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The next Convention will meet in the City of August on the first Thursday in May, 1844.

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OF THE
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF GEORGIA,

Held in Christ Church, Savannah,

Commencing on the 4th May, 1843.

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LIST OF CLERGY

- Rt. Rev. STEPHEN ELLIOTT, Jr. D.D., Bishop, Rector of St. John's Church,
Savannah.
- *Rev. THEODORE B. BARTOW, Chaplain in the U.S. Navy.
- “ SENECA G. BRAGG, Rector of Christ Church, Macon.
- “ WM. D. CAIRNS, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbus.
- “ CHARLES FAY, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Monroe County, and Principal of
the Episcopal Institute at Montpelier Springs.
- “ EDWD. E. FORD, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Augusta.
- “ JOHN B. GALLAGHER, Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, Savannah,
and Missionary at large under the direction of the Bishop.
- * “ JOHN J. HUNT, residing at Athens.
- “ EDWARD NEUFVILLE, Rector of Christ Church, Savannah.
- “ THOMAS F. SCOTT, Deacon, officiating in St. James' Church, Marietta, Cobb
County.
- “ WILLIAM BACON STEVENS, Deacon, officiating in Emanuel Church,
Athens.
- “ EDWARD T. WALKER, Rector of Christ Church, St. Simon's Island.
- “ GEORGE WHITE, residing in Savannah.
- “ JOHN A. VAUGHAN, D.D. of the Diocese of N. York, performing Missionary
duty in St. David's Church, Glynn County.

Messrs. WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS and NORMAN C. STOUGHTON,
candidates for Orders in the Dioceses of Virginia and North Carolina, respectively, were
admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

* Did not attend the Convention.

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LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

WILLIAM B. BULLOCH,
Dr. THEODOSIUS BARTOW, Christ Church, Savannah.
JNO. McPHERSON BERRIEN,

GEORGE R. HENDRICKSON,
ROBT. M. CHARLTON, St. John's Church, Savannah.
Dr. WM. A. CARUTHERS,

**GERARD McLAUGHLIN,
B.T. NICHOLS,
GEORGE PARROTT,**

St. Paul's Church, Augusta.

**NATHAN C. MUNROE,
HORACE FITCH,
GUY L. WARREN,**

Christ Church, Macon.

**THOMAS M. NELSON,
JOHN B. PEABODY,
*LEWIS W. WELLS,**

Trinity Church, Columbus.

**CHARLES GRANT,
JAMES F. GOULD,**

Christ Church, St. Simon's Island.

**ROBERT G. GUERARD,
*BENEDICT BOURQUIN,**

St. Michael's Church, Springfield.

**JACOB WALDBURG,
Dr. P.M. KOLLOCK,**

Grace Church, Clarksville.

**Dr. JOHN R. COTTING,
JOHN S. THOMAS,
WM. S. ROCKWELL,**

St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville.

***CHARLES F.M. GARNETT,
*WILLIAM ROOT,
*H.S. CURRIER,**

St. James' Church, Marietta.

**HUGH F. GRANT,
*Dr. JOHN C. TUNNO,**

St. David's Church, Glynn County.

***S.H. FAY,
*L.N. WHITTLE,
SAMUEL G. JONES,**

St. Luke's Church, Montpelier.

**Dr. JAS. HOLMES,
JAMES F.S. HEALD,
SAMUEL PALMER,**

St. Andrew's Church, Darien.

**Gen. ED. HARDEN,
*W. NICHOLS,**

Emanuel Church, Athens.

* Did not attend the Convention.

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CHRIST CHURCH, SAVANNAH,
May 4, 1843.

This being the time and place for the Twenty-First Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Georgia, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, and a number of Clergymen and Laymen assembled, for the purpose of Divine worship, in Christ Church: the order for Daily Morning Prayer being performed by the Rev. Wm. D. Cairns, and the Convention Sermon preached from Colossians 1, 28, by the Rev. Edward E. Ford, in place of the Rev. J.B. Gallagher, prevented by sudden indisposition from performing that duty according to previous appointment.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, the following persons entitled to seats in this Convention, were found to be present, to wit:

OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. Edward Neufville,
“ Edward E. Ford,
“ Seneca G. Bragg,
“ William D. Cairns,
“ George White,
“ Charles Fay,
“ Edward T. Walker,
“ Wm. Bacon Stevens,
“ Thomas F. Scott,

OF THE LAITY.

Wm. B. Bulloch,
Dr. Theodosius Bartow,
Jno. McPherson Berrien,
Dr. Wm. A. Caruthers,
Robert M. Charlton,
Geo. R. Hendrickson,
B.T. Nichols,
G. McLaughlin,
Nathan C. Munroe,
Horace Fitch,
Guy L. Warren,
Thomas M. Nelson,
John B. Peabody,
Charles Grant,
Robert G. Guerard
Jacob Waldburg,
Dr. P.M. Kollock,
Dr. John R. Cotting,
John S. Thomas.

Whereupon, a constitutional quorum being present, the Convention re-elected the Rev. Wm. D. Cairns as its Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Chair then appointed the following Committees:

On the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. Neufville, Bragg, and Ford.

On Unfinished Business.—Rev. W.D. Cairns and Mr. Munroe.

On Finance.—Messrs. Bulloch, Nelson and Guerard.

On the Admission of New Parishes.—Rev. Mr. Ford, Messrs. Charlton and Peabody.

On motion, Clergymen of other Dioceses and Candidates for Holy Orders present were invited to attend the deliberations of the Convention.

The following Rules of Order were adopted for the government of this Convention:

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1. The business of each day shall be introduced by the order for daily morning prayer and a sermon.

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

Rule 3. The order of doing business in the Convention shall be as follows: 1st. The appointment of a Secretary by ballot. 2. The appointment of committees of the Convention, and special committees. 3. The annual address of the Bishop. 4. The reading of the Parochial reports. 5. Reports from committees of the Diocese. 6. Reports from the Treasurers. 7. Reports from committees appointed at the last Convention. 8. Reports from committees. 9. Election by ballot of Treasurers, Standing Committee of the Diocese, Diocesan Missionary committee and deputies to the General Convention.

Rule 4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or present any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

Rule 5. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

Rule 6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the Convention.

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Rule 7. A question, being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be drawn into debate the same session, unless with consent of two thirds of the Convention. *Provided always,* that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any question, may, on the same day in which the vote is taken or on the succeeding day, move a re-consideration of said vote.

Rule 8. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

Rule 9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone; a motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

Rule 10. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

Rule 11. Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless personally interested, or excused by the Convention from voting.

Rule 12. When the Convention is about to rise, or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the chair.

The Committee on the admission of New Parishes reported in favor of the application of

Emanuel Church, Athens.
St. Andrew's Church, Darien.
St. Luke's Church, Montpelier.
St. James' Church, Marietta.
St. David's Church, Glynn County;

Which Report was accepted, and the following Delegates took their seats as members of the Convention:

Dr. James Holmes,
James F.S. Heard,
Samuel Palmer,
Hugh F. Grant.

After Prayer by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned to meet at the hour of Divine Service, to-morrow morning.

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At night, in St. John's Church, Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Neufville, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Wm. D. Cairns, from Jeremiah 32, 39.

FRIDAY, MAY 5th. half-past 10 A.M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Neufville, and a Sermon preached by the Bishop from the Song of Solomon 2, 15: the services being in accordance with the recommendation of the Civil Authority setting apart this day for Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Messrs. George Parrott, Wm. S. Rockwell, Samuel G. Jones, Gen. Edward Harden and Mr. James F. Gould, appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop then read to the Convention his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

It is with the most heartfelt gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head over all things to the Church, that I recount to you the many mercies which have been vouchsafed our Diocese during the past year. Although in many respects the times have been evil, they have not been evil to us, and through a period of unexampled trial, temptation and difficulty, the Spirit of Christ has guided our little flock unharmed and unspotted. And not only has it been guided, it has been likewise specially blest. The Clergy who have been added to us as co-workers in the Vineyard of the Lord, the Churches which have this day united themselves to us—the offspring of the year, and yet, in a certain sense, already full grown—the Parishes which, for the first time, have enrolled their names upon the records of our Convention, all testify that, of a truth, the Spirit of God hath been with us to bless us. May His presence abide with us during our sessions, and preserve us from every influence which may darken our counsels or disturb our peace, and may all our deliberations turn, with a single eye, to the praise and glory of God in Christ.

My first official act, during the Ecclesiastical year which has now come to its close, was the Confirmation in Trinity Church, Columbus, on the Sunday after Ascension, of *thirteen* persons, and the administration of the Communion to a large concourse of the

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faithful. This Confirmation occurred during the session of our last Convention, subsequently however to the delivery of my annual address, and is now, for the first time, officially reported to your body.

Mr. Henry Elwell, of the Diocese of Florida, having been recommended to me by the proper authorities of that Diocese, as a fit person to be admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, I subjected him to the necessary examinations, and on Whit-Sunday, May 15th. 1842, ordained him. Since his Ordination Mr. Elwell has been laboring at Monticello, Florida.

While delayed at Columbus by the Ordination of Mr. Elwell, I made a visit to Russell County, Alabama, at the earnest request of several Episcopal families, and after Divine Service in the neighborhood school-house, organized a Parish with the title of St. John's in the Wilderness. This organization was immediately reported to the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama. While this Parish continues without a Clergyman, its members worship in Trinity Church, Columbus.

From Columbus I proceeded, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Bragg, to Marietta, Cobb County, where service was held in the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches for three successive days, and a Parish organizes under the title of St. James' Church, Marietta. Nothing could exceed the zeal with which the friends of the Church at that point entered upon the work of erecting a House to the Lord of Hosts, and nothing proves more conclusively than their complete success, how much a mere handful of Churchmen can effect, when they move forward in faith and prayer.

From Marietta I visited Milledgeville, preached on the 1st Sunday after Trinity, and on Monday the 30th May selected, with the advice and concurrence of the Vestry, the site for St. Stephen's Church.

From Milledgeville I returned to Savannah, and until the 10th October performed Parochial duty in the united Parishes of Christ Church and St. John's, and on the 15th Sunday after Trinity confirmed in St. John's Church *seventeen* persons from the two Parishes.

On the 10th October I proceeded to Clarksville, Habersham County, and on the 21st Sunday after Trinity, consecrated Grace

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Church in that village. This is a very neat wooden building, with tower and bell, prettily located, and an ornament to the village. The heavy debt which has been hanging over it for the last three years is now, I am happy to say, in the way of speedy liquidation. May the time quickly come, when it, along with all its sister Churches of the Diocese, may say that it "owes no man any thing but love!" The Rev. J.B. Gallagher will resume his Missionary labours in Clarksville immediately after the adjournment of the Convention.

The 22d Sunday after Trinity (Oct.23) was spent in Athens. I preached twice in the Presbyterian Church and administered the Communion at night to *ten* communicants at the house of Dr. Moore.

The 23d Sunday after Trinity (Oct. 30) was devoted to the interests of the rising congregation at Marietta. I preached twice in the Presbyterian Church, baptized one infant, and administered the Communion to eight communicants, at the house of Col. Long. I found upon this visit a very pretty stone Church just shewing itself above its foundation, and an undiminished zeal in the hearts of our people.

The month of November was passed in Savannah in the performance of Parochial duty. On the 28th I paid my semi-annual visit to Montpelier and occupied a week in the examination of the Schools. On the second Sunday in Advent, I confirmed *two* pupils of the Institute and administered the Communion to about thirty persons.

The remainder of the month of December and the half of January were spent in Savannah in the performance of Parochial duty, when I set out upon the visitation of the Churches upon the Eastern Shore. On the second Sunday after Epiphany, I consecrated Christ Church, St. Simon's Island, baptized twenty-one colored adults, five by immersion, and confirmed *twenty-eight* persons. Services were held during the two following days, which were punctually attended by the inhabitants of the Island.

I found the Church upon the Island very much improved since my last visit. Its external appearance spoke well for the people, and the increased interest in spiritual things for the Pastor. His labours among the negroes had been attended with decided success, and twenty-one candidates for Baptism were the first fruits

of his exertion. Finding that they desired immersion, I determined to carry out the Rubric of the Church and force it upon their notice, that the Ministers of the Church generally poured or sprinkled in Baptism, not because they had any objection to immersion, but because they deemed those modes equally scriptural and far more convenient. I read the Baptismal service upon the bank of the river, proceeded into the water, immersed five, and the prejudice was at once overcome. The remaining sixteen sent a message informing me that they would prefer to be baptized in the Church by pouring. I am thus particular in the statement of this case, because I think that it might be well to pursue, from time to time, a like course in other parts of the Diocese, that the people may understand, that so far as the Episcopal Church is concerned, the real difference between the Baptists and ourselves lies not in the matter of immersion, but in the more vital question, whether our children shall be admitted into the covenant with Christ—whether the promise shall be *sealed*, as St. Peter assures us it was *given*, to our children as well as to ourselves, or whether the more glorious dispensation of the Gospel shall be counted, in this respect, inferior to the dispensation which gendered unto bondage.

On the 3d Sunday after Epiphany (Jan. 22) I confirmed in the Methodist Church, in Darien, *twelve* persons, having previously baptized three white adults and a child, and commenced a series of services which terminated on Tuesday night in the administration of the Lord's Supper to a large body of communicants. I found the state of feeling so promising as to determine me to pay this Parish a second visit as quickly as possible.

On the 25th January I returned to Savannah and was with my Parish until the middle of February, when I visited Glynn County and consecrated St. David's Church in

the old Colonial Parish of the same name. This is a small but very neat country Church, built by five Planters for the accommodation of their own families and of such of the neighbourhood as may please to join them in the worship of the Church.

This Church is interesting to us in many ways. It is a spark of proper liberality uncommon in these days of faithlessness, and we trust will not be lost, as a noble example, upon those who may be cast in a like situation. It is an evidence of growing interest

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in the religious instruction of the negroes, for it places at least one thousand slaves under the direct pastoral care of the Rector. It is an opportunity for trying fairly, in this Diocese, the experiment of the adaptedness of the Church to the spiritual wants of the negroes, for their owners are determined to commit them (without compulsion, of course) to the charge of their Rector, and lend him all their influence in his work. The Rev. Dr. Vaughan has been labouring in this Parish for the last six weeks and has received a call to become its Rector. May the Holy Ghost direct his heart that way, and make his path plain before him into this interesting field of labour. We trust that God, in his Providence, intends him to lead the van of the Episcopal Missionaries that must shortly extend in an unbroken phalanx from the Savannah to the St. Mary's. One half, at least, of the large slave holders on the Savannah, the Ogeechee, the Alatamaha, the Satilla and the Sea Islands which skirt the coast of Georgia, are Episcopalians, and it is time that they were awake to their responsibility in this matter. May St. David's Church be the first fruits to the Lord of the rich harvests with which he has so long blessed these rivers and islands, and may many spire speedily point Heavenward from their banks and groves, to disperse the gathering wrath of the Almighty and bring back to them prosperity and plenty. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

But it is useless to arouse the Planters to their duty so long as the Ministers of the Church and her candidates for Orders shut their eyes to the vast work which is here spread out before them. From this city we can look out upon, at least, ten thousand slaves whose masters are, for the most part, willing that they should be religiously instructed—willing too *to pay* that they might be instructed—especially anxious that they should have Episcopal instruction; and yet among all that vast multitude there is not heard the voice of a single Episcopal Pastor. From the bluff at Darien, there are to be seen plantations containing five thousand slaves, and St. David's is the first Episcopal Church that has offered the glad tidings of great joy to their greedy ears. Lying

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between these points, and upon the islands to the East, are thousands more, and still no Pastor from their Master's Church tells them of their souls and of their Savior. Why is this so? Can our young men answer this question satisfactorily, to their consciences? It cannot be lack of zeal for the extension of the Church, for, now-a-days, the Church is in every body's mouth, and to judge from the utterance of the lips, there is not one that would not give up every thing for her glory. It cannot be a want of Missionary spirit, for

at this moment there are more applications for foreign stations than the Board can venture to encourage. It cannot be fear of climate, for he that would risk an Indian or an African sun, might well rejoice in the very worst atmosphere to which he should be subjected among us. It must be *ignorance of the field* that has kept our Ministers back, and we ourselves must be in fault in not having sufficiently instructed the Church in regard to our wants in this particular. All that time will permit me now to say is this, that for any young man, suitable to the work, who will dedicate himself to it as to a foreign field, a convenient mission, with a competent salary, can be immediately procured.

From Glynn County I returned to Darien, and on the evening of the 17th February I baptized one coloured adult, and confirmed *twelve* persons in addition to those previously reported. The services were peculiarly interesting and were closed by my laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's Church, Darien. May it have been laid upon Christ the Rock of Ages, and may the Church grow up a spiritual temple, holy and acceptable to God.

The Rev. Frederick J. Goodwin of Flushing, L.I., accompanied me in this and my previous visitations to these Parishes, and has laid me and my people at the South, under a load of obligation, which can only be repaid by our common Lord and Savior. To his valuable services much of the present feeling in those Parishes is to be attributed, and it must be to him a most gratifying cause of thankfulness to God, that he was permitted to turn a season of weakness and infirmity to so good account. Long will the remembrance of him be cherished among the people of St. Andrew's.

On the 26th February, Quinquagesima Sunday, I admitted the Rev. Edward T. Walker to the Priesthood and Dr. William B. Stevens to the Holy Order of Deacons, in Christ Church,

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Savannah, and on the first Sunday in Lent, I confirmed *seven* persons in Christ Church, from the associate Parishes of Christ Church and St. John's.

On the 7th March I left Savannah for Augusta upon my spring visitation. Upon the 8th and 9th I examined Mr. Thomas F. Scott, upon the 10th officiated in St. Paul's, and on Saturday night the 11th confirmed *fifteen* persons. On Sunday the 12th I admitted Mr. Thomas F. Scott to the Holy Order of Deacons, and in the afternoon administered the Communion to a large body of communicants.

On the 14th March I left Augusta for Lexington, accompanied by the Rev. Wm. B. Stevens. I officiated in Lexington on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, Dr. Stevens preaching in the afternoon of Wednesday, and on Thursday I confirmed *two* persons in the Methodist Church and baptized a child at the residence of Maj. Rembert.

On Friday Dr. Stevens and myself went up to Athens. I officiated on Sunday morning in the Presbyterian Church and baptized the child of the Rev. Mr. Hunt on Monday the 20th. I found our friends in Athens prepared to build and anticipating much pleasure and edification from the ministrations of Dr. Stevens. I feel sure, under God, that we shall collect in Athens a very respectable congregation.

On Monday the 20th I proceeded to Columbus and officiated in Trinity Church on Friday and Saturday evenings, and on the 4th Sunday in Lent confirmed *seven* persons. I found this congregation stronger and in better spirits than I had ever seen it.

The next Lord's day found me at Milledgeville, where in the morning I read the service, preached and administered the Communion to six persons at the house of Dr. Cotting. In the afternoon and evening I officiated in the Presbyterian Church. On Monday, April 3d, I held a meeting of the Wardens and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church and finally determined upon a plan for a Church edifice and the terms of the contract. Our friends at Milledgeville are firm, and I feel confident that we shall secure a good footing in the metropolis so soon as we can procure a Clergyman to officiate regularly in the place.

On the Sunday next before Easter, I consecrated St. James' Church, Marietta, and administered the communion to *twelve*

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communicants. This is a very pretty Gothic Church, of rubble masonry, with tower and vestry, and capacious enough to accommodate some hundreds of persons. Its erection reflects great credit upon the zeal and energy of the young men who took it in hand and carried it through. Within ten months the Parish was organized and already is the Church finished, paid for and tolerably well furnished, and provided too, in the good Providence of God, with a suitable Pastor, the foundation of whose Episcopacy was laid about the same time with the corner stone of the Church. It was as if God raised up together the Parish and its Minister.

From Marietta I visited Macon, where I found a very gratifying state of things. By a generous exertion the congregation had just paid off a heavy debt which was pressing upon it, and the Spirit of God was visibly moving in the midst of them. I held services during Passion week, and on Easter Sunday baptized four adults and confirmed *thirteen* persons. In the afternoon I visited, examined and addressed the white and coloured Sunday schools.

On Monday I made my semi-annual visit to the Montpelier Institute and spent the week in examining the two departments. I was highly gratified at the condition of the Institute and was pleased not only to note a decided improvement in moral feeling, but a deep religious impression pervading the schools. This was the result of *Scriptural study*, of private prayer, of pastoral instruction. It eventuated in the baptism of four of the pupils of the Institute and in the Confirmation of four. There were two others who desired Confirmation, but as they were not the children of Episcopalians, and had not the written consent of their parents, I declined the administration of the rite.

Since my last address to the Convention, very great improvements have been made at the Institute. The building originally purchased (Lamar Hall) has been rendered much more comfortable. A very handsome and spacious school-room with chamber and private parlour for one of the teachers, and with rooms for ten pupils, has been finished and is in use. A mile distant from Lamar Hall, a boys' school has been built, having accommodations for fifty boys, with school-rooms, music-room, &c., and suites of apartments for the Rector and his family, and

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the various officers of the school. This building has been occupied since January last, and has been named after our Presiding Bishop, the venerable Bishop of Illinois. Its rapid completion reflects great credit upon Mr. S.H. Fay's taste and energy.

The improvements at Lamar Hall, the new school house attached to the female department, and the building of Chace Hall, have called for an expenditure of eight thousand five hundred dollars. Besides bearing its own expenses, the Institute has paid the whole of this amount with the exception of about twenty-five hundred dollars, which will be met by the tuition money accruing in June and January next. We ask nothing of the Church but its children. Fill our schools, and we shall have a clear income of seven thousand dollars over and above all expenses, which will be faithfully disbursed in rendering the Institute still more worthy of the Church's patronage. Nothing will prevent us, the blessing of God continuing to rest upon it, from making it the very first school in the United States, but the withholding of your children. One hundred pupils, fifty girls and fifty boys, are all we need to put it upon this footing, and already have we nearly seventy. This point once gained, we should present the singular spectacle of a school unsurpassed in its means of education of every sort, with a nett income of seven thousand dollars, and yet furnishing that education, including French, Italian, Music, Drawing, with board and most comfortable lodging, for two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, not more than one half of the cost of a northern education of like quality.

Since the publication of the Card setting forth the arrangements of the school, I have received a letter from my friend, Mr. Tebbs of London, who has kindly procured many of my teachers for me, announcing the engagement of Mr. George M. Messiter, B.A., of Wadham College, Oxford, as Classical and Mathematical Usher of the boy's school. He has very high testimonials of character and scholarship from the late Dr. Arnold of Rugby, and the Tutors of the University. His services, together with those of Mr. and Mrs. Fay and of Mr. Berner, (a graduate of Leipsic,) give us ample assurance that whatever is taught, will be thoroughly taught.

And here, at the risk of being tedious, let me say a word to all those who may entrust their children to our care. My injunc-

tions to the teachers are to educate thoroughly, and never to hesitate to put the oldest boy or girl back to the rudiments of learning, should they have been neglected. No very rapid improvement therefore must be looked for, *except in character*—that, we strive to improve at once—and faith must be had in the wisdom and judgment of teachers as experienced and devoted as those at the Institute. In many instances a very large part of the first term has been spent in teaching young people, who came from other schools where they were studying Mathematics and the Natural Sciences, to read, write and spell. We do not undertake to *cram* children—our endeavour is to train them—to give them a thorough education, combined with such accomplishments as the pupil will receive. Our plan is slow, but sure, and must ultimately find its reward in the hearts of parents.

Of the candidates for Holy Orders reported at the last Convention, Dr. Wm. B. Stevens has been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons; Dr. J.J. Ridley has been transferred to the Diocese of North Carolina, and Mr. W.J. Ellis is pursuing his studies at the Theological Seminary of Virginia. During the year Mr. Thomas F. Scott, late a Preacher among the Presbyterians, was admitted as a candidate, and his six months

having elapsed, was ordained in March last. Mr. Benjamin F. Mower, transferred as a candidate from the Diocese of Alabama, is likewise at the Theological Seminary of Virginia.

Since the last convention the Rev. John B. Gallagher has been canonically transferred from the Diocese of South Carolina, and Messrs. Scott and Stevens have been added to the Ministry by ordination. No clergyman has left the Diocese, nor has any one been liable to Ecclesiastical censure of any kind.

During the past year, I have been called upon to give my consent to the consecration of the Rev. John Johns as Assistant Bishop of Virginia, and of the Rev. Manton Eastburn to the Episcopate of Massachusetts. My response to the application was a hearty Amen, with an earnest prayer that God would multiply such Bishops in the Church.

Nothing remains for me but to convey to this Convention my sense of the irreparable loss which the Church has sustained in the death of our late Presiding Bishop, the Right Rev. A.V. Griswold. St. Paul's description of Barnabas, that he was a good

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man and full of the Holy Ghost and of Faith, has always struck me as peculiarly applicable to him. He walked by faith, and the unction of the Holy Spirit was upon all he said and did. Silently and unobtrusively he laboured for his Master, and "without the sound of hammer or of axe, or any tool of iron," he has left behind him a spiritual Temple, which astonished us by its vastness and satisfies us with its completeness. As a Parish Minister, as a Bishop, as the Presiding Bishop, he maintained a character of unspotted consistency, and although he was permitted in the good Providence of God, fulfilling the truth of Scripture, "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted," to reach the highest position in the American Church, he was, in every sphere, meek, humble, spiritual. May the beloved Brother, on whom his mantle has been cast, be replenished, like him, with truth of doctrine and adorned with innocency of life.

STEPHEN ELLIOTT, JR.
Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.

The Parochial Reports were read and ordered to be printed, as follows:

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SAVANNAH

Rt. Rev. S. Elliott, Jr., Rector.

Rev. J. R. Gallagher, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—white infants 15, adult 1, coloured infants 2,	18
Burial, - - - - -	1
Confirmed, - - - - -	12
Communicants—white 58, coloured 3, - - -	61
Collections for Foreign Missions, - - - -	\$99.25
Collections for Domestic Missions, - - - -	99.25
Sunday School Contributions, - - - -	317.42

Since the last annual report, there has been a large increase both in the number of the communicants and of attendants upon the stated services of the Church.

The Sunday School, comprising twenty teachers and one hundred and twenty scholars, is in a very flourishing state, and indications of spiritual good have been afforded not only by the large attendance of scholars, averaging between eighty and ninety, but in some instances by evidence of the renewing influence of the Spirit upon their hearts.

A Parochial day school has been established for the education of indi-

gent children, where they are instructed in the rudiments of learning, conducted with a view to their spiritual training, through the gratuitous labour of several pious and benevolent ladies connected with the Church. A few of the poorest scholars are placed at board, and are maintained by the contributions of the Sunday School.

A school for coloured children was opened during the summer in the Church, on the afternoon of Sunday, at which oral religious instruction was given to about 150. Deep regret was experienced on account of the necessity of suspending this important and interesting work through the winter, for the want of a convenient place in which to conduct the school.

CHRIST CHURCH, SAVANNAH
Rev. Edwd. Neufville, Rector.

Baptisms—adults 2, infants 11,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Burials—4 of the congregation, 7 others,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	12
Communicants—added 20, removed and died 10,	-	-	-	-	-	160
Offerings and collections for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$101 00
Do. do Domestic Committee of do.	-	-	-	-	-	104 67
Do. do Foreign Committee do	-	-	-	-	-	111 17
Contributed by Ladies of the Congregation for St. Michael's Church, Springfield,	-	-	-	-	-	315 00
Contributed by the Ladies' Missionary Association To the Diocesan Church building fund,	-	-	-	-	-	166 00

The Female Prayer Book and Tract Society have distributed 150 Prayer Books and a large number of Tracts.

It will be seen that the decrease in the number of Communicants, consequent upon the transfer of some to St. John's Church, as noticed in the last annual report, was but temporary; and that the hope of increase and enlargement based upon the harmony subsisting between the two congregations, has been to some extent realized. May they ever continue to "follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another, standing fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel!"

Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Sunday School—Teachers 10; Scholars about	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
Collections—About	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1000

This Church continues, by the blessing of God, to increase in numbers and in strength. With the aid of the Bishop, a successful effort has been made to liquidate the only claim remaining against the Church, with the exception of what remains due to the Rector for the payment of Executions

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previously noticed. The Ladies have been, as ever, indefatigable in their industry, having contributed more than three hundred dollars in aid of the Church. A collection, amounting to sixty dollars, was made for Domestic Missions, on occasion of the visit of the Rev. Secretary of the Domestic Committee in January last—and another of thirty dollars for the Sunday School, in the month of March. The Parish has also paid its quota for Conventional expenses and the Bishop’s fund.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. SIMON’S ISLAND.
Rev. Edward T. Walker, Minister.

Communicants—10; Added 7,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Negroes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Baptisms—Children 6; Infants 3,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Negroes, Adults 19; Children 6; Infants 5,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Do. Negroes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Marriages—1 White, 1 Black,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

We were favoured with a visit from the Bishop in company with the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, and the Rev. Mr. Neufville, in January. The Church was open for Divine Service morning and afternoon for three successive days. Those at the Church and at other points, were of an interesting nature, and it is believed were productive of good.

Much time has been given to the religious improvement of the Negroes during the past year. In addition to the Sunday afternoon services, three evenings of the week have been devoted to teaching, and preaching to them.

A large portion of those who are members of the Church have been taught, (with the assistance of others) the Morning Service, (excepting the Psalms,) and others have been instructed from Jones’ Catechism.

The readiness and ease with which they have learnt the Church service—their willingness to instruct each other—the Scriptural knowledge thus gained, give reason to hope and believe, that soon they will cheerfully join our communion from personal interest and feel and realize that they are the objects of the Church’s care and love.

During the year a Vestry Room has been built, and the Church repaired and painted.

The Offerings for Home and Foreign Missions have been \$60. The Negroes gave \$3 50. The Missionary Bee Hive Society have realized \$140.

GRACE CHURCH, CLARKESVILLE.

Rev. John B. Gallagher, Minister.

Baptism—Infant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17

Divine Service was regularly held in Clarkesville from May to the last of October, the greater part of the time in the Church edifice, which though not entirely finished, was sufficiently advanced towards completion, to enable the congregation to worship within its walls during the summer. Great inconvenience and discouragement had been encountered in carrying the work thus far, and this measure of success is partly owing to the zeal and liberality of the Ladies of the Congregation, who contributed during the year towards the payment of the debt and other objects connected with the Church, upwards of \$400. The consecration of the Church by the Bishop of the Diocese, took place on the 18th October, in the presence of a large and very attentive congregation.

The attendance throughout the season, especially on the part of the settled inhabitants of the village, was more general than during the previous summer. A speedy accession to any great extent, from the settled population, can scarcely be expected, but the willingness of the people to attend the services of the Church, induces the hope, that in time they will be enabled to appreciate more highly its Apostolic character.

Of the number of communicants reported, ten are summer residents, who together with temporary visitors, composed the majority of the congregation.

A Coloured Sunday School was opened throughout the season with a favourable attendance and manifestation of interest, especially in the case of the adults. The average attendance of scholars was about 60.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, MONTPELIER.

Rev. Charles Fay, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults 4, infants 1, coloured infants 2,	-	-	7
Confirmed,	-	-	6
Communicants—white 21, coloured 8,	-	-	29
Marriages,	-	-	1
Collections for Foreign and Domestic Missions,	-	-	\$100

As heretofore, the congregation, for the most part, is made up of the teachers, pupils and other members of the Georgia Episcopal Institute. The Rector is happy to state, that the spiritual condition of the Church at Montpelier is highly encouraging. A growing seriousness and interest in religious things, have, during the course of the past year, been manifested, both among the boys and girls composing the male and female departments of the Institute. At the late visitation of the Bishop, several

more than the candidates offered for Confirmation, were ready and desirous to be confirmed, who, by a rule of the school, were required to wait until the consent of their parents or guardians could be obtained.

There is now a promise of much good in this interesting field of labour, which, it is hoped, will be realized, through the Divine blessing, in the happiest results.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MILLEDGEVILLE.

The Senior Warden reports, that on due enquiry in Milledgeville and the vicinity, he finds the number of Communicants to be sixteen, who have expressed their determination to return to the Church as soon as regular service is instituted.

A Sunday School was founded on the first Sunday after the Epiphany, in the present year, under the superintendence of a communicant of our Church, to instruct the principles and doctrines of the Catechism, Bible and Prayer book, and is in a very flourishing condition. It commenced with three pupils and now numbers *twenty-two*.

A *Ladies Sewing Society* has been established, for the purpose of obtaining a Library for the Sunday School and to aid in the purchase of an organ for the contemplated Church edifice now being erected, by whose praiseworthy efforts, a small collection of books has been obtained for the use of the pupils, which will be increased as the wants of the school demand.

A building for a Church, is under contract, to be finished for consecration by the 1st of December next. The courtesy and Christian feeling manifested towards the Episcopal Church by the well informed of different denominations in Milledgeville, merit our gratitude, and lead us to indulge the pleasing anticipation that the establishment of a Church at the seat of Government, on the Apostolic foundation, will ultimately redound to the increase of piety and national devotion, and that from this place, under the direction of the GREAT HEAD OF THE CHURCH, may radiate streams of light which shall *make glad the city of our God*.

John Ruggles Cotting.

ATHENS AND LEXINGTON.

Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, M.D., Officiating.

On Tuesday, the 14th March, in company with Bishop Elliott, I arrived at the scene of my future labours. The two following days, service was held in the Methodist Church in Lexington by the Bishop and myself, to small but attentive audiences. On Friday we went up to Athens, and held service that night in the Baptist Church. The next Sunday, the Bishop and the Rev. Thos. F. Scott, officiated in the Presbyterian Church, and

the Sunday following, I held service twice in the same place, having been requested to do so by the Session of the Church in the absence of their Minister. Since then I have, while

in Athens, regularly held services in the Town Hall, which have generally been well attended. Encouraged by mercies from on high, the friends of the Church have organized themselves into a body by the name and title of the Wardens and Vestry of Emmanuel Church, Athens; have elected a building committee—purchased a lot and are now erecting a neat and beautiful place of Worship, which we hope will be ready for consecration by autumn.

Our prospects of success in Athens are certainly good, and if we will but wait upon the Great Head of the Church in humble prayer and fervent faith, we shall be sure of his blessing. The number of communicants, so far as I have been able to ascertain, is 17.

By an arrangement with the people of Lexington I officiate in that place on the 3d Sunday of each month. On the 3d Sunday of last month being Easter, I held service three times in the Methodist Church to quite large audiences. The number of communicants at this place is six.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, DARIEN.

Baptisms—11 White children; 3 Adult Whites; 1 Coloured,					15
Confirmations—23 Whites; 1 Coloured,	-	-	-	-	24
Communicants—30 Whites; 1 Coloured,	-	-	-	-	31

The Wardens take pleasure in stating that the building of St. Andrew's Church will be commenced within the present month, and trust, with the blessing of God, to see it open for His service, in the fall.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, MARIETTA.

Rev. Thomas F. Scott, Officiating.

This Church was organized by the Bishop shortly after the adjournment of the last Convention. Since that time a very neat and substantial stone building has been erected, and consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. This work reflects great credit upon the taste and energy of those who superintended its erection, as well as upon the liberality of the citizens. The building is 40 by 48 feet, with a pitch of 22 feet. In the rear is a Vestry room, say 12 by 16 feet; while the front is surmounted by a Tower with an elevation of about 55 feet from the ground. The wall, on the outside is rough-cast, and the whole structure is according to the modern Gothic style.

There are forty-six Pews in the body of the Church, in which about 230 persons may be comfortably seated, beside accommodations in the gallery for a hundred more. The building is now completed, except the painting of the interior, which will be done so soon as the means are in hand.

We now lack but a bell, an organ, and a communion service, to complete our fixtures; a very handsome Bible and Prayer Book for the Desk, and some other articles having been kindly furnished by our friends of St. Paul's Church, Augusta.

The number of communicants is eight. Of these however, one is mostly absent on professional business, and two others live at such a distance as to prevent them from worshipping with us more than occasionally.

Two infants have been baptized by the Bishop.

We can say nothing definitely as to our congregation. There is but one family at Marietta which has heretofore been connected with the Episcopal Church. The others who are attached to it, are individuals mostly transitory. We can place our hope in nothing therefore but in the righteousness of our cause, and in the blessing of God. We take courage however from the interest manifested in our cause by the community, and feel assured that when our doctrines and usages come to be understood they will also be appreciated by many.

A Sunday School has been commenced, but it is not yet fully organized. Several heads of families have expressed a desire that their children be trained in a school under our direction. A number of Tracts and Prayer Books have been forwarded us from the Depository at Macon. A portion of these have already been distributed, and inquiries for them are becoming frequent.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, GLYNN COUNTY.

Rev. John A. Vaughan, D.D. Officiating.

The Church of St. David's, Glynn county, having been consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese on the 19th of February last, remained closed until April. The undersigned then undertook the pastoral care of the Parish for that month, having the assistance of a friend in parts of the service. During five Sundays, service has been regularly held in the morning, and on three, in the afternoon; the latter being especially for the coloured people. On four Sundays there has been service also on one or other of the plantations. With the exception of the first Sunday the children (amounting to about 20) have been regularly catechized in Church. One child has been baptized. Six white communicants (female) are attached to the Parish, three of whom became such during this brief ministry now closed.

On Good Friday the undersigned preached and administered the communion in Darien.

Few fields of Parochial labour possess greater interest. Five Planters whose families compose the larger part of the white population of the neighbourhood built the Church, and it owes no man any thing. The same parties intend during a second year, to add a vestry and enclose the lot, to erect a Parsonage as a healthy summer and winter residence near,

and secure the services of a permanent pastor. These efforts have also distinct reference to the religious instruction of the coloured people of their plantations amounting to between 1000 and 1200 with half as many more in the immediate vicinity; and no doubt can exist of such instruction being most thankfully received. Partial efforts already made under the disadvantage of merely occasional visits from a Minister resident in a neighbouring county, have produced evident good results, and justify expectations of

greater good under the faithful care of a resident pastor of our Church, for whose services the coloured people evince a growing attachment.

He who has led the hearts of the Planters to begin this work, has manifestly given His blessing in its progress thus far.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD,
EFFINGHAM COUNTY.**

Various circumstances have prevented the performance of Divine service in this Church during the past year. It is hoped that arrangements will be made at an early period for the support of a Missionary in this Parish. If the regular services of a clergyman could be procured there is no place in the lower country where one might be more profitably employed. An active and pious young man is wanted, as well as Prayer Books, and Tracts explaining the doctrines of the Church. The building is finished and ready for consecration, and for neatness and convenience, will not suffer by a comparison with any country Church in the Diocese. The means of the Parish are very limited, and it must rely for a considerable time upon members of our own communion. The debt is gradually diminishing, and if Episcopalians will only reserve a part of their means for the support of this infant Parish, "Jacob's hand here would not be lifted up in vain."

During the past year the undersigned has officiated seven or eight times in the Meeting-House on Wilmington Island. A few members of our Church reside on this and the adjacent Islands. It is believed that they have been pleased with the services.

The congregations of Blacks at White Bluff and Savannah have shared in the weak efforts of the undersigned.

On several occasions aid has been rendered to the Rev Messrs. Neufville and Gallagher.

GEORGE WHITE.

Savannah, May 4, 1843.

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To the Convention of the Diocese of Georgia:

Since the last Convention my residence has been changed from Washington to this place. I have no Ministerial acts to report other than an occasional service for other denominations in the town and neighbourhood.

JOHN JAMES HUNT.

Athens, April 25, 1843.

The Committee on Missions made the following Report, which was accepted:
The Committee on Missions, respectfully

REPORT:

That appropriations have been made during the past year, for the support of Missionaries at such points in the Diocese, as were recommended by the *Rt. Rev. Chairman ex-officio*.

A reference to the Report of the Treasurer of the Committee will show in what manner those appropriations have been applied. His account exhibits a balance in hand of about *eighty dollars*. Of this amount the sum which may be necessary to procure an additional supply of two hundred Prayer Books, is pledged to that object, only *ten copies* remaining in the Depository. Donations of Prayers Books have been freely made in connexion with, or in anticipation of Missionary efforts. Ninety-five copies have been sent gratuitously to Marietta and Athens, within the Conventional year. Several thousand pages of tracts have been distributed in like manner.

The Committee have refrained from enlarging the stock of Sunday School Books, and from supplying deficiencies, except to a limited extent. Without larger contributions in aid of the Depository, we shall no be able to meet the future claims of our Missionary stations. The Committee look forward to the ensuing year, as one of increased activity and success.

SENECA G. BRAGG, Chairman pro. Tem.

The Standing Committee made the following Report, which was accepted:
The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Georgia

REPORT:

That they have recommended to be received as a candidate for Orders, Mr. Thomas F. Scott, late a Minister of the Presbyterian Church. They have recommended to the Bishop for *Deacon's* Orders, Messrs. William Bacon Stevens and Thomas F. Scott, and for *Priest's* Orders, the Rev. Edward T. Walker of St. Simon's Island.

They have also given consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. John

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Johns to be Assistant Bishop of Virginia, of the Rev. Dr. Manton Eastburn to be Assistant Bishop of Massachusetts, and of the Rev. Dr. John P.K. Henshaw to be Bishop of Rhode Island.

ED. NEUFVILLE, President.

The Reports of the Treasurers of the Convention and of the Missionary Committee were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on the proposed alterations in the Prayer Book and the Constitution of the Church, were again, on request, continued to the next Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of its Standing Committee, Committee on Missions, and Delegates to the General Convention, which resulted as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Of the Clergy.
Rev. Edward Neufville,
“ Edward E. Ford,
“ S. G. Bragg,

Of the Laity.
Mr. Wm. B. Bulloch,
Dr. Theodosius Bartow,
Hon. Robert M. Charlton.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Rev. S.G. Bragg,
“ Charles Fay.

Mr. N.C. Munroe,
“ Horace Fitch,
“ Geo. A. Kimberly.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. Edward Neufville,
“ Edward E. Ford,
“ Wm. D. Cairns,
“ S.G. Bragg.

Hon. J.M. Berrien,
Maj. T.M. Nelson,
Mr. E.F. Campbell,
“ N.C. Munroe.

On motion, after Prayer by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned to the hour of Divine Service to-morrow morning.

At night, in St. John's Church, Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Neufville, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. S. G. Bragg, from 1Kings, 18,21.

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SATURDAY, MAY 6, ½ past 10 A.M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Stevens, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Charles Fay, from Acts 16, 31. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The Committee on the State of the Church made the following Report which was accepted:

The Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to

REPORT:

That while the aggregate returns from the different Parishes exhibit an increase of *numerical* strength in the Church in this Diocese, the very general *attendance* of the Lay Delegates appointed to represent them in this Convention, furnishes a gratifying evidence of a *spirit of zeal and interest* in the cause we have in hand, which cannot fail, under the Divine blessing, to be productive of important results.

The speedy rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's day, was accomplished, not by the energy of his character, alone, but by the co-operation of "the people," who "had a mind to work," and yielded a ready compliance also with the direction: "In what place ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us." As then, so now, "the work is great and large,

and we are separated one far from another,” and stand in equal need of mutual counsel and combined effort for the advancement of the interests intrusted to our care.

A comparative statement is herewith submitted of the returns made to the last and present Conventions; which, flattering as it is, your Committee hope may still prove but the first fruits of a more abundant harvest.

						1842.	1843.
Baptisms, adult, -	-	-	-	-	-	32	43
“ infants,	-	-	-	-	-	148	162
Confirmed, -	-	-	-	-	-	72	132
Communicants, -	-	-	-	-	-	460	621
Marriages, -	-	-	-	-	-	35	29
Burials, -	-	-	-	-	-	54	36
Deacons ordained,	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Priests ordained,	-	-	-	-	-	0	1
Parishes received into union,	-	-	-	-	-	0	5
Clergy present at Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	5	11
Lay Delegates present at Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	8	28
All of which is respectfully submitted							

ED. NEUFVILLE, Chairman,

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The Committee on Finance made the following Report, which was accepted:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and the Treasurer of the Missionary fund, beg leave to

REPORT:

That the accounts are regularly and satisfactorily stated—that of the Treasurer of the Diocese is balanced, and the Treasurer of the Missionary fund has in his hands a balance of \$82.24. All the items of each account are sustained by proper vouchers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W.B. BULLOCH, Chairman.

The Committee on Unfinished Business Reported and were discharged.

The Committee appointed to Report on “the expediency of limiting the future meetings of the Convention of this Diocese to such places as are central or easy of access,” requested to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject: which request was granted.

Mr. Wm. P. Hunter and Mr. Nathan C. Munroe were unanimously re-elected Treasurers of the Diocese and of the Missionary Committee, respectively.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

It having pleased the Sovereign and Righteous Disposer of events to remove from his earthly labours to his Heavenly reward, the late Reverend and beloved Father in God, **ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD---**

Resolved, That while this Convention bow with unfeigned submission under this chastising rod of *Him* who they are persuaded ordereth all things in infinite wisdom and

righteousness, they cannot withhold the expression of their unfeigned grief under a dispensation which has deprived our General Convention of a counselor so rich in experience, while yet so eminently adorned with “the meekness of wisdom;” his own Diocese of the ministrations of a devoted, affectionate and beloved Bishop and Father; the whole body of our Clergy of an edifying model of ministerial zeal and fidelity; and the Church at large of the benign influ-

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ence of his lovely and winning example as a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That while they cherish a high admiration for the virtues of this beloved Prelate, and a heart-felt veneration for his memory, they also render to the Great Head of the Church, their devout thanks for the signal benefits conferred upon her through his instrumentality; and especially for the good example of one who, having finished his course of faith, doth now rest from his labours: beseeching God to give them and to his whole Church, grace so to follow that good example, that with him they may be partakers of his heavenly kingdom.

Resolved, That copies of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by the Secretary of this Convention, to the surviving relatives of the deceased, and to his Right Reverend successor in his holy office, as expressive of the sentiments and feelings of this Convention with reference to the bereavement which they have sustained.

The bishop having retired, the Rev. Mr. Neufville was called to the Chair, when the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed to wait on the Bishop, and request of him, in the behalf of this Convention, a copy of the Sermon preached by him on the “Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer,” appointed by the civil authority, for publication and circulation amongst the Parishes of this Diocese.

The Rev. Messrs. Cairns, Ford, and Bragg, and Messrs. Bulloch, Caruthers and Nelson, were appointed said Committee, who having conferred with the Bishop, and obtained his consent to the publication of the Sermon, 1000 copies to be printed.

The Bishop having returned to the Chair, on motion, it was resolved, that in the form of a Certificate of appointment as Delegate to the State Convention, the word “Diocese” be substituted for the word “State,” wherever it occurs.

On motion, it was ordered, that 1000 copies of the Journal be printed for distribution under the direction of the Secretary.

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The thanks of the Convention were unanimously tendered to the Treasurers of the Diocese and of the Missionary Committee for their faithful and efficient services to the Church.

The next annual Convention was appointed to meet in the city of Augusta on the first Thursday in May, 1844.

The Rev. J.B. Gallagher was appointed by the Chair, preacher of the Convention Sermon, and the Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens preacher of the Missionary Sermon at the next Convention.

After Prayer by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned until Monday at 9 A.M.

At night in St. John's Church, Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. T.F. Scott, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. W. B. Stevens, from 2 Chronicles, 16,12.

SUNDAY.

A.M.—In Christ Church, Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, and a Sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Scott, from 1 John, 5,8.

In St. John's Church, Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Stevens, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Bragg, from Luke 7, 47.

P.M.—Both congregations uniting in Christ Church, the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop assisted by the Rev. Mr. Neufville, to about 200 participants, including members of the Convention.

The collection at the Offertory for the benefit of candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese, amounted to \$123.

At night, in St. John's Church, Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Neufville, and the Missionary Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, from Luke 3, 10. The collection amounted to \$157.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. J.B. Gallagher who had been for several days confined to his house

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by indisposition, appeared and took his seat. After Prayer by the Bishop, the minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

There being no further business, after Prayer and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

STEPHEN ELLIOTT, Jr.
Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.

Wm. D. Cairns, Secretary.
Savannah, May 8, 1843.

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APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF GEORGIA.

ARTICLE I.

The Church of this Diocese, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to, recognises, and adopts the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

A Convention of this Church shall be held at such time of each year and place as the previous Convention may appoint: provided, however, that no Convention shall be opened for the transaction of business, unless there be present at least two Clergymen and Delegates from two congregations. And in case no Convention be formed, the standing officers of the last Convention shall hold their respective offices until successors shall be appointed.

ARTICLE III.

The Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee, shall have power, when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a *Special* Convention, by a circular letter to the several Churches. There shall not be less than four weeks' notice previous to the day appointed, and such meeting shall be holden when the authority calling it shall determine: and at such *Special* Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

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ARTICLE IV.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman in good standing, duly exercising clerical functions in existing parishes, or in other situations under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, shall be a member of the Convention; and every duly recognised Minister of this Church, engaged in the business of literary instruction, who shall have resided within the Diocese for six months last past, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of a right to vote.

Each Church or Congregation in union with this Convention shall be entitled to a representation by one Lay Delegate or more, not exceeding three, to be chosen from its

own body by the Wardens and Vestrymen thereof: Provided, however, that the Minister, or in his absence, the Delegate or Delegates present at any Convention, may supply any vacancy in the delegation, if he or they should find, at the place of meeting, a member or members of the congregation which they are empowered to represent.

ARTICLE V.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, be a majority of votes: provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens, that they accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and are regularly organized by the election of two Wardens, and any number of Vestrymen at discretion, not exceeding eight.

ARTICLE VI.

Every meeting of the Convention shall be opened with Morning Prayer, and a Sermon delivered on the first day of the Convention, be a preacher appointed at the preceding Convention: a Sermon on Missions shall also be preached some time during the sitting of each Convention, when a collection shall be made in aid of Missions within this Diocese. The appointment of both preachers shall be made by the Bishop, or, in his absence, by the President of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The Convention shall deliberate and act as one body, unless when any member shall call for a division on any question, in

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which case each Clerical member shall be entitled to one vote, and the Lay-Delegates of each congregation *jointly* to one vote; and a majority of both orders shall be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio* President of the Convention. In case there be no Bishop, or in his absence, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the clerical members present.

ARTICLE IX.

At each annual meeting of the Convention, a Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen, to hold their respective offices until the next Annual Convention, or until successors shall be appointed.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, or cause to be received, at each annual Convention, the assessments upon the Parishes of this Diocese for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention and the support of the Episcopate—and also to pay to the Bishop quarterly in advance, the amount of salary pledged to him by this

Convention; making a faithful return of all these his acts in his annual report to the Convention of this Church.

ARTICLE X.

A Standing Committee shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, to consist of three Clerical and three Lay members: of the time and place of whose meetings due notice in writing shall be given to all the members thereof at least one week before the time of such meeting. At a meeting thus notified, any four members shall constitute a quorum. The Standing Committee shall meet as soon as practicable after their election, and choose a President and Secretary from among their own number, and it shall be the duty of the President to call a meeting of the Committee whenever he shall deem it necessary, or whenever he shall be required so to do by any three members of the Committee.

Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

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ARTICLE XI.

The Convention shall annually elect four Clergymen and four Laymen, as Deputies to the General Convention, and to any *Special* General Convention which may be held in the recess of this Convention, who shall be empowered, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, to appoint in the place of such Delegate or Delegates any citizen or citizens of this State: Provided that such citizen or citizens be a member or members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese; or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the power hereby conferred on the Bishop shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

A proposition for altering and amending this Constitution shall be introduced in writing, and considered in Convention: and if approved by a majority, shall lie over to the next Convention, when upon consideration again, if it be approved by a majority of the Convention, it shall be adopted.

CANONS.

CANON I.

Each Church duly represented in this Convention shall pay or cause to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention the sum of fifteen dollars annually, for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention.

CANON II.

In case any Clergyman of this Diocese shall be accused of error in doctrine, immorality of life, or neglect or transgression of any of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, or of this Diocese, it shall be the duty of any two or more Clergymen, or of the Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of which he is Rector, or to which he may belong, who shall have

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knowledge or belief of such misdemeanor, to represent the same to the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese. In the event of such representation, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, if he or they shall deem the charge or charges worthy of investigation, forthwith to notify the accused of such charge or charges, together with the time and place appointed for his trial. The mode of trial shall be as follows: The Bishop, or the Standing Committee, as the case may be, shall appoint a number of Presbyters not less than five, of whom the person accused may select a majority by whom to be tried. The result of the trial shall be made known to the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, who shall pronounce and execute or cause to be pronounced and executed, such sentence as may be awarded, should the same by him or them be deemed just and proper.

Should the sentence be suspension or degradation from the Ministry, the Bishop, or provisional Bishop, or should there be none, some neighbouring Bishop shall be requested to pronounce the same.

Should it be impossible to obtain from this Diocese the requisite number of Presbyters to constitute a board of trial, the deficiency may be supplied from a neighbouring Diocese.

Should any Clergyman, accused and cited for trial according to the provisions of this Canon, neglect or refuse to obey the citation, such neglect or refusal shall be considered as an acknowledgment of the truth of the charges preferred against him, and sentence shall be pronounced accordingly.

CANON III.

The Convention shall appoint annually, by ballot, a Committee of two Clergymen and three Laymen, of which Committee the Bishop of the Diocese, when there is one, shall be, *ex-officio*, chairman; whose duty it shall be to take in charge the Missionary, Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract and Sunday School operations of the Church in this Diocese: and it shall be further the duty of this Committee to make a full report of all their proceedings to each succeeding annual Convention.

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CANON IV.

It shall be the duty of the Vestry of each Church in connexion with this Diocese, to pay, or cause to be paid, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, at each

annual meeting of the Convention, the amount of the assessment laid upon the Churches respectively represented by them, for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese.

CANON V.

Section 1. Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form an Episcopal Congregation, they shall adopt articles of association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Georgia; they shall assume a suitable name by which their Church or Parish shall be designated, and elect two Wardens and any number of Vestrymen at discretion, not exceeding eight. A certified copy of the articles of Association and of the proceedings at their adoption, signed by the Wardens, shall then be laid before the Convention, and if approved by that body, delegates from such congregation or Parish may take seats in the Convention, and the congregation shall be considered as united to the Convention and subject to its decisions.

Section 2. Every Parish so organized, shall annually, on Easter Monday, elect the same number of Vestrymen and Wardens.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*For providing a permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate,
Adopted 1841.*

Resolved, That, as it is important that the formation of a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, be at once commenced, each Rector of a Parish is requested, annually, to call the attention of his Parishioners to the subject, and invite contributions for the object in such mode as he may deem most expedient. That the Standing Committee of the Diocese, be Trustees of this fund, to whom all collections are to be paid over by the respective Rectors, and the amount thus paid over invested

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by the said Trustees, in what may appear to them the most safe and profitable manner—the interest annually received to be added to the principal, so that for the present the fund may be accumulating. And further, *Resolved,* That the Standing Committee as Trustees aforesaid, be requested to report at each annual Convention the amount received during the year, the sources from which received, and the manner in which the same invested.

Of the organization of new Parishes, adopted 1842.

Resolved, That in the organization of new Parishes, the following form of declaration be recommended, and the meeting in which it is adopted be held and conducted according to the provisions of Canon 5.

“We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Church [of Parish] of the Protestant Episcopal Church in -----, county of -----, and State of Georgia, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Church [or Parish] to be known by the name of -----Church -----, and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship, the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Georgia, and we do accordingly now appoint A.B. and C.D. to be the first Wardens, and E.F., G.H, I.J., to be the first Vestrymen of -----Church, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A.D.-----, and until others be chosen in their place. And an election of Wardens and Vestrymen shall hereafter be held on Easter Monday of each successive year.

Witness our hands at -----, county of -----, and State of Georgia, this ----- day of -----, in the year of our Lord -----.”

For Printing Reports of Treasurers, adopted 1842.

On motion, it was unanimously *Resolved*, as a standing rule, that the Reports of the Treasurers respectively, be printed in an Appendix to the Journal of the Convention.

On the Use of Churches, adopted 1842.

On motion, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Vestries of our Churches in this Diocese to discourage the use of the Churches under their care, for all “*unhallowed, worldly and common uses.*”

THE STYLE OR TITLE OF CHURCHES.

The proper style for a duly incorporated Congregation is, “The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry, (or else the Church Wardens and Vestry) of -----Church in -----.” The first blank being left for the name of the Church, the other for that of the place.

Dr. *The Diocese of the State of Georgia, in Account*

1842. April 30.	To cash paid Rt. Rev. S. Elliott, balance due for 1841, from Christ Church, Macon, (through Rev. S.G. Bragg,) - - - - -	\$	100
June 10.	To cash paid Rt. Rev. S. Elliott, on account of salary for 1842, - - - - -		500
June 30.	To cash paid Do. do.		110
July 23.	To cash paid W.T. Williams on account of bill for printing Journal of Convention for 1842, - -		97
August 18.	To cash paid Rt. Rev. S. Elliott on account of salary for 1842, - - - - -		300
1843. March 6.	To cash paid Rt. Rev. S. Elliott in full for salary for 1842, - - - - -		490

May 1. To cash paid Rt. Rev. S. Elliott on account of salary for 1843, - - - - - 232

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<i>Current with William P. Hunter, Treasurer.</i>	Cr.
1842. April 20. By Balance due by Treasurer as per account rendered, - - - - -	\$ 7
April 30. By cash from Christ Church, Macon, balance due for 1841, as per contra, - - - - -	100
By cash, received from W.T. Williams, Delegate, the following, viz:	
From Trinity Church, Columbus, being quota of Bishop's Fund for 1842, - - - - -	\$100
From Do. for expenses of Convention, 1842, - - - - -	15
From St. Paul's Church, Augusta, quota to Bishop's Fund for 1842, - - - - -	500
From Do. for expenses of Convention, 1842, - - - - -	15-----630
June. By cash from Rev. Mr. Walker of Christ Church, St. Simon's Island, on account quota for expenses of Convention for 1842, - - - - -	10
July 7. By cash from Rev. S.G. Bragg of Christ Church, Macon, quota for expenses of Convention of 1842, - - - - -	15
July 22. By cash from Christ Church, Savannah, quota for Expenses of Convention for 1842, - - - - -	15
From St. John's Church, Savannah, quota for expenses of Convention for 1842, - - - - -	15
August 18. By cash from Christ Church, Savannah, on account quota to Bishop's Fund for 1842, - - - - -	300
1843. Feb. 9. By cash from Do. in full for quota of that Church to Bishop's Fund for 1842, - - - - -	100
Feb. 15. By cash from Do. on account quota to Bishop's fund for 1843, (leaving \$868 due for 1843,) - - - - -	132
Feb. 17. By cash from Christ Church, Macon, on account of Bishop's Fund for 1842, - - - - -	100
March 6. By cash from Christ Church, Macon, on account quota to Bishop's salary for 1842, - - - - -	100
March 17. By cash from Do. in full for balance due on quota to Bishop's salary for 1842, - - - - -	100

April 12. By cash from Do. on account quota to Bishop's salary for 1843, (leaving still due for 1843, \$200)	-	100
April 28. By cash from Rev. Mr. Walker, balance due from Christ Church St. Simon's Island, expenses of Convention for 1842,	- - - - -	5
May 1. By cash from Christ Church, St. Simon's Island quota to Bishop's salary for 1842,	- - -	100
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E.E.
Savannah, May 2, 1843.

W.P. HUNTER, *Treasurer.*

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Dr. *The Committee on Missions of the Diocese of Georgia,*

1842. August 18. To amount remitted Rev. J.B. Gallagher, Missionary at Clarkesville, through Bishop Elliott,	- - - - -	\$200 00
October 7. To amount remitted Rev. J.B. Gallagher, Missionary, at Clarkesville,	- - \$150 00	
Paid discount on above remittance in Central money \$23, and exchange on Check, 75 cents,	- - - 23 75-----	173 75
September 11. To amount paid by Rev. S.G. Bragg in New York, for 400 copies Liturgy for Sunday Schools, \$8, 100 Catechisms, \$9,	- - -	17 00
1843. February 27. To amount paid Rev. E.T. Walker, Missionary at St. Simons,	- - -	90 00
April 4. To amount remitted Rev. T.F. Scott on account of salary as Missionary at Marietta,	- - -	100 00
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Balance,	- - - - -	82 24
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in account with Nathan C. Munroe, Treasurer.

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1842. April 29. By balance in hand of Treasurer, from previous account,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$121	37
May 25. By amount received from W. Root, through Rev. S.G. Bragg, as a donation to the Tract cause,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	00
June 13. By amount received in Central Bank notes, from Rev. W.D. Cairns, for first annual collection for Missions, taken up during the Convention at Columbus,	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	00
August 18. By amount received from the Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in Georgia, through Bishop Elliott,	-	-	-	141	10			
By amount received from Christ Church, Savannah, Church Offerings,	-	-	-	9	00			
By amount received from Ladies Missionary Association, Christ Church, Savannah,	-	-	-	22	00			
By amount received from St. John's Ch. Savannah, Church Offerings,	-	-	-	27	90	-----	200	00
1843. February 9. By amount received thro' Rev. S.G. Bragg, for Books for Christ Church, Macon, Sunday School,	-	-	-	10	76			
By amount received through the same, for Books sold to individuals,	-	-	-	6	24	-----	17	00
February 11. By amount received from Rev. Edwd E. Ford, for Prayer Books sold,	-	-	-	3	58			
By amount received from same, for Sunday School Books from Depository-	-	-	-	8	87			
By amount received from same, for Diocesan Missionary Fund,	-	-	-	87	55	-----	100	00
February 27. By amount received from Christ Church, Savannah, through Rev. E. Neufville, for Missionary purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	00
By amount received from Christ Church, St. Simon's Island, through Rev. Edw'd T. Walker, for Missionary purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	00
March 20. By amount received from St. Stephen's Ch. Milledgeville, for Prayer Books and Sunday School Books, through Rev. S. G. Bragg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	00
By amount received for Prayer Books sold by Rev. S.G. Bragg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	00
April 17. By amount received for collection in Christ Church, Macon, on Easter Day, for Diocesan Missionary purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	62
April 20. By amount received from St. Paul's Church, Augusta, through Rev. Edw'd E. Ford, for Diocesan Missionary purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	00

Right Rev. **STEPHEN ELLIOTT, Jr., D.D.**
Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.

Rev. **WILLIAM D. CAIRNS,**
Secretary of Convention.

Rev. **EDWARD NEUFVILLE,**
President of Standing Committee.

Mr. **WILLIAM P. HUNTER,** of Savannah,
Treasurer of Diocese.

Mr. **NATHAN C. MUNROE,** of Macon,
Treasurer of Missionary Committee.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE

Of Appointment as a Delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

This certifies that at a meeting of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, (or Wardens and Vestry, if no rector were present,) of -----, held on the ----day of-----, the following person (or persons, as the case may be,) viz: K.L.M.N. and O.P., were duly elected to represent this Church in the next Convention of this Diocese, to be held in ----, on the -----day of -----, 18---

The above certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present, or in his absence by one of the Wardens or the Secretary of the Vestry.