*. To the above should be added some books which give a knowledge of the objections made by Deists. For this, Leland's *View* may be sufficient; except that it should be followed by answers to Deistical writers since Leland, whose works and the answers to them may be supposed known to the Student. It would be best, if circumstances permit, that he should read what the Deists themselves have written.

After the books in proof of revelation, let the Student, previously to the reading of any system of divinity, study the *Scriptures* with the help of some approved commentators, such as Patrick and Lowth on the *Old Testament*, and Hammond, or Whitby, or Doddridge, on the *New*; being aware, in regard to the last-mentioned author, of the points on which he differs from our Church, although it be with moderation and candor. During such, his study of the *Scriptures*, let him read some work or works which give an account of the *design* of the different books, and the *grounds* on which their respective *authority* is asserted; for instance, Father Simon's *Canon of Scripture*; Collier's *Sacred Interpreter*; Gray's *Key to the Old Testament*, and Percy's *Key to the New*. Let the Student read the *Scriptures* over and over, referring to his commentators as need may require, until he can give an account of the *design* and *character* of each book, and explain the more *difficult passages* of it. He is supposed to know enough of *profane history*, to give an account of that also, whenever it mixes with the *sacred*. There are certain important subjects which may be profitably attended to, as matters of distinct study, during the course of the general study of Scripture. For instance: the Student having proceeded as far as the *deluge*, may read some author who gives a larger account than the commentators, of the particulars attached to that crisis; and also the principles on which are founded the different systems of *chronology*, all which will be found clearly done in the *Universal History*. In reading the book of *Leviticus*, it will be useful to attend to some connected scheme of the

sacrifices; such as is exhibited by Bishop Kidder in his *Introduction to the Pentateuch*, and by Mr. Joseph Mede in some of his Discourses. A more full and interesting interpretation of the *Prophecies* than can be expected from the commentators, will be desirable, and for this purpose let Bishop Newton's *work* be taken.—Between the study of the *Old Testament* and that of the *New*, should be read Prideaux's and Shuckford's *Connections*. With the *New Testament* should be taken some book relating to the *Harmony of the Gospels*, as M'Knight's or Bishop Newcome's. Let the Student, before entering on the *Gospels*, read Dr. Campbell's *Introductory Dissertations*. Toward the close of the *Gospels*, the subject of the *Resurrection* should be particularly attended to; for which purpose, let there be taken either Mr. West on the subject, or Bishop Sherlock's *Trial of the Witnesses*.

After the study of the Scriptures, let attention be given to *ecclesiastical history*, so far as to the *Council of Nice*. This period is *distinctly* taken, from a desire that the *portion of history preceding it*, as well as the *opinions* then entertained, may be learned from *original writers*, which may be considered as one of the best expedients for the guarding of the Student against many *errors of modern times*. The writers of that interval are not numerous or bulky. Eusebius is soon read through; and so are the Apostolic Fathers. Even the other writers are not voluminous, except Origen, the greater part of whose works may be passed over. The *Apostolic Fathers* may be best read in Cotelierus' edition; but there are translations of most of them, by Archbishop Wake and the Rev. William Reeves.—Caves's *Lives of the Apostles and Fathers* may be profitably read at this period.

This stage of the Student's progress seems the most proper for the *study of the two questions*, of our Lord's *Divinity*, and of *Episcopacy*. The aspect of *early works* on these subjects, best enables us to ascertain in what shape they appear to the respective writers. And it is difficult to suppose, on the ground of what we know of human nature, that, during the first *three centuries*, either the *character of CHRIST* should have been conceived of as materially different from what had been the representation of it by the *first teachers* of our religion; or, that there should have been a material change of *Church government*, without opposition to the innovation. For the *former* question, let the works of Bishop Bull and the Rev. Charles Leslie be taken; to which may well be added, the late controversy between Bishop Horsley and Dr. Priestly; and for the *latter*, Mr. Hooker's *Ecclesiastical Polity*, Archbishop Potter on *Church Government*, and Daubeny's *Guide to the Church*. As the Lord Chancellor King published a book on the *Discipline of the Primitive Church*, in which he has rested Episcopacy on insufficient grounds, unwarily admitted by many on his authority; let the Student read his book, and the refutation of it in Mr. Slater's *Original Draft of the Primitive Church*.

After this, let the Student go on with the *History of the Fourth Century*, from Mosheim. But it will be of advantage to him to turn to Fleury's *History*, for the *epitomes* there given of the writings of the eminent men who abounded in that century and part of the next. Let him then return to Mosheim, and go on with that writer to the *Reformation*. Here let him pause and study as the main hinges of *Popery*, its pretences to *supremacy* and *infallibility*, on which there will be found satisfactory matter in Mr. Chillingworth's *Religion of Protestants, a safe Way to Salvation*, and Dr. Barrow's *Treatise of the Pope's Supremacy*. Here also let there be read Father Paul's *History of the Council of Trent*. Then let the Student resume Mosheim. But it will be best, if, for a more minute knowledge of the *History of the Church of England* since the *Reformation*, he take along with him Collier's *History*—a very able work, but in the reading of which some allowance must be made for peculiar prejudices. On coming, in the reign of Elizabeth, to the questions which arose between the *divines of the Established Church* and the *Presbyterians*, then known by the name of *Puritans*, let recourse be again had to Mr. Hooker's *work*, and to the *London Cases*. Then let Mosheim be proceeded with to the end.

After these studies, and not before, let *Divinity* be read in a *systematic method*. Bishop Pearson's *Exposition of the Creed* may be considered as a small system, and, on account of the excellence of the work, is recommended; as also Bishop Burnet's *Exposition of the Thirty-Nine Articles*. Then let a larger

system be taken; suppose Stackhouse's *Body of Divinity*, with the addition of the following modern works: *Elements of Christian Theology*, by the present Bishop of Lincoln, and *The Scholar Armed*. That many works of this sort are not mentioned, is because we think their utility is principally confined to arrangement, and suppose that the knowledge they convey, is to be obtained from the Scriptures, and judicious Commentators.

It seems necessary to this course of study, to recommend the *Sermons* of some of the distinguished preachers, who have so abounded in the Church of England for some ages past, that the only matter will be, from among many of great name, to select a convenient number. And for this purpose we refer to the list at the end.

It seems not unnecessary to require attention to the *History of the Common Prayer*, the grounds on which the *different services* are constructed, and the *meaning of the Rubrics*. Perhaps a careful study of Dr. Wheatley, on the *Common Prayer*, and of the late work of Mr. Reeves, will be sufficient.

Some books should be read on the *Duties of the Pastoral Office*; such as St. Chrysostom *On the Priesthood*, Bishop Burnet *on the Pastoral Care*, and Bishop Wilson's *Parochiaia*. It is, however, to be remembered, that one reason for studying carefully the Book of Common Prayer, and its Rubrics, is, that by the help of these, in connection with what belongs in Scripture to the Ministerial character, sufficient information of its duties may be had.

A knowledge of the *Constitution and the Canons*, should be held absolutely necessary. And it is to be hoped that they will, on this account, be soon published, detached from the Journals.

To set down what books shall be *essential*, no Student to be ordained without being *fully prepared to answer* on them, is more difficult. The *lowest requisition*, is as follows:—Paley's *Evidences*; Mosheim, with a reference to Mr. Hooker, for the *Episcopacy*; Stackhouse's *Body of Divinity*; and Mr. Reeves, on the *Common Prayer*; the *Constitution and Canons of the Church*; allowing in the *Study of the Scriptures*, a latitude of choice among approved *Commentators*; it being understood, that if the Student cannot, on the grounds contained in some good commentary, *give an account of the different books*, and *explain such passages* as may be *proposed* to him, this is of itself a *disqualification*.

In the beginning it was intimated, that the course to be recommended would be disproportioned to the means of some, and fall short of what would be within the compass of others. For the benefit of the latter, we publish the following list of books, on the different branches of ecclesiastical knowledge.

During the whole course of study, the Student will endeavour, by the grace of God, to cultivate his heart by attention to *devotional and practical treatises*; several of which will be mentioned in the general list that follows.

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 Crutwell's Concordance of Parallels, 4to.
 Butterworth's Concordance, 8vo.
 Patrick, Lowth, and Whitby, on the Old and New Testament, 6 vols. fol.
 Doddridge's Family Expositor, 6 vols. 8vo.
 Pool's Synopsis, 5 vols. folio.
 Collier's Sacred Interpreter, 2 vols. 8vo.
 Jennings's Jewish Antiquities, 2 vols. 8vo.
 Lowman's Rationale of the Hebrew Ritual, 8vo.
 Gray's Key to the Old Testament, 8vo.
 Home's Scripture History of the Jews, 2 vols. 8vo.
 Parkhurst's Greek Lexicon, 4to.
 Campbell's Translation of the Gospels, 2 vols. 4to.
 Marsh's Michaelis, 3 vols. 8vo.
 Bowyer's Conjectures on the New Testament, 4to.
 Macknight's Harmony, 4to.
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 Lowman, on the Revelation, 8vo.
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Stillingfleet's Origines Sacræ, 2 vols. 8vo.
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 Burnet's Pastoral Care, 8vo.
 Pearson on the Creed, 2 vols. 8vo.
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 Wheatley on the Common Prayer, 8vo.
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 Wilson's Parochialia, 12mo.
 Wall on Infant Baptism, 2 vols. 8vo.
 Secker on the Catechism, 12mo.
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 The Homilies, by Sir Adam Gordon, 8vo.
 Daubeny's Guide to the Church.
 Daubeny's Appendix to ditto, 2 vols.

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Cudworth's Intellectual System, 2 vols. 4to.
 Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity, 3 vols. 8vo.

Bingham's Antiquities, 2 vols. folio.	Barrow's Works, 3 vols. folio.
Broughton's Dictionary of all Religions, 2 vols. folio.	Tillotson's Works, 3 vols. folio.
Shuckford's Connexion, 4 vols. 8vo.	Clarke's Sermons, 8 vols. 8vo.
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	Tracts, by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 12 vols. 12mo.

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Sermons by Bishop Pearce.	Rev. Wm. Jones' (of Nayland) Works.
by Bishop Wilson.	Nelson's Festivals and Fasts of the Church.
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by Bishop Porteus.	Christian Sacrifice.
by Dr. Brady.	Bishop Taylor's Rule of Holy Living and Dying.
by the late Right Rev. Bishop Seabury, of this Church.	Seongal's Life of God in the Soul of Man.
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Bishop Gibson's Tracts.	on Judgment.
Bishop Horne's Commentary on the Psalms.	on a Future State.
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