

JOURNAL
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Twenty-Second Annual Convention,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE DIOCESE OF GEORGIA,
Held in St. Paul's Church, Augusta,
Commencing on the 2d May, 1844.

ATHENS:
CLAYTON & FLINT.

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1844.

LIST OF CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. STEPHEN ELLIOTT, Jr. D.D., Bishop of the Diocese.

- * Rev. THEODORE B. BARTOW, Chaplain U.S. Navy.
 - “ ALEXANDER J. BERGER, Deacon, Missionary at Clarksville.
 - “ SENECA G. BRAGG, Rector of Christ Church, Macon.
 - “ EDMUND P. BROWN, Deacon, officiating at St. Simon's.
 - “ RICHARD T. BROWN, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Darien.
- * “ WILLIAM D. CAIRNS, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbus.
- * “ JOHN FIELDING, Principal of the College, Beaufort, S.C.
 - “ EDWARD E. FORD, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Augusta.
 - “ JOHN B. GALLAGHER, Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, Savannah; and Missionary at Clarksville.
- * “ JOHN J. HUNT, residing in Athens.
 - “ EDWARD NEUFVILLE, Rector of Christ Church, Savannah.
- * “ CARTER PAGE, Deacon, Missionary in Floyd County.
 - “ THOS. F. SCOTT, Rector of St. James' Church, Marietta.
- * “ JONATHAN B.T. SMITH, Deacon, Missionary in Baker County.
 - “ WILLIAM BACON STEVENS, M.D., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Athens; and Professor of Belles Lettres, Oratory, &c., in Franklin College.
- * “ JOHN A. VAUGHAN, D.D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Montpelier; and Principal of the Boy's School.
- * “ EDWARD T. WALKER, officiating in South Carolina.
 - “ GEORGA WHITE, residing in Savannah.
 - “ RUFUS M. WHITE, Deacon, officiating in Milledgeville.

Rev. C.C. PINCKNEY, of the Diocese of South Carolina; and Rev. ALFRED E. FORD, of the Diocese of Florida, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

* Did not attend Convention.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

Doct. T. BARTOW, \
 JOEL IVES, > Christ Church, Savannah.
 STEPHEN HILLS, /

JAS. A. CLIFFORD, \\
JOS. S. FAY, > St. John's Church, Savannah.
*Doct. W.A. CARUTHERS, /

EDWARD F. CAMPBELL, \\
BENJ. CONLEY, > St. Paul's Church, Augusta.
G. McLAUGHLIN, /

HENRY L. CUTTER, \\
*N.C. MUNROE, > Christ Church, Macon.
*HORACE FITCH, /

Maj. THOS. M. NELSON, \\
*EDWARD B. FISHBURNE, > Trinity Church, Columbus.
*JOHN B. PEABODY, /

*CHARLES GRANT, \\
*JOHN DEMERE, > Christ Church, St. Simon's
PAUL DEMERE, /

GEO. J. KOLLOCK, \\
*JOS. L. McALLISTER, > Grace Church, Clarksville.
*JACOB WALDBURG, /

*SAM'L H. FAY, \\
*SAM'L B. JONES, > St. Luke's Church, Montpelier.
*L.N. WHITTLE, /

*JOHN S. THOMAS, \\
*WM. S. ROCKWELL, > St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville.
JOHN R. COTTING, /

*Doct. R.D. MOORE, \\
Doct. WM. FLINT, > Emmanuel Church, Athens.
*YOUNG L.G. HARRIS, /

*Doct. J. HOLMES, \\
*J.F.S. HEALD, > St. Andrew's Church, Darien.
SAM'L PALMER, /

WM. ROOT, \\
CHARLES F.M. GARNETT, > St. James' Church, Marietta.
*EDWARD DENMEAD, /

* Did not attend Convention.

JOURNAL.

St. Paul's Church, Augusta, May 2d, 1844.

The services and business of the Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Georgia were commenced this day by reading the order for Daily Morning Prayer by the Rev. EDWARD E. FORD and by the preaching of the Convention Sermon by the Rev. JOHN B. GALLAGHER from 1. Cor. iii. 11th.

The Bishop of the Diocese having taken the Chair and the roll of the Clergy and the credentials of the Lay Delegates having been handed in, the following persons entitled to seats in this Convention, were found to be present:

OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. A. J. Berger,
 “ S. G. Bragg,
 “ E.P. Brown,
 “ R.T. Brown,
 “ E.E. Ford,
 “ J.B. Gallagher,
 “ E. Neufville,
 “ Thos. F. Scott,
 “ W. Bacon Stevens,
 “ George White,
 “ R.M. White,

OF THE LAITY.

Doct. T. Bartow,
 J. Ives,
 S. Hills,
 James A. Clifford,
 Jos. S. Fay,
 Ed. F. Campbell,
 Benjamin Conley,
 G. McLaughlin,
 H.S. Cutter,
 Paul Demere,
 George. J. Kollock,
 Dr. John R. Cotting,
 Dr. Wm. Flint,
 Samuel Palmer,
 Wm. Root,
 Thomas M. Nelson,
 C.F.M. Garnett.

On motion.

Resolved, That Clergymen from other Dioceses at present in this City, be respectfully invited to attend the deliberations of this Convention.

On motion.

Resolved, That the Rules of Order adopted by the last Convention and spread on pages 6 and 7 of the Journal of that Convention, be adopted for the government of this Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to elect a Secretary, when, on counting out the ballots, the Rev. Wm. D. Cairns was elected. In his absence Doct. Stevens was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The Bishop then appointed the following Committees:

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

On Unfinished Business.—Rev. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. E.F. Campbell.

On Finance.—Doct. Bartow and Messrs. Fay and Nelson.

On Admission of New Parishes.—Rev. Mr. Bragg and Messrs. McLaughlin and Palmer.

The Circular of the Domestic Committee on the subject of Indian Missions having been read, it was on motion of the Rev. Mr. Neufville,

Resolved, That a special committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed by the Bishop, to consider a communication received from the Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Missions, in reference to the proposed Indian Mission and report to this Convention.

The following persons were appointed on the above Committee: Rev. Messrs. Neufville, Stevens, and R.T. Brown, and Messrs. Kollock and Ives.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Mr. Ford in place of the Rev. Chas. Fay (removed from the Diocese) to act on the Committee on the proposed alterations in the Prayer Book, and the Constitution of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Neufville called the attention of the chair to the IV article of the Constitution and offered the following resolution which was carried.

Resolved, That a Committee of two clergymen and three laymen be appointed to take into consideration the right to *all the privileges* of a seat in this convention of each clergyman now in attendance upon

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the same and to report to-morrow morning. The Rev. Messrs. Neufville and Ford and Messrs. Nelson, Bartow and Garnett, were appointed that Committee.

On motion.

Resolved, That Section 2, Canon 5, be referred to a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen to report to this Convention as to the propriety of altering the same. Rev. Messrs. Scott and Gallagher and Messrs. Kollock and Nelson were appointed that Committee.

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

At night, Evening Prayer was read by Doct. Stevens and a Sermon preached by the Rev. R.T. Brown from Eph. ii. and part of the 12th ver.

St. Paul's, Augusta,
3rd May, 1844, Friday.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. R. T. Brown, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. E.P. Brown from 1st Cor. ii. 9, 10. The Convention having organized itself for business, the Minutes of the previous day were read and confirmed.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address to the Convention.

ADDRESS:

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

Upon this fourth occasion since my Consecration, of meeting you in Convention, I am again permitted to speak of the loving kindness of the Lord to us as a Church and as Individuals. Nothing has occurred within our Diocese, to cast the slightest shade over our prospects and much of success and of blessing has been vouchsafed to us. Our older Parishes have continued their unwearied course of hearty and liberal co-operation with their Bishop. Our younger Churches, without any striking manifestation of God's presence in the midst of them, have yet been strengthened by valuable accessions to their Communion—Our Ministry has been increased by the addition of several pious and active Clergymen. Our candidates for orders have doubled in number. Our schools have advanced in prosperity and efficiency. Three Churches have been consecrated within the year and two others are nearly ready for the same interesting office and to crown the whole, points are opening before me, more than I can visit or supply. For these unmerited blessings, let us give humble and hearty thanks to Almighty

God, and prepare ourselves, during this solemn meeting, for yet greater exertions and still higher success in the work of Christ and his Church.

My first official act after the adjournment of our last Convention, was the consecration, upon the second Sunday in July, of St. Michael's Church, in the village of Springfield, Effingham county. This is a small Church of wood, very neatly finished and fitted with every thing necessary for comfortable worship. The congregation at this point is made up, for the most part, of families from Savannah, who have resorted to Springfield as a retreat for the summer. During the last year it was kept open by Lay Reading, with occasional services from the Rev. Geo. White of Savannah. During the coming summer the congregation will be smaller than usual but I shall make an effort to keep the Church from being closed.

On the first Tuesday in September, Confirmation was administered in St. John's Church, Savannah, for the united Parishes of Christ Church and St. John's, when eleven persons were confirmed.

On the 22d of October, I admitted to the Holy order of Deacons, Mr. Jonathan B.T. Smith, a candidate transferred to my Diocese from that of Virginia. Mr. Smith offered himself as a Missionary among the negroes and was appointed soon after his ordination, to a station in Baker County, not far from the Town of Albany. It is my prayer that the Consecration of himself to this noble work by a young man of extensive acquirement, may excite others to devote themselves in like manner, to the same cause of true Missionary benevolence.

With the exception of these three official acts, I was engaged from May until November in the performance of Parochial duty in Savannah. Early in November, I visited St. James' Church in Marietta, where I found a very good congregation in regular attendance upon the worship of the Church and two persons ready for confirmation. Since that time, the prospects of this Parish have become still more encouraging and the friends of the Church have purchased a lot of twenty acres of land with the intention of

erecting a Parsonage and perhaps a School House. The Rector is residing upon the purchase in a cabin which he has fitted up for his temporary accommodation. The liberal spirit which presided over the foundation of this Parish continues still to characterize it.

On the 6th of November I made a visit to the Etowah River, Cass County, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Scott. We were encouraged

to take incipient steps for the formation of a Parish in this most interesting country. I preached on the morning of the 8th Nov. at the Pettis Creek Baptist Meeting House and it was determined among the friends of the Church in that quarter, that we should erect a Church, a Parsonage and a School House at a point central to this rich farming neighbourhood. Fifty or sixty acres of land were immediately procured, partly by gift and partly by purchase, and the materials for building are probably by this time upon the spot. The Rev. Mr. Scott has been most active in this advancement of the Church into a county hitherto untrodden by an Episcopal Clergyman and continues to superintend the erection of the buildings in progress. A Church organization will take place so soon as the Summer shall bring together the gentlemen interested in the undertaking.

From the Etowah River we proceeded to Rome in Floyd County, and I preached in the Court House on Sunday the 12th November. Mr. Scott preached in the afternoon, and at night I confirmed one person and administered the communion at the house of Mr. Beers. Soon after my visit, the Rev. Carter Page entered upon his work as a Missionary in this section of the State, and the Rev. Messrs. Scott and Page have since organized a Parish at Rome, and it is probably that a building will be commenced at some time during the year.

On the evening of the 13th November, I preached at Friendship Meeting House, Long's Ferry, Etowah River, and the succeeding evening officiated at St. James' Church, Marietta.

On the 17th November, I reached Athens, and on the morning of the 19th consecrated Emmanuel Church, confirming in the afternoon eight persons. This is a very beautiful edifice, with about four hundred sittings finished and furnished in a most excellent taste. It is surmounted by a very handsome spire and has recently been provided with an organ of fine compass. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the energy and perseverance of the handful of Episcopalians who have raised such a structure to the glory of God and I trust that it will be richly rewarded into their bosoms and the bosoms of their children. The Rev. Professor Stevens was duly elected the Rector of the Parish.

On the 27th November I paid my semi-annual visit to the Schools at Montpelier and while there confirmed three pupils of the Institute.

From Montpelier I proceeded to Milledgeville and consecrated St. Stephen's Church in that place on Sunday, the 10th December. The in-

terior of this little Church is remarkably beautiful and commands the admiration of all who visit it. It is finished and entirely paid for, and the congregation is prepared to go forward without embarrassment of any kind. The Rev. Rufus M. White, its minister, having reached Milledgeville only a few days before the consecration, confirmation was deferred until such time as he could become acquainted with the spiritual condition of his flock.

From the 13th December until the 1st of January, I was occupied in visiting, at the request of the Standing Committee of that Diocese, the Churches in Florida. Tallahassee, Monticello, Quincy and Apalachicola were the only points which I could reach and at each of these places a few were added to the Church by confirmation. I found the Parishes recovering themselves from the depressed state into which the misfortunes of Florida had cast them and providing themselves with suitable Pastors. The Rev. Mr. Bragg accompanied me as far as Tallahassee and during my visit to the other points of the Diocese, employed himself in strengthening the hands, and cheering the hearts, of his old Parishioners.

The meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Florida took place at the end of January and early in February I was informed that I had been unanimously requested to take provisional charge of the Diocese. This new call upon me has caused me much anxiety. While I have become very deeply interested in the Churches of Florida and while I perceived at a glance, that Episcopal supervision was essentially necessary to their spiritual advancement, the idea of adding a territory of eighty six thousand square miles to the very large Diocese over which I preside, was trully appalling, and it is only at this late hour that I have determined it to be my duty, at whatever sacrifice, to see that the churches of my Master in that section are properly cared for. I have considered every mode by which that Diocese might obtain Episcopal supervision, without taking the charge upon myself and cannot be satisfied that any one of them is feasible. I must undertake it or the Churches of Florida must be left without the care of a Bishop. Under such circumstances, the call is from God and must be obeyed.

I trust, Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, that this determination on my part will meet with your approbation. I have not believed, in the consideration of this question, that you could forget the struggles of your own infancy, when the hand of a neighbouring Bishop was

stretched out for your support and comfort. "Freely ye have received freely give," and God will bless any sacrifice it may involve to your own rapid advancement. There is no truth more certain than that expressed in the saying of the wise king of Israel, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth" and I firmly believe that every sacrifice we make for Christ will be returned to us an hundred fold. I have been confirmed in my determination by the very unanimous agreement of the Clergy of my Diocese that no alternative was offered me, save to accept the charge or refuse to give heed to a very solemn call. I shall endeavour so to arrange my visitations of that Diocese as to interfere very little, if at all, with the supervision of my own.

As I returned from Florida I visited the plantations of Messrs. Nightingale and Johnston in Baker county, the point at which the Rev. Mr. Smith is labouring. On the 1st

January I preached in the morning at Mr. Nightingale's house to a mixed congregation of whites and blacks. During the service I baptized an infant, and confirmed two persons, one white adult and one colored adult. It is the intention of these gentlemen to build a small plantation church so soon as proper arrangements can be made.

In the afternoon I proceeded seventeen miles to Albany, Baker county and preached in the school house of the village to a very large and attentive congregation. On Monday night I explained to the citizens of the town the doctrine, discipline and worship of the church and organized a very strong Parish by the title of St. Paul's, Albany. About seven hundred and fifty dollars were subscribed for the erection of a Church and the wardens are now engaged in making a contract for a building to be ready for consecration in Dec. next. I received a letter yesterday, mentioning that the papers necessary for the admission of this vigorous young Parish into connexion with the Diocese would be forwarded to meet the convention at this place, but I fear they will come too late. We shall probably receive St. Paul's next year, as we have already received several of our Parishes, in full operation, with Church, Minister, and Congregation.

From Albany I returned to Savannah and on the first Sunday after Epiphany admitted the Rev. Wm. B. Stevens to the holy order of Priest. On the first Sunday in Lent, the Rev. Thomas F. Scott was admitted in Christ's Church, Macon, to the same degree in the ministry and for the first time in the history of Georgia was the Episcopal Church fully represented to the N. West of the Chattahoochee.

On Sunday the 17th March, I commenced my visitation of Christ's Church, St. Simons, accompanied by the Rev. R.T. Brown of St. Andrews. I confirmed one colored person in the morning of that day. Service was held again on Monday morning.

This Parish had been vacant from the period of the resignation of Mr. Walker in the summer, until the arrival of the present minister in the beginning of this year. Mr. Brown had been so little time at work that he was not prepared to present any candidates for confirmation. He is laboring very assiduously among the negroes and will prove a blessing to the Island.

On Tuesday the 19th March, I proceeded to St. Davids, Glynn county, and officiated on that and the following day at the Church. During my visit I baptized two white children, and as the Church was without a Pastor, there were no candidates for confirmation.

It is but justice to this interesting Parish to say, that their lack of a Pastor did not arise from any want of zeal on their part, but from a necessity which was laid upon me, in connexion with our boy's school at Montpelier, of urging Dr. Vaughan, their Rector, to take charge of that Institution. It was a sacrifice of their individual feelings to a great public good, which will meet its due reward. Altho' cast down at the loss of such a pastor, they were still determined to carry on zealously their good work. Since my previous visit, the Church had been enclosed with a neat railing and a comfortable Vestry-room had been built and furnished, their next movement is the erection of a parsonage, which will be built during the summer and be ready for the reception of their Pastor, the ensuing winter. Dr. Vaughan's labors among them, during the months he was

with them, had been peculiarly interesting and the separation was a very painful one on both sides.

On Friday the 22d March, I commenced my visitation of St. Andrew's Parish, when I had the pleasure of officiating in our own Church edifice. It was in too unfinished a state for consecration, but was very comfortable and worship is held there stately by the Rector. On Sunday morning I confirmed twelve persons, two of whom were from St. David's Parish. St. Andrew's is under the charge of the Rev. Richard T. Brown, late of Virginia, whose labors have been already very much blessed. It is growing rapidly and should the population admit of it, will be very soon a strong Church.

On the 31st March, I held my usual spring confirmation in Christ's Church Savannah, when nine persons were confirmed. This Parish

has suffered during the past year more than usual from removal of its communicants.

During the first week in April I proceeded to Columbus, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Boone, our Missionary to China, and on Easter day confirmed seven persons, one of them a colored person. Dr. Boone addressed the congregation on the evening of the same day and produced a very decided interest in the behalf of the China mission. I regret to add to this report that I found the Rev. Mr. Cairns still suffering from severe indisposition and preparing to leave his flock for the summer in pursuit of health. The Rev. Mr. Gay of Alabama will give his Parish occasional services, and the intervening Sundays will be supplied by lay reading.

April 12th I commenced my visitation of St. Stephens Church, Milledgeville, and on Sunday the 14th, I confirmed six persons. Mr. White, the Minister of the Parish has reason to be encouraged by the success which has attended his labors. May the Lord give him the spirit of wisdom and a right judgment in all things, for he occupies a most important point in the Diocese.

April 17th my visitation of Christ's Church, Macon, began and continued until the 21st, when I confirmed seven persons. I found this congregation, as usual, in an interesting spiritual state and slowly yet surely increasing its number of communicants.

On the 22nd April I commenced the examination of the schools at Montpelier and continued there until Saturday the 27th. They were very satisfactory and well calculated to increase confidence in the system pursued there.

The prosperity of these schools calls for devout thankfulness on our part, to Almighty God. We have had during the past year, an average of eighty children under our charge, and had not our limit of fifty pupils to each school been strictly adhered to, we might have received, such has been the constant application for places in the girls school, fifty more. But we shall not depart from the determination with which we set out, never to receive in one school more than fifty scholars; for we believe it to be the only method of uniting the family system with that of the public school. It is neither numbers, nor profit, nor popularity which we seek. Our desire is to give a finished education upon strictly religious principles, and everything else will be sacrificed to that object.

But it becomes under existing circumstances, a question well de-

serving the consideration of the Church, whether we should not be enabled to put another school for girls into operation. This will require, according to the calculations of Mr. Fay, for building, furniture and equipment of every kind, the sum of ten thousand dollars. An outfit like this would put us into a condition for receiving at once fifty girls more, upon the same plan of education with those already under our care. The endowment of three scholarships at \$3000 each would effect the object; for which endowment paid in cash, the donor would be entitled to the education of a child at the school---so long as it endures, free of cost, its clothing excepted. If we cannot carry out the project in this way, we shall not attempt it in any other, for we are determined, by God's grace, not to embarrass ourselves with debt, nor to ask assistance from any quarter, where we do not make a suitable return. Since my connexion with the Diocese, whatever has been done in the way of Church building and debt paying, has been done by ourselves, with one trifling exception. During the time we have managed to build eight very nice Churches, to furnish them, to pay for them and to roll off a very heavy burden of debt from some of our older Parishes. It is my earnest desire that we should continue this line of policy and then we shall have no mushroom growth. Every step we take will be upon our own feet and in perfect independence of all external influences. The Parochial reports to be read at this convention exhibit an unbounded liberality on the part of the Churches and whom has it injured? Nay, whom has it not benefited? whose christian sympathy has not been deepened, whose christian charity has not been enlarged by these generous contributions to Christ and his Church? It is this spirit of liberality, united with the perfect harmony of all our operations, which has given us the rapid growth in which we now rejoice.

And here let us beseech you, Brethren of the Clergy, to permit the same unity of spirit to prevail among us, which has hitherto characterized us. Upon you it rests whether it shall be preserved. At this moment is there a controversy going on in the Church, sprung upon us in the midst of the most unexampled prosperity, which, if introduced here, must produce a like excitement with that which it has elsewhere aroused. However vital it may be, and I conceive it to be most vital, we can exclude it from the midst of us, by excluding the writings which have given rise to it and the newspapers which have fanned the flame. Let each clergyman determine that he will

dissuade his people from the perusal of this controverted Theology—that he will discountenance among them any publications which may influence their feelings or destroy their charity—that he will lead them back to the green pastures and still waters of our established theology and there will be no heart burnings among us. How much higher would be the standard of christian knowledge—how much deeper the tone of christian feelings, if we would build up our people upon such writers Jewel and Hooker and Andrews and Hall and Pearson and Beveridge, instead of weakening their minds and inflaming their passions with a current theological literature which must be as fleeting as the times which produce it. Our people need to drink from the deep wells of our ancient theology and not to be made familiar with the crude opinions which are daily and hourly

issuing from the press. If this theology be identical with the standard theology of the church, then circulate, my brethren, among your people this standard theology and there can be no disputation. If it be new, we all know that any thing new in theology is certainly dangerous, not to say erroneous and should not be furnished as spiritual aliment for the people. We can avoid this controversy by walking in the paths in which the whole church was walking but a few years back—walking in harmony and peace until the storm be over past. Whatever direct responsibilities may come upon us as Clergymen and as Laymen, let us meet them as becomes men whose consciences must be clear in the sight of God, but let us, at least, not waste our strength in vain wrangling, which always ends just where it begins, in every one's retaining his own opinions and taking sides according to his previous sympathies.

So long as this controversy does not pretend to meddle with the established formularies of the church there can be no danger to the church itself. Opinion on either side of it is a matter of private judgment, having proper tribunals before which it must account and to which it must be left for its account. The attempt to introduce any other rule of conduct must lead to endless confusion and to a perpetual antagonism of one portion of the church with another. But when the opinion becomes connected with the public authorized teaching of the church, or with its legislative action, then is it at once changed in its character and in its degree of importance. Hence the points of our system which need watching and guarding most carefully are our several Theological Seminaries and our general Convention.

Our Trustees in the one, and our Delegates in the other, must meet the only questions whose determination can affect the church. Let them ask for the old paths and determine to walk therein, and the church will rise from the roaring surges which are breaking over her, as does the rock, which buried for a moment, yet stands as unmovable as the foundations of the everlasting hills.

Messrs. William J. Ellis and Benj. F. Mower the candidates for orders reported at our last convention, are still pursuing their studies at the Theological Seminary of Virginia. To these have been added Mr. William C. Williams and Mr. Shanklin, transferred to this Diocese from Virginia, and Mr. Nicholas A. Okeson, who has become a candidate in this Diocese.

Since our last convention, Dr. John A. Vaughan has been transferred to Georgia from the Diocese of New York; the Rev. Rufus M. White from that of Western New York; the Rev. E.P. Brown from that of Delaware; the Rev. Alexander J. Berger from that of Maryland; and the Rev. Richard T. Brown, and Rev. Carter Page, from that of Virginia. The Rev. John Fielding, formerly a Roman Catholic Priest, has, after examination, been licensed, and the Rev. Charles Fay, formerly Rector of St. Luke's, has been transferred to the Diocese of Louisiana. The number of Clergy canonically connected with the Diocese is twenty.

During the past year I have been called upon to give my consent to the consecration of the Rev. J.P.L. Henshaw to the Episcopate of Rhode Island. His consecration met with my hearty approbation and I feel sure that his administration will prove a blessing to his Diocese.

This is exclusive of about \$100 contributed conjointly by the two congregations of Savannah, in aid of Kenyon College.

It is gratifying to remark that while this Church has suffered from an unusual number of removals, the addition to the communion has exceeded that of either of the previous years since the commencement of the Parish.

The children of the congregation were publicly catechised on Sunday afternoon throughout the season of Lent.

The Sunday School including the infant department recently organised has increased to the number of 142 scholars, with an average attendance of about 90, under 18 teachers. The Parochial School conducted through the week by the gratuitous instruction of Ladies attached to the Church has been steadily and successfully sustained. None are admitted who do not attend the Sunday School. It is hoped that this systematic course of religious education may prove instrumental with the divine blessing, in training many of the young in the way of godliness.

Nine of the poorer scholars are placed in an Asylum under the care of a pious communicant of the Church who devotes her time to the object. The annual expense incurred, amounting to nearly 400 dollars is chiefly defrayed by the Sunday School contributions.

CHRIST CHURCH, SAVANNAH.

Rev. Edward Neufville, Rector.

Baptisms—adults 2, infants 13,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Burials—10 of the congregation, 10 others,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Communicants—added 7, removed 12, repelled 3, died 2,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Offerings and collections for Domestic committee of Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$84	00
“ “ “ Foreign “ “ “	-	-	-	-	-	-	242	74
“ “ “ Diocesan, “ “ “	-	-	-	-	-	-	232	56
“ “ “ Education of candidates for orders,	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	70
								\$706 00

The Sunday School comprises 13 teachers, and 80 pupils. It has a Library of 500 volumes.

There is also a school for colored children, the average attendance on which is about 70.

The Ladies Missionary Association, besides paying up its annual instalment of \$166 to the Church building fund, has contributed \$75 to Diocesan Missions.

The Female Bible, Prayer Book and Tract Society has continued its efficient aid to the Missionary operations of the Diocese by furnishing a large number of books for gratuitous distribution.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, AUGUSTA.

Rev. Edward E. Ford, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults 4, children 27,								
Black adult 1, children 3. Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Communicants—added 8, including 4 from other congregations,								
Died 3, removed 5; present number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8

Burials 10, one not of the congregation.

It seems proper to state, as exhibiting the true results of the past year's ministrations, that 15 candidates are now awaiting confirmation during the present visit of the Bishop, 13 of whom will be added to the present number of communicants as above stated.

The children of the parish are catechised once a month by the Rector.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The white school numbers about 90 children, under the general supervision of the Rector, aided by a Librarian, three male and five female teachers. In the colored school, the attendance ranges from 30 to 40, under the instruction of the Rector and five teachers.

PARISH SCHOOL.—Within the past year a commencement has been made, of a *Parish School* for affording gratuitous instruction in the elements of a plain education. It is taught by several Ladies of the congregation, who devote to this good work five days in the week, from 9 to 1 o'clock. The results thus far, under the divine blessing, have been highly encouraging. The religious portion of the instruction is strictly conformed to our Church's system, and the children are required to attend the Sunday School and the public services of the Church. The number in attendance varies from 40 to 50.

A very neat, substantial and commodious brick building, 30 by 50 feet, has been erected on the Church lot, for the accommodation of the Sunday Schools.

A thorough alteration, pleasing to the eye, and highly conducive to convenience has been made in the arrangements of the Chancel, Pulpit and Desk.

The Ladies' Working Society have made liberal appropriations of the proceeds of their taste and industry to several useful objects.

The weekly "Church offerings," devoted to Missions within the Diocese, have amounted to \$130 97. A public collection of \$70 from the congregation, and the annual Christmas offering of the Sunday School of \$8 50—total \$78 50 has been transmitted in equal portions, to the two committees of the General Board of Missions, and the proceeds of another collection of \$59 31 to the Foreign committee, for the benefit of the China Mission.

There has also been raised by collections in the Church—for the purchase of prayer books and tracts \$44 10—and for defraying expenses of the Parish School, viz: books, stationary and occasional clothing \$37 00.

There are in the congregation, annual subscribers to the church building fund of the Diocese to the amount of about \$170, nearly the whole of which has been paid in for the past year.

About \$330 during the past year, has been raised by subscriptions in the congregation towards meeting a balance due for the Sunday School Building, over and above the fund previously appropriated to that object. Only a small amount still remains due for the building.

It will thus be seen that there has been, on the whole, no want of liberality, on the part of the congregation, in the support of objects connected with the best interests of the church and of our holy faith. May this bread cast upon the waters be found after many days.

CHRIST CHURCH, MACON.

Rev. Seneca G. Bragg, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 3, children, 13. Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Communicants—died 3; removed 5; repelled 1; added 13; present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals—adults 9; children 15. Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24

Many cases of sickness have occurred in our Parish, during the past conventional year. Three beloved members of our flock have been removed by death. It is our prayer, that we may reap spiritual blessings from the visitations of affliction, appointed for us—by our Heavenly Shepherd.

We record, with gratitude, an increasing spirit of liberality, among the friends of our church. The Ladies' Association, by their industry, and self denial, have supplied the sum of two hundred and ten dollars, for benevolent objects. Of that amount, sixty-five dollars were appropriated for the benefit of one of our Diocesan Missionary stations; and the remaining one hundred and forty-five dollars were expended for purposes of urgent parochial necessity.

Our church-offerings, and public collections, have exceeded those of several preceding years. Eighty dollars have been contributed in aid of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the P.E. Church. Ninety-five dollars have been applied to the support of Diocesan Missions; and forty dollars to the purchase of additional Prayer Books, for the Depository of the Diocese. Thus, amidst pecuniary embarrassments, (of which the Parish is not yet relieved, although it has recently extinguished a debt of more than two hundred dollars,) we have been enabled to contribute the sum of two hundred dollars, in aid of the cause of missions within the Diocese: and eighty dollars toward the support of the General Missionary Society.

Our Sunday School for white children, remains under the care of the same Superintendant,--aided by four female, and three male Teachers. The number of scholars attending, (of whom two have been recently confirmed,) is sixty. We can not report any decided improvement in our colored Sunday School. Two female teachers, and the superintendant of the white school, have labored faithfully to impart religious instruction to the servants of the congregation, and others, who have assembled, for that object, on the Lord's Day. We shall still persevere in our efforts to do them good; and pray for the blessing of the Divine Head of the church who is "no respecter of persons."

TRINITY CHURCH, COLUMBUS.

Rev. William D. Cairns, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 3; Infants 30. Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Communicants—Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	80

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Burials, - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Collections, over Eleven Hundred Dollars,							

Of the money collected, one hundred dollars has been appropriated to missions within the Diocese; one hundred to China; fifty to Domestic Missions; fifty to one scholar at the Seminary; four hundred and ten towards the liquidation of our Church debt, our quota to the Bishop's fund in full, and the balance in charity.

The Ladies have labored with characteristic diligence in the good work in which they have been long engaged.

The Rector being in the pursuit of health, has, by the kindness of his Vestry, been enabled to leave his Parish under the partial care of a young Clergyman during the summer, to whom the prospect is opened of establishing the Church at two points, adjacent to Columbus, in the State of Alabama.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. SIMON'S ISLAND.

Rev. E.P. Brown, Minister.

Communicants—white 17; colored 25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Confirmed—colored adult 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Baptised—Infants, white 5, colored 8,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13

The brief interval which has passed since his connexion with the Church of St. Simon's, has sufficed only to acquaint him with the condition of the Parish and to suggest certain plans of usefulness it is intended with the Divine blessing hereafter to carry into effect.

The condition of the Church may be considered prosperous, so far as it can be shown by a regular and very general attendance upon the services of the sanctuary—by a disposition to contribute liberally for the support of the Gospel and by an apparent earnest and practical desire for the religious improvement of those whose spiritual and *eternal* as well as temporal welfare the providence of God has given into our hands. Besides these indications from without, assuredly causes of thankfulness in themselves, there are not wanting other evidences of the presence of God, the Holy Ghost, in the existence of a personal interest in the salvation of the soul and an increasing desire to abound in the fruits of the spirit.

Communicants, - - - - - 21

Since the last meeting of Convention a beautiful Church has been erected, which, (though not quite completed at the time) was consecrated by Bishop Elliott on Sunday, 19th Nov., last. The regular services of the Church were commenced in our new edifice on Sunday the 17th March, prior to which time we had wor-

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shipped in the Town Hall. The building contains fifty pews and two free seats on the lower floor and seats for about fifty colored persons on each side of the organ loft. At the rental on the 16th March, forty-three pews were taken and an interesting and most intelligent congregation was thus gathered to our services. Through the liberality of our own people and neighboring friends, the Church has been furnished with most all of the necessary appointments for the Choir and Chancel, and we are now able to present the Church in all her primitive ordinances and scriptural sacraments.

On Sunday 14th April, I organized a Sunday School, with 7 teachers, and 28 scholars. Looking back upon the past year the Rector finds much cause for gratitude and encouragement; for gratitude, at the signal mercies vouchsafed during this season in the building, completing and furnishing our edifice, and of encouragement at the greater interest manifested in our Church and in the marked increase of the congregation.

May the early and latter rains of God's grace ever fall upon this garden of the Lord watering it into fertility, that it may bring forth fruit an hundred fold to his honor and glory.

I have held monthly services in Lexington, and administered the communion twice, once in the Methodist Church, and once in the house of Dr. Cox.

The number of communicants there is six.

ST. STEPHEN'S, MILLEDGEVILLE.

Rev. Rufus M. White, Minister.

My official connection with this parish commenced with the ecclesiastical year; but owing to the unfinished state of our church edifice, no public services were performed until the second Sunday in advent. Upon which day, our small, but tasteful and beautiful Church, was by our beloved Diocesan, consecrated to that hallowed use, for which it had been erected, by the noble christian liberality and zeal of our friends in this Diocese. May God graciously accept the offering which he has put it into the hearts of his people, willingly to make, and fill with his glory the house thus reared to his honor. Upon the establishment of the Church here, there were connected with it

Communicants, - - - - -	10
Since that time there has been added from another parish, - - - - -	1
From other communions, - - - - -	4
From the ranks of the world, 2 Total - - - - -	17
Baptisms, administered by the Bishop to infants, - - - - -	4
Confirmations, - - - - -	6
Marriages, - - - - -	1

There is a Sunday School connected with the congregation, under the supervision of the Rector, numbering 40 scholars, and five teachers.

Upon Palm Sunday, a collection was taken up for missions, amounting to \$20.

Having set up our banners in the name of the Lord, we trust that her sound doctrines, her apostolic order, the simplicity, solemnity and beauty of her liturgy which breathes so admirably the spirit of the primitive ages will commend the Church

The undersigned resumed the charge of this Parish on the 19th November, and continued until the latter part of January, when he removed to Montpelier. Morning Service was maintained every Sunday—from 30-40 whites and others attending, after which the children were instructed from the Bible. In the afternoon of Sunday, service especially for the colored people was held at Church and at Hopeton, 4 miles distant, alternately. Two plantation meetings were also held during each week, thus giving religious instruction to every plantation, once a fortnight. In all these arrangements the planters offered every needed facility, and in several instances, gave to their people, an hour before sunset, to prepare for service. In all, about 250, or one-fourth of the whole number of negroes, came thus under the ministry of the Word. Though no general religious interest appeared, there was manifestly increased attention to the instructions of the Bible, and to the exposition of the catechism. A class was formed among the colored people with a view to confirmation, and numerously attended by seriously disposed negroes, many of whom, though giving evidence of piety, had never been regularly connected with any Church. Five white families form the Parish, and comprise nearly the whole community. One head of a family was received at the communion, and has since with another, been confirmed at the Bishop's visitation.

JOHN A. VAUGHAN.

ST. MICHAEL'S, SPRINGFIELD.

Rev. George White, Rector.

Owing to circumstances the Rector has not been able to devote much time to his Parish. Residing thirty miles from it and engaged in the management of a large school, he found it very inconvenient to visit it as often as he desired.

The Church has been consecrated, and a Lay Reader appointed, who read Prayers every Sabbath during the summer months.

Early last Spring, he accepted an invitation to preach on Wilmington Island, situated about nine miles from Savannah, and he is pleased to say, that his congregations were uniformly attentive and serious—indeed, a very favorable feeling has been awakened among the prominent residents in behalf of our Church.

Our worthy Bishop favored the Island last summer with a visit, which was highly appreciated by the people.

After the expiration of his engagement on Wilmington Island, he felt it his duty to preach wherever an opportunity was presented.

The colored congregations in this city, have shared largely in his feeble efforts.—In his addresses to this neglected part of our population, he has endeavored to accommodate himself to their peculiar character and habits. He availed himself of every opportunity to correct long established errors, peculiar to the colored population, and he does not recollect the occasion, when his admonitions were not received, with respect and attention; and here will his Clerical and Lay bretheren permit him to remark, that a long acquaintance with this class of people, justifies

him in saying that the introduction of our peculiar mode of worship among them, would eminently tend to rectify mistakes in regard to the main points of religion, and elevate the standard of piety.

The Rectors of the Episcopal Churches in this city (Savannah,) have always found him ready to render them any aid in his *power*.

He has preached eight or nine times for the Baptists, three for the Lutherans, and twice for the Seamen.

MISSION IN CASS AND FLOYD COUNTIES.

In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Page, it may be proper to state, that occasional services have been held at Rome, and in the Etowah valley, during the year.—These services have been as well received as they usually are, in similar places, and by many a desire was manifested to have them continued. Tracts and Prayer Books to a small extent have been circulated, and thus the means of knowing our doctrines and modes of worship have been opened to a few.

It was soon believed that the Church might be permanently established in the Etowah valley; and after procuring the advice of the Bishop, a contract was made in February for erecting a Church. The building is to be 30 by 40 feet, with a Portico in front, and Vestry room in the rear. The materials are provided, and the work is now in progress, and the Church will, it is hoped, be ready for consecration in August or September. A contract was also made for erecting a Parsonage of a cheap but substantial kind. This was deemed the more desirable, in consequence of an expressed wish, that there should be opened a select classical School, under the direction of the Rector of the Church. This work is also in progress, and will be completed as early as the Church.

A congregation would have been organized before this time, but for the absence of several persons who are connected with the enterprise.

A Church was organized at Rome on the 31st of March, comprising six communicants. This has been the principal point of Mr. Page's labors, and it is believed the prospect is fair for the permanent establishment of the Church. Inquiry is now being made what can be done towards building; and it is not a faint expectation, that before a year passes, a Church will be completed and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God.

The success of these enterprises, and of others in contemplation, will require patient faith and diligent labor; but under the blessing of Him by whose commission we labor, the result is not at all doubtful. It is altogether improper to start any question of this sort, because it will only obscure our own faith, weaken our energies and hinder our progress. We have but a single point to settle—that we are engaged heartily in preaching Christ's free gospel, under his commission. It is only necessary for us thus to labor, and we may confidently rely upon the promised Grace, by which the increase comes.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS F. SCOTT.

BAKER COUNTY MISSION.

Rev. J.B.T. Smith, Missionary.

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Baptisms—adults, 4; infants, 28	- - - - -	32
Burials, -	- - - - -	8
Communicants, -	- - - - -	12
Confirmed, -	- - - - -	2

This Mission is chiefly to the slaves on several plantations, whose owners are actuated by a laudable desire for their spiritual instruction. It is proposed soon to organize a Parish here, under the name of St. Mark's and to erect a place of worship.

Occasional services have been held at Gilliam, but as they interfered with the exercise of the Sunday School connected with the Mission, it has been found inconvenient to officiate stately at that place.

The Standing Committee then read the following Report, which was accepted:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Georgia respectfully

REPORT:

That they have recommended to the Bishop for *Deacon's* orders, Mr. Jonathan B. T. Smith, a candidate transferred to this Diocese from that of Virginia, for *Priests*—orders the Rev. William B. Stevens and the Rev. Thomas F. Scott, and to be received as *Candidates* for orders—Mr. Nicholas A. Okeson.

The Missionary Committee then made the following Report:
The Committee on Missions respectfully

REPORT,

That the Missionary operations of the Diocese, within the past year, have been necessarily conducted under the immediate superintendence of the *Rt. Rev. Chairman, Ex-Officio.*

At his request, one of our Committee visited Alexandria and Richmond, Va., in the month of May last, for the purpose of inviting additional laborers into our vast Missionary field.

We refer to the Annual Address of our Bishop for a full statement of the present condition of our several Missionary stations. The Report of the Treasurer of the Committee will show a small balance in his hands unappropriated. A contribution of forty dollars from Christ Church, Macon, has enabled us to purchase a new supply of Prayer Books—a part of which has been distributed, at Marietta, Milledgeville, and Albany. More than one hundred copies (of a cheap edition,) of the Prayer Book remain in the Depository. Some Sunday School Books have also been appropriated in aid of of Missionary stations in the Diocese. We unanimously beg leave to suggest a *change in the location of the Committee, and of the Depository* as a measure conducive to the future prosperity of the cause of Missions.

SENECA G. BRAGG, *Chairman pro tem.*

On motion, this report was referred to a Committee of three, viz: the Rev. Messrs. Gallagher and Bragg, and Mr. Conly. The Report of the Treasurer of the Convention was then handed in and re-

ferred to the Committee on finance. The Treasurer of Diocesan Missions presented a report which was also referred to the Committee on finance.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration Sec. 2, Can. 5, presented the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred Sec. 2, Can. 5, after consideration thereon, beg leave to recommend for adoption, the following Resolution:

Resolved, That Sec. 2, Can. 5, be so altered as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The election of Wardens, and Vestrymen in every Parish thus constituted, shall take place annually, on Easter Monday, unless some other time be specified in the act of incorporation, with the assent of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese.

The Committee beg leave also, in view of the whole subject of incorporation of Churches, to recommend to the Convention the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to prepare or cause to be prepared, a suitable form of a character to act of incorporation. to be used hereafter in the Diocese, generally; and that the form thus prepared, be printed with the Journal of the Convention.

The Committee appointed under a resolution yesterday to take into consideration, the right to *all the privileges* of a seat in this Convention, of each Clergyman now in attendance upon the same, reported—that upon enquiry they find that there is no Clergyman present in this Convention, who is not entitled under the 4th Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, to all the privileges of a member of the same. In order,

however, to meet any question which may hereafter arise, the committee beg leave to submit to the consideration of Convention, the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the 4th article of the Constitution of this Diocese be amended by substituting the words “*regularly and stately performing the duties of Rector in an existing Parish, or performing Missionary duty under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese,*” for all that occurs between the words “good standing” and “shall be a member of the Convention.”

ED. NEUFVILLE, *Chairman*.

On motion, the several parts of the Reports were separated. On

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further motion the 1st part, viz: “upon inquiry they find that there is no Clergyman present in this Convention, who is not entitled, under the 4th Art. of the Constitution of the Diocese, to “all the privileges of a member” of the same, was adopted; and the second part, viz: “In order, however, to meet any question which may hereafter arise” &c.—was laid over until to-morrow.

After prayer, by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning.

At night, evening prayer was read by the Rev. J.B. Gallagher, and a Sermon preached by Rev. Thos. F. Scott from Eccles. viii, 11.

SATURDAY, 4th MARCH, 10 A.M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. E.P. Brown, and Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Berger.

The Minutes were read, and with some amendments approved.

The Committee on the state of the Church, reported as follows:

The Committee on the state of the Church in presenting their Annual Report, feel deeply penetrated with sentiments of mingled gratitude and humility—gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, and Author of all spiritual good, for the manifest tokens of His favor—humility, (and in this they feel confident that they speak the sentiments of all their fellow-laborers in the vineyard) under a sense of the utter inadequacy of their imperfect, though well intended labors with the production of these results—and that the whole has been done with the blessing of Him without whose good Spirit, “Paul may plant, and Apollos water” in vain.

To the increase in the number of the Clergy and Communicants—the committee feel that they may refer with peculiar satisfaction among other indications of prosperity, which are so happily enumerated in the opening passage of the Annual Address of the Bishop to the present Convention.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ED. NEUFVILLE, *Chairman*.

On Motion, the above report was adopted.

The Committee on the Indian Mission made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred a communication having reference to the proposed establishment of the Church, among the Indian

tribes, beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and while they regard the matter as calling for the hearty co-operation of all that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; it has particular claims upon the members of the Church in this Diocese—a large portion of whose territory was, but recently occupied by their Red Brethren. It seems but just, that while we are reaping the benefit of their *temporal* things, we should impart unto them a better inheritance of spiritual things, and make them partakers of the gentle and civilizing influences of the Gospel of our Salvation.

In conformity with these views, your Committee beg leave to submit the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Convention, the spiritual necessities of the Indian tribes call for a substantial expression of interest on the part of this Diocese.

Resolved, That the Clergymen of the different Parishes be requested to present the claims of the proposed Indian Mission, to the attention of their respective congregations.

Resolved, That the Delegates to the next General Convention, be requested to co-operate in such measures as may be devised for carrying out the proposed plan of an Indian Diocese.

All of which, is respectfully submitted,

ED. NEUFVILLE, *Chairman*.

On motion it was resolved, that the above report be accepted—and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Chairman of the Indian Committee.

The Committee on alterations of the Prayer Books made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred a certain proposed alteration of the Book of common Prayer, and addition to the Constitution, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

The General Convention of 1841, having made known to the several Dioceses, a certain proposed alteration of the Book of Common Prayer, touching the office for the institution of Ministers, and also a certain proposed additional article to the Constitution providing for the consecration of Bishops for foreign countries:

Resolved, That this Convention do hereby declare, and make known, their consent to the said proposed amendment, and additional article, as the same are set forth respectively in the Journal of the

Respectfully submitted,

ED. E. FORD, *Chairman.*

The above report was on motion adopted.

The Committee on unfinished business, made the following report:

The Committee on unfinished business beg leave, respectfully to report, that there remains no further business left over by the last Convention for present consideration.

J.B. GALLAGHER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Finance then presented a Report which was accepted.

The Committee in charge of the report of the Special Committee on Missions, made the following Report:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Missions, respectfully report: that we have duly considered the suggestion of a change in the location of said Committee on Missions, and propose, in accordance therewith the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee of two Clergymen and three Laymen, referred to in Can. 3, be located in the city of Savannah.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Committee on Missions, to establish sub-depositories of Books and Tracts, in the cities of Augusta and Macon, and also at other points in the Diocese, if it shall appear to them expedient.

SENECA G. BRAGG, *Chairman.*

The above report was amended by adding Columbus, after the word Macon, and it was then accepted.

The Committee on new Parishes reported as follows:

The Committee on the admission of new Parishes report: that written evidence, in conformity with the 5th Art. of the Constitution of the Diocese has been laid before us of a regular organization of a new Parish, on the 31st day of March last, at Rome, in Floyd county, to be known by the name of "St. Peter's Church, Rome." Submitting herewith, the document proposed to us—we recommend that St. Peter's Church, Rome, be admitted into union with this Convention.

SENECA G. BRAGG, *Chairman,*

In behalf of the Committee,

May 3d, 1844.

The above report was on motion accepted, and it was resolved that "St. Peter's Church, Rome," in the county of Floyd, be received into union with this Convention.

The following resolutions was offered by Jos, S. Fay, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on finance be authorized to complete and audit at Savannah, the account of the Committee of Diocesan Missions, as a supplement to the one received, so that it may be printed with the Journal, in due form.

Mr. Gallagher called up the resolution from the Committee on the alteration of the 4th Article laid over from yesterday, and after reading the same, offered the following as a substitute:

Every Clergyman of good standing, who has been canonically resident within the Diocese for six months last past, and during that period, has been regularly and statedly engaged in the exercise of clerical functions—being a Minister of an existing Parish, or a Missionary, under the direction of the proper Ecclesiastical authority, shall be a member of the Convention; and every duly recognized Minister of the Church, canonically resident for six months last past, within the Diocese, being engaged in the business of literary instruction or disabled by reason of age or infirmity, from exercising clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of a right to vote.

After some discussion, the resolution and substitute were referred back to the same Committee to report, in the afternoon.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, At the last Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Florida, the Rt. Rev. Stephen Elliott, jr., D.D., the Bishop of this Diocese, was invited to take Episcopal charge of the same:

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That this Convention are gratified at the laudable desire of our Brethren of Florida, to procure regular Episcopal visitations, and do most cheerfully consent to share with them the services and Ministrations of our beloved Diocesan.

Resolved, That the above resolution be communicated to the Secretary of the Convention of Florida.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to this afternoon, at 4 ½ o'clock.

At half past 4 o'clock Convention met:

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be directed to transmit the quota of this Diocese towards defraying the expenses of the General Convention, under the provision of Canon 10, of 1838.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Convention be held in St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Convention be held on the Thursday after the 1st Monday in May.

The Committee to whom were referred the amendments proposed to the fourth Art. of the Constitution, beg leave to report the following resolution. That the first paragraph of the 4th Art. Be stricken out and substituted by the following:

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.—Every Clergyman of good standing, regularly settled and continuously exercising clerical functions in an existing Parish, or who shall have been six months last past, performing

Missionary duties, under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention; and every duly recognized Minister of the Church, canonically resident for six months last past within the Diocese, being engaged in the business of literary instruction, or disabled by reasons of age or infirmity, from exercising Clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

ED. NEUFVILLE, *Chairman*.

The above report was accepted and adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the Elections, which resulted as follows:

Treasurer of Convention.

Wm. P. Hunter.

Treasurer of Missionary Committee.

Jos. S. Fay.

Standing Committee.

Of the Clergy.
Rev. Ed. Neufville,
“ Ed. Ford,
“ Seneca G. Bragg,

Of the Laity.
Wm. B. Bulloch,
Dr. T. Bartow,
Hon. R.M. Charlton.

Committee on Missions.

Of the Clergy.
Rev. Ed. Neufville,
“ J.B. Gallagher,

Of the Laity.
Hon. R.M. Charlton,
Joel Ives,
Geo. J. Kollock.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Of the Clergy.
Rev. Ed. Neufville,
“ John B. Gallagher.

Of the Laity.
Maj. Thos. M. Nelson,

Delegates to the General Convention.

Of the Clergy.

Of the Laity.

Rev. Ed. Neufville.
“ Seneca G. Bragg,
“ John B. Gallagher,
“ J.A. Vaughan, D.D.

Maj. T. M. Nelson,
Ed. F. Campbell,
C.F.M. Garnett,
N.C. Munroe.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Treasurer of the Diocese and of the Missionary Committee, for their prompt, efficient, and faithful discharge of the duties they have performed to the Church, during the past year.

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the Journal of the proceedings of this Convention be printed, for the use of the Church in the Diocese, under the direction of the Secretary pro tem.

The Rev. Dr. Stevens was appointed by the Chair, Preacher of the Convention Sermon, and the Rev. Thos. F. Scott, Preacher of the Missionary Sermon, at the next Convention.

The Convention was then adjourned to Monday morning.

At night, the Rev. Thos. F. Scott read Prayers, and the Rev. C. C. Pinkney, of the Diocese of South Carolina, Preached from 1st John, iii, 14.

Sunday morning, Prayers were read by the Rev. E.E. Ford, and the rite of Confirmation administered to 14 persons, including 2 colored persons.

Afternoon, a Sermon was preached by the Rev. R.M. White of Milledgeville, and the Holy Communion administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Neufville, Bragg, and Ford.

At night, the Rev. Ed. Neufville read the Service, and the An-

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nual Missionary Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Stevens, from Nehim. iv, 19, 20.

Monday Morning, 9, A.M.

After prayer by the Bishop, the Minutes 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.*

Wm. Bacon Stevens, *Secretary, pro tem.*

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.

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, en-

gaged 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, by a majority of votes: provided that 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, by 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 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 presid-

ing 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.

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.

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 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 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 charges, together with the time and place appointed for his trial. The mode of trial shall be as follows: The Bishop, or 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 if 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 neighboring 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 neighboring 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.

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 War-

dens, 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 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 is 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 [or 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 U. States of Amer-

ica, 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.

“ “ “ “	Grace Church, Clarkesville, -	-	-	do	15
“ “ “ “	Emmanuel Church, Athens, -	-	-	do	15
“ “ “ “	Christ Church, Savannah, -	-	-	do	15
“ “ “ “	St. Paul’s Church, Augusta, on account				
	quota Bishop’s salary for 1843, -	-	-	-	250
June 8.	Ditto. ditto. for balance due on Bishop’s salary, ’43	-	-	-	250
“ “	By cash rec’d from Christ Church, Savannah, on account				
	quota to Bishop’s salary for 1843, -	-	-	-	368
Dec. 15.	Ditto. for balance due on Bishop’s salary, ’43, -	-	-	-	500
1844. Feb. 10.	By cash rec’d from Christ Church, Macon,				
	for balance due on Bishop’s salary for ’43, -	-	-	-	200
Feb. 29.	By cash rec’d from Christ Church, Savannah, on acc’t				
	quota to Bishop’s salary for 1844, -	-	-	-	450
March 2.	By cash rec’d from Christ Church, St. Simon’s Island,				
	quota to Bishop’s salary for 1843, -	-	-	-	100
April 26.	Balance due W. P. Hunter, Treasurer, carried				
	to new account, -	-	-	-	6 95
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W.P. HUNTER,
Treasurer of the Diocese of Georgia.

E.E. Savannah, April 26, 1844.

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MISSION ACCOUNTS.

Dr.

The Committee on Missions of the Diocese of Georgia,

1843. May 6.	To amount paid Rev. S. G. Bragg expenses				
	to Alexandria on Missionary duty at the request of				
	Bishop Elliott, -	-	-	-	\$ 80
May 8.	To amount paid Rev. Wm. B. Stevens in part of				
	salary as Missionary at Athens, -	-	-	-	150
“ 15.	To amount paid Rev. J. F. Scott, Missionary at				
	Marietta, in part of salary, -	-	-	-	10
Oct. 9.	To amount paid Rev. J. F. Scott, Missionary at				
	Marietta, in part of salary, -	-	-	-	40
1844. April 6.	To amount paid Bishop Elliott’s draft				
	on N.C. Munroe to raise funds to pay for				
	Missionary services, -	-	-	-	500
April 8.	To amount paid Rev. Carter Page, Missionary				
	at Rome and vicinity, for Missionary services, -	-	-	-	60
May 1.	Balance carried to new account, -	-	-	-	55 70

\$895 70

On the balance above,

Ocmulgee, valueless,

\$ 5

Balance in hands of Bishop Elliott,

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Current money in Treasurer's hands,

43 70

\$55 70

MISSION ACCOUNTS.

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in account with Nathan C. Munroe, Treasurer.

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1843. May 1. By balance from last account,	-	-	-	\$ 82 24
May 1. By Additional annual offerings handed the Treasurer for a pledge in Christ Church, Macon, on Easter day -	-	-	-	1 00
“ 8. By amount of collection in St. John's Church, Savannah, for Diocesan Missions, after the annual sermon of Rev. Mr. Cairns,	-	-	-	157 00
Nov. 11. By amount received from Ladies Association of Christ Church, Macon, towards the support of Missionary at Marietta,	-	-	-	25 00
“ “ By amount received from offerings of Christ Church Macon, for Missionary purposes,	-	-	-	15 00
“ “ By amount received by contribution from the general benevolent fund of Christ Church, Macon, for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	20 00
1844. Feb. 3. By cash rec'd from Rev. E.E. Ford, offerings of St. Paul's Church, Augusta, for Sunday School Books,	-	-	-	5 69
do for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	94 31-----100 00
April 3. By amount received from Bishop Elliott on acc't of paying draft,	-	-	-	400 00
April 8. By amount of collection in Christ Church, Macon, Easter day, for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	60 00
“ 26. By amount received from Christ Church, Macon, for Sunday School Books, thro' Rev. S.G. Bragg,	-	-	-	5 46
“ 27. By amount received from St. Paul's Church, Augusta, weekly offerings for Diocesan Missionary purposes thro' Rev. Edw'd E. Ford,	-	-	-	30 00

\$895 70
