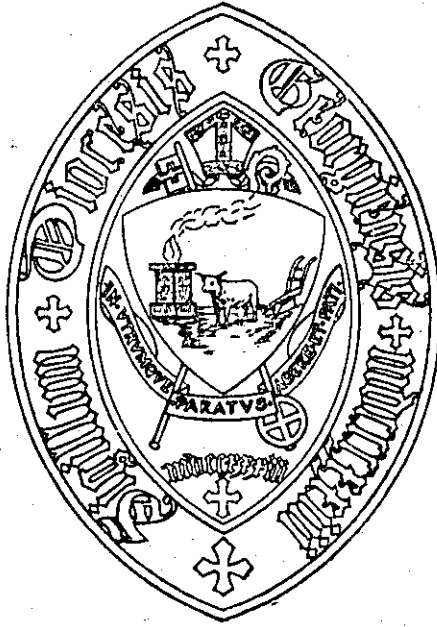


Diocese of Georgia

Ninety-third Annual
Convention



Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen



JOURNAL

OF THE

Ninety-third Annual Convention

OF THE

Diocese of Georgia

HELD IN

Christ Church, Savannah, Georgia

May 19th and 20th, 1915

THE NEXT CONVENTION

The Ninety-fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of
Georgia will meet in St. Mark's Church, Brunswick,
May 10, 1916.

Journal *of the* Convention

1915

 STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Treasurers of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, of the Fund for Disabled Clergy, and the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, are directed, at least two weeks before the days appointed by the Convention for taking up collections for these objects, to notify all the Ministers of the Diocese of the appointed days that they make the proper collections.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on the State of the Church to set forth in its report at each Convention what Parishes or Missionary Stations have failed to take up the collections provided by the Convention.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Convention that all amounts raised in the respective Parishes for Church or benevolent purposes, including the salaries of Rectors, shall be embraced in the Parochial Reports.

Resolved, That all reports of the various Parishes and Missions and of the Diocese be closed on May 1st, each year, and that payments of all amounts due to the various Treasurers of the Diocese be made by the Parishes on or before that date. (Journal 1899, page 43.)

SPECIAL OFFERINGS ORDERED BY CANON.

(See Canon XXI.)

First Sunday in Advent, or the Sunday before or after, for Domestic Missions. To be remitted to Mr. Geo. Gordon King, Treasurer, Church Missions House, 281 Fourth Avenue, N. Y.

On Christmas Day, or the Sunday before or after, for the support of the Infirm and Disabled Clergymen of the Diocese. To be remitted to Mr. E. S. Elliott, Treasurer, Savannah.

On the First Sunday after Epiphany, or the Sunday before or after, for Foreign Missions. To be remitted to Mr. Geo. Gordon King, Treasurer, Church Missions House, 281 Fourth Avenue, N. Y.

On the First Sunday in Lent, or the Sunday before or after, or on Ash Wednesday, for the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate. To be remitted to Mr. E. S. Elliott, Treasurer, Savannah.

On the Second Sunday in November, or the Sunday before or after, for the Theological Department of the University of the South. To be remitted to Rev. S. B. McGlohon, Savannah.

On Thanksgiving Day, or the Sunday before or after, for the General Clergy Relief Fund. To be remitted to the Rev. Alfred J. P. McClure, Church House, Twelfth and Walnut Sts., Philadelphia.

Diocese of Georgia

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

The Bishop.

The Right Reverend Frederick Focke Reese, D. D., Savannah.

Secretary.

The Rev. Samuel J. French, Brunswick.

Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. William Bee Sams, Bainbridge.

Chancellor.

Mr. William K. Miller, Lock Box 225, Augusta.

Registrar.

Rev. Chas. H. B. Turner, S. T. D., Waycross.

Treasurer.

Mr. William K. Miller, Lock Box 225, Augusta.

Standing Committee.

The Rev. G. Sherwood Whitney, Augusta, President.

The Rev. Jas. B. Lawrence, Albany.

The Rev. D. Watson Winn, St. Simon's Id.

Mr. H. C. Cunningham, Savannah.

Mr. A. B. Moore, Savannah.

Mr. Edward S. Elliott, Savannah, Secretary.

Officers of the Corporation.

The Bishop, ex-officio, Chairman.

The Rev. G. S. Whitney,

Mr. A. B. Moore,

The Rev. D. W. Winn,

Mr. H. C. Cunningham,

The Rev. Jas. B. Lawrence,

Mr. E. S. Elliott, Sec. and Treas.

The Board of Missions.

The Bishop, ex-officio, Chairman.

The Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, ex-officio.

The Archdeacons of Albany, Augusta, Brunswick and Savannah.
ex-officio.

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| The Rev. R. E. Boykin, | Mr. Dobbin Holmes, |
| The Rev. W. T. Dakin, B. D. | Mr. O. T. McIntosh, |
| The Rev. A. M. Rich, | Mr. M. M. Hopkins. |

Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

Mr. A. B. Moore, Savannah.

The Court Array.

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| The Rev. R. E. Boykin, | The Rev. J. M. Walker, |
| The Rev. S. J. French, | The Rev. J. B. Lawrence, B. D. |
| The Rev. S. B. McGlohon, | The Rev. W. T. Dakin, B. D. |
| The Rev. W. H. Higgins, | The Rev. H. W. Robinson, |
| The Rev. C. H. B. Turner, S. T. D. | The Rev. J. W. Bleker. |

Delegates to the Provincial Synod.

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| The Rev. J. B. Lawrence, B. D. | Mr. B. F. Finney, |
| The Rev. Wm. Johnson, | Mr. George T. Cann, |
| The Rev. J. M. Walker, | Mr. Dobbin Holmes, |
| The Rev. W. B. Sams, | Mr. A. B. Moore, |
| The Rev. S. B. McGlohon, | Mr. Horace Gould, |
| The Rev. G. S. Whitney, | Mr. Thos. Harrold. |

(No Alternates.)

Trustees of the University of the South.

(Term expires 1918.)

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| The Rev. S. B. McGlohon----- | Savannah |
| Mr. John A. Davis----- | Albany |
| Mr. B. F. Finney----- | Savannah |

Committee on Episcopal Residence.

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| Mr. A. B. Moore. | Mr. Beirne Gordan, |
| Mr. Charles Ellis. | Mr. J. Randolph Anderson, |

 Board of Religious Education.

For 3 years, The Rev. Sam'l. B. McGlohon, Mr. H. M. Johnson,
 For 2 years, The Rev. Wm. Johnson, Mr. B. F. Finney,
 For 1 year, The Rev. H. S. Percival, Mr. S. K. Ward.

The Bishop's Examining Chaplains.

The Rev. H. W. Robinson, The Rev. G. S. Whitney,
 The Rev. A. M. Rich, The Rev. J. B. Lawrence, B. D.
 The Rev. W. T. Dakin, B. D.

Archdeacons of Convocations.

Brunswick, The Rev. D. Watson Winn, St. Simon's Id.
 Augusta, The Rev. William Johnson.
 Albany, The Rev. J. B. Lawrence, B. D., Americus.
 Savannah, The Rev. S. B. McGlohon.

Permanent Finance Committee.

Messrs. W. W. Williamson, B. B. Russell, R. T. Waller, D. Holmes,
 Thos. Harrold.

(The Amount of Current Expenses of each Parish and Mission to be
 sent to the Chairman of this Committee, one week
 before the Convention.)

Permanent Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. Wm. Johnson, The Rev. G. S. Whitney,
 The Rev. P. T. Prentiss, Mr. M. G. Ridgely.
 Mr. Albert S. Hutt.

(Parochial Reports are to be sent to the Chairman of this Committee
 Three Days Before the Convention.)

Social Service Commission.

The Rev. G. S. Whitney, The Rev. Wm. Johnson,
 The Rev. Wm. T. Dakin, B. D.
 Mr. G. A. Gordon, Mr. F. D. Hollman,
 Mr. Wm. K. Miller, Mrs. E. S. Hollingsworth.

Alphabetical List of the Clergy

With Their Postoffice Addresses.

MAY 1, 1915.

(The date after name indicates the year of admission to the Priesthood.)

The Rt. Rev. Frederick Focke Reese, D. D., 1879.....Savannah
Bleker, Rev. Julius W.....Fitzgerald
Boykin, Rev. Richard Elliott, 1899....St. Mark's Rectory, Brunswick
**Cornell, Rev. Gerald Arthur, 1906.....New York
**Dakin, Rev. Wm. Taylor, B.D., 1898 St. John's Church, Savannah
French, Rev. Samuel Johnson, 1871....2006 Norwich St., Brunswick
Higgins, Rev. William Henrix, 1900.....Thomasville
Johnson, Rev. William, 1900.....The Hill, Augusta
Lawrence, Rev. James Bolan, B. D., 1903....The Rectory, Americus
McGlohon, Rev. Samuel B., 1888.....217 38th St., E., Savannah
North-Turmon, Rev. FrederickSavannah
Percival, Rev. Henry Spencer, 1914.....Savannah
Prentiss, Rev. Paul Trapier.....Augusta
Rich, Rev. Alex. M., 1890.....Valdosta
Robinson, Rev. H. W.....Dublin
Sams, Rev. Wm. Bee.....Bainbridge
*Thomas, Rev. Harris B.....Kittanning, Pa.
Turner, Rev. Chas. H. B., S. T. D.....Waycross
Walker, Rev. John Moore, Jr.....Cordele
Whitney, Rev. George Sherwood, 1893....723 Greene St., Augusta
**Williams, Rev. Chauncey C., D. D., 1875.....Mobile, Ala.
Winn, Rev. David Watson, 1881.....St. Simon's Id.

* Not entitled to seat.

** Not present at this Convention.

CLERGY OF THE COUNCIL OF COLORED CHURCHMEN.

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| Carrington, Rev. Philip M. P., Deacon..... | Thomasville |
| Coleman, Rev. Samuel A. E..... | Augusta |
| Dennis, Rev. John C., 1897..... | Darien |
| Forsyth, Rev. Andrew W..... | St. Mary's |
| Jackson, Rev. Godfrey R., Deacon..... | St. Simon's Id. |
| Taylor, Rev. Junius Lafayette..... | 313 Harris St., E., Savannah |
| Thomson, Rev. Jas. J. N..... | 1321 Albany St., Brunswick |
| Pritchett, Rev. C. B..... | 603 Madison St., Albany |
| Weston, Rev. Milton Moran, 1905..... | 422 Bolton, St., W., Savannah |



List of the Clergy

In Order of Canonical Residence.

MAY 15, 1915.

THE DATE INDICATES THE YEAR OF ADMISSION TO
THE DIOCESE.

- The Rt. Rev. Frederick F. Reese, D. D., 1908, Bishop of the Diocese.
The Rev. Chauncey C. Williams, D. D., 1874, Mobile, Ala.
The Rev. David Watson Winn, 1882, Rector, Christ Church, Frederica and Archdeacon of Brunswick.
The Rev. George Sherwood Whitney, 1898, Rector, St. Paul's Church, Augusta.
The Rev. Samuel Johnson French, 1903, Vicar of St. Jude's Church, Brunswick, Priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's Church, Darien.
The Rev. Jas. Bolan Lawrence, B. D., 1903, Rector, Calvary Church, Americus, and Archdeacon of Albany.
The Rev. Richard Elliott Boykin, 1906, Rector, St. Mark's Church, Brunswick.
The Rev. Gerald A. Cornell, 1907, New York, N. Y.
The Rev. Samuel B. McGlohon, 1907, Rector, St. Paul's Church, Savannah, and Archdeacon of Savannah.
The Rev. Wm. Johnson, 1908, Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Augusta, and Archdeacon of Augusta.
The Rev. Harris B. Thomas, 1909, Kittanning, Pa.
The Rev. Alexander M. Rich, 1909, Vicar, Christ Church, Valdosta, and Missionary.
The Rev. Wm. Taylor Dakin, B. D., 1910, Rector, St. John's Church, Savannah.
The Rev. Wm. Hendrix Higgins, 1910, Rector, St. Thomas' Church, Thomasville.
The Rev. Herbert Wm. Robinson, 1912, Vicar, Christ Church, Dublin, and Missionary.
The Rev. Wm. Bee Sams, 1912, Vicar, St. John's Church, Bainbridge, and Missionary.
The Rev. Julius W. Bleker, 1913, Vicar, St. Matthew's Church, Fitzgerald, and Missionary.
The Rev. Chas. Henry Black Turner, S.T.D., 1913, Rector, Grace Church, Waycross.
The Rev. John Moore Walker, Jr., B. D., 1913, Vicar, Christ Church, Cordele, and Missionary.
The Rev. Harold Spencer Percival, 1914, Curate, Christ Church Parish, Savannah.
The Rev. Frederick North-Tummon, Nov. 1, 1914, Missionary at Jesup, Pooler, Etc.

The Rev. Paul Trapier Prentiss, May 15, 1915, Vicar, Christ Church, Augusta, and Missionary.

CLERGY ADDED SINCE MAY 1, 1915.

The Rev. Newton Middleton, Deacon, ordained June 11, 1915, Albany, Ga., Missionary.

The Rev. Robert Nelson MacCallum, Deacon, ordained June 24, 1915, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

The Rev. Frederick W. B. Dorset, July 6, 1915, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Augusta. 1018 Telfair St., Augusta.

DEACONESSES.

Miss Catherine C. Duffy, Episcopal Orphan's Home, Savannah.

Miss Elizabeth D. Boorman, Boy's Home, Augusta.

CLERGY OF THE COUNCIL OF COLORED CHURCHMEN.

The Rev. Godfrey R. Jackson, Secretary, Deacon, 1897, Assistant Minister, Christ Church, Frederica.

The Rev. John C. Dennis, 1900, Vicar, St. Cyprian's Church, Darien.

The Rev. Milton Moran Weston, 1906, Vicar, St. Augustine's Church, Savannah.

The Rev. Chas. B. Pritchett, 1909, Priest-in-charge, St. John's Church, Albany.

The Rev. Andrew Maynard Forsyth, 1911, Vicar, Church of our Saviour, St. Mary's, and Missionary.

The Rev. Jas. J. N. Thomson, 1912, Rector, St. Athanasius' Church, Brunswick.

The Rev. Samuel A. E. Coleman, 1913, Vicar, St. Mary's Church, Augusta.

The Rev. Philip M. Prowell-Carrington, 1913, Vicar, Church of the Good Shepherd, Thomasville.

The Rev. Junius Lafayette Taylor, 1914, Rector, St. Stephen's Church, Savannah.

DEACONESS.

Anna E. B. Alexander-----Pennick, Glynn County

Savannah, Ga., May 15, 1915.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct list of the Clergy and Deaconesses now Canonically attached to the Diocese of Georgia.

FREDERICK F. REESE,
Bishop of Georgia.

List of Parishes

In: the Order of Admission into Union with the Convention, with the
Names of Lay Delegates to This Convention.

Note—The first date indicates the year of erection of present church building; the second, the year of consecration of same; the third, the year of admission to Union with the Convention.

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| SAVANNAH: Christ Church, Rev. Jno. D. Wing, Rev. H. S. Percival, 1830, 1840, 1823. | E. S. Elliott, H. C. Cunningham, C. Lucien Jones. |
| AUGUSTA: St. Paul's Church, Rev. G. S. Whitney, 1820, 1821, 1823. | Wm. K. Miller, *F. F. Powers, B. B. Russell. |
| FREDERICA: Christ Church, Rev. D. W. Winn, 1884, 1885, 1823. | Reginald Taylor, Horace A. Gould, *C. F. Stevens. |
| SAVANNAH: St. John's Church, Rev. Wm. T. Dakin, B. D., 1853, 1853, 1841. | Geo. T. Cann, W. W. Williamson, Wm. L. Wilson. |
| DARIEN: St. Andrew's Church, Rev. S. J. French, 1872, 1885, 1843. | *T. J. Meldrin, *J. D. Clarke, *R. D. Fox. |
| ALBANY: St. Paul's Church, Rev. 1896, 1903, 1851. | N. F. Tift, T. M. Ticknor, *J. A. Davis. |
| AUGUSTA: Church of the Atonement, Rev. 1851, 1852, 1851. | *A. B. von Kamp, *V. E. Fourcher, A. S. Hutt. |

*Not present.

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| BRUNSWICK: | |
| St. Mark's Church, Rev. R. E. Boykin, | *C. Downing, |
| 1874, 1876, 1881. | *A. V. Wood, |
| | J. M. Ralston. |
| THOMASVILLE: | A. W. Moller, |
| St. Thomas' Church, Rev. Wm. H. Hig- | Jno. Andrishok. |
| gins, 1870, 1871, 1868. | |
| AUGUSTA: | *J. E. Campbell, |
| Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. Wm. | M. G. Ridgely, |
| Johnson, 1897, 1898, 1869. | *John Sylvester. |
| AMERICUS: | *J. A. Cobb, |
| Calvary Church, Rev. J. B. Lawrence, | Thos. Harrold, |
| B. D., 1872 1883, 1873. | *C. J. White. |
| SAVANNAH: | A. B. Moore, |
| St. Paul's Church, Rev. S. B. McGlohon, | R. T. Waller, |
| 1907, —, 1892. | *N. B. Purse. |
| WAYCROSS: | *W. S. Henley, |
| Grace Church, Rev. C. H. B. Turner, | *Julius A. Wall, |
| S. T. D., 1905, 1905, 1906. | *B. W. Redding. |

*Not present.

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

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| CAMDEN COUNTY: Missions ----- | C. S. Drury |
| HAWKINSVILLE: St. Luke's----- | J. H. Caldwell |
| CORDELE: Christ Church----- | D. Holmes |
| JESUP: St. Paul's----- | F. E. Breen |
| VALDOSTA: Christ ----- | W. J. Whitfield |
| FITZGERALD: St. Matthew's ----- | J. T. Cass |

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| MELDRIM: | St. Andrew's Church, Rev. F. North-Tummon |
| OWEN'S FERRY: | Church of the Messiah.....Rev. D. W. Winn |
| PINEORA: | Holy Trinity Church, Rev. F. North-Tummon |
| POOLER: | St. James' Church___Rev. F. North-Tummon |
| QUITMAN: | St. James' Church.....Rev. A. M. Rich |
| VIENNA: | Church of the Prince of Peace..... |
| |Rev. John M. Walker, Jr. |
| WAYNESBORO: | St. Michael's Church.....Rev. P. T. Prentiss |

PROPRIETARY CHAPELS.

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| BELFAST: |Rev. F. North-Tummon |
| CAMDEN CO.: | Ceylon Archdeacon Winn |
| JEKYL ISLAND: | Faith Chapel(Winter Chapel) |

SILENT CHURCHES.

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| AUGUSTA: | St. Andrew's Church..... |
| | Church of the Redeemer, (Bayvale)..... |

MISSION STATIONS.

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| ABBEVILLE: |Rev. J. W. Bleker |
| BAXLEY: |Rev. F. North-Tummon |
| BLACKSHEAR: | All Saints'.....Rev. C. H. B. Turner, S. T. D. |
| BLAKELEY: | Holy Trinity Church, Rev. Jas. B. Lawrence |
| DAWSON: | CalvaryRev. Jas. B. Lawrence |
| FORT GAINES: | St. Paul'sRev. Wm. Bee Sams |
| HARLEM: |Rev. P. T. Prentiss |
| MILLEN: |Rev. P. T. Prentiss |
| MOULTRIE: | St. John'sRev. J. W. Bleker |
| PERRY'S MILLS: |Rev. J. W. Bleker |
| STATESBORO: |Rev. F. North-Tummon |
| THOMSON: |Rev. P. T. Prentiss |
| VIDALIA: |Rev. J. W. Bleker |

PAROCHIAL MISSIONS.

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| 'ST. SIMON'S MILLS: | St. James' Chapel.....Rev. D. W. Winn |
| SAVANNAH: | St. Michael's Chapel - |
| | St. Andrew's Mission.. Rev. H. S. Percival |

COLORED

PARISHES.

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| BRUNSWICK: | St. Athanasius' Church..... | Rev. J. J. N. Thomson |
| SAVANNAH: | St. Stephen's Church..... | Rev. J. L. Taylor |

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

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| ALBANY: | St. John's Church..... | Rev. Chas. B. Pritchett |
| AUGUSTA: | St. Mary's Church..... | Rev. S. A. E. Coleman |
| BURROUGHS: | St. Bartholomew's Church..... | Rev. M. M. Weston |
| DARIEN: | St. Cyprian's Church..... | Rev. John C. Dennis |
| PENNICK: | Church of the Good Shepherd..... | Rev. J. J. N. Thomson |
| SAVANNAH: | St. Augustine's Church..... | Rev. M. M. Weston |
| ST. MARY'S: | Church of Our Saviour..... | Rev. A. M. Forsyth |
| THOMASVILLE: | Church of the Good Shepherd..... | Rev. P. M. Prowell-Carrington |

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS.

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| DARIEN: | St. John's Chapel, Inwood..... | Rev. J. C. Dennis |
| TARBORO: | St. James' Church..... | Rev. A. M. Forsyth |

PAROCHIAL MISSIONS.

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| ST. SIMON'S ISLAND: | St. Ignatius' Chapel.. | } Rev. G. R. Jackson |
| | St. Perpetua's Chapel.. | |

MISSION STATIONS.

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| WAYCROSS: | St. Ambrose's | Rev. J. J. N. Thompson |
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Journal of Proceedings

CHRIST CHURCH.

Savannah, Ga., May 19, 1915.

The Ninety-third Annual Convention of the Diocese of Georgia assembled at the above time and place.

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Wm. B. Sams reading the Epistle, the Rev. Geo. S. Whitney reading the Gospel, and the Rev. R. E. Boykin serving and ministering the Chalice. The Bishop delivered his Annual Address in place of the Sermon.

After the Benediction the Bishop called the Convention to order.

The Secretary called the roll of the Clergy and the provisional roll of lay delegates. A majority of the Clergy being present and a majority of the congregations being represented, the Bishop declared the Convention duly organized. On motion the Rev. S. J. French was re-elected Secretary, and he appointed the Rev. Wm. B. Sams Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop appointed as the Committee on Claims to Seats, the Rev. A. M. Rich, and Messrs. W. W. Moller and J. H. Caldwell.

Mr. E. S. Elliott offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that at the morning session, all motions for reference, amendments to constitution and canons, reports of Boards and Officers, be presented as far as possible, and the Bishop requested to appoint committees.

That the afternoon of the first day shall be devoted to receiving an address on the Church Pension Fund, from Prof. Chas. H. Herty of the University of North Carolina, and that the Convention then adjourn until the evening. The Missionary Service shall be held this evening.

The second day shall be devoted to debate and to the passing of resolutions, and that in the recess of the Conven-

tion the Bishop be authorized to receive reports and refer them to the proper committees.

Resolved, That morning prayer be said at 9:30 A. M., the House meet at 10:00 A. M., and adjourn at 1:15 P. M., the afternoon sessions begin at 3:30 P. M., and last until 6:00 P. M., and the evening session from 8:30 until adjournment.

Mr. Elliott also moved to invite Rev. Mr. Gibbons to address the Convention on the behalf of the University of the South, this at the conclusion of Prof. Herty's address.

Mr. Elliott offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the greetings of this Convention and a welcome to the Convention are hereby extended to the Rev. Jno. D. Wing, of Anniston, Ala., who has just been elected Rector of Christ Church. (Adopted.)

Rev. G. S. Whitney offered the following resolution of courtesy, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we have learned with sincere regret that our dear brother and friend, Rev. Wm. T. Dakin, Rector of St. John's Church, Savannah, Georgia, has been compelled by reason of illness, to suspend his work for a time, and that we assure him by a message from the Convention, of our hope for his early recovery of health and return to his work.

Rev. Mr. Lawrence offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Rev. J. Herbert Woodward, Rev. Mr. Gibbons of Sewanee, and Prof. Chas. H. Herty, be invited to seats on the floor of this Convention. (Adopted.)

Rev. Mr. Whitney offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Bishop's address be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church with instructions to recommend such action as may be suggested thereon.

Mr. C. L. Jones offered the following amendment:

That the Committee be authorized to ascertain the cost of printing the Bishop's address separately at once.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. E. S. Elliott offered a resolution of courtesy inviting the Rev. T. A. Johnstone (temporarily in charge of Christ Church, Savannah) to a seat on the floor.

Mr. W. K. Miller presented his report as Treasurer of the Diocese (See App. II, p. 87.) which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. A. B. Moore presented the report of the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions (See App. II, p. 96), which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Bishop presented his Financial Statements, which were referred to a Special Committee on Auditing, viz., Rev. Mr. North-Tummon, Mr. Whitfield, Mr. Ralston.

Mr. E. S. Elliott presented the report of the Board of Officers on the finances of the Corporation, which was referred to the Committee on Corporation. Also the report of the Standing Committee, (See p. 120).

The Assistant Secretary presented the Secretary's report and the documents therein presented were referred to proper committees.

Rev. Mr. Rich presented the report of the Committee on Claims to Seats (See App. III.), which was referred back for correction.

Judge Geo. T. Cann offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Claims to Seats be directed to report the names of the principals and alternates separately, as found in the several certificates. (Adopted.)

Moved to take a Recess until 3:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3:30 P. M.

The Bishop appointed the following Committees of the House:

Claims to Seats: 1 clergyman and 2 laymen. Rev. A. M. Rich, Messrs. W. W. Moller and John H. Caldwell.

Admission of New Parishes: 1 clergyman and 2 laymen. Rev. H. S. Percival, Messrs. Reginald Taylor and John Andrishok.

State of the Church: 3 clergyman and 2 laymen. Rev. Messrs. Wm. Johnson, G. S. Whitney, P. T. Prentiss, and Messrs. A. S. Hutt, and Marion G. Ridgely.

Constitution and Canons: 2 clergymen and 3 laymen. Rev. Messrs. G. S. Whitney, J. B. Lawrence, and Messrs. H. C. Cunningham, W. K. Miller and Geo. F. Cann

Missions: 4 clergymen and 3 laymen. Rev. Messrs. R. E. Boykin, D. W. Winn, H. W. Robinson, A. M. Rich, and Messrs. W. L. Wilson, C. F. Drury and C. L. Jones.

Unfinished Business: 1 clergyman and 2 laymen. Rev. John M. Walker, Jr., Messrs. F. E. Breen and C. F. Stevens.

Corporation: 2 clergymen and 3 laymen. Rev. Messrs. S. B. McGlohon, W. H. Higgins, and Messrs. N. T. Tift, J. H. Caldwell and F. F. Powers.

Finance: 5 laymen. Messrs. W. W. Williamson, Dobbin Holmes, B. B. Russell, Jr., Thos. Harrold and R. T. Waller.

University of the South: 2 clergymen and 3 laymen. Rev. Messrs. J. W. Bleker, John M. Walker, Jr., and Messrs. E. S. Elliott, Horace A. Gould and John Andrishok.

Mr. W. K. Miller presented his report as Chancellor, which was received and ordered printed. (See App. III, p. 107)

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next Convention meet in St. Paul's Church, Augusta, on Wednesday, May 3, 1916.

Mr. A. B. Moore moved to accept the invitation, extending thanks to the said Church.

Rev. R. E. Boykin extended an invitation to the Convention to meet in St. Mark's Church, Brunswick.

A similar invitation was extended by Calvary Church, Americus.

It was moved to refer these invitations and the date of the next Convention, to a Special Committee. The motion was carried. The following committee on the next Convention was appointed: Rev. D. W. Winn, Messrs. Elliott and Tift.

Rev. Mr. Whitney offered a resolution of sympathy and assurance of support to the President of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Rev. Mr. Gibbons addressed the Convention on the subject of the University of the South.

The Committee on Claims to Seats presented its report, which was accepted. (See App. III, p. 103).

Prof. Herty of the University of North Carolina, addressed the Convention on the Church Pension Fund.

Mr. E. S. Elliott moved a rising vote of thanks to these speakers.

The following motion was adopted, offered by Mr. W. K. Miller:

That all matters as to the Pension System before the House be referred to the Committee on this question appointed at the last Convention.

The Convention took a recess until 8:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION—Missionary Meeting. 8:30 P. M.

After prayer by the Bishop, the Report of the Board of Missions was presented by Archdeacon McGlohon and referred to the Committee on Missions. (See App. III, p. 113).

Mr. A. B. Moore presented the Report of the Treasurer of the Board.

Addresses were made by Rev. L. G. Wood of Charleston, S. C., Rev. A. M. Rich and the Bishop.

A collection was taken for Emergency Fund.
The Bishop closed the Service with the Benediction.

SECOND DAY—10 A. M.

After Morning Prayer, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, and the minutes of the previous day were read and corrected.

The order of the day calling for the consideration of Missions, the Archdeacons presented their reports, which were received and ordered printed in the Journal. (See p. 104).

Mr. E. S. Elliott offered the following resolution of courtesy:

Resolved, That the courtesies of the floor are hereby extended to Mr. B. F. Finney, representing the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and to the Rev. Louis G. Wood of Charleston, S. C.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered the Rev. Louis G. Wood, of Charleston, S. C., and the Rev. A. M. Rich. of Valdosta, for their eloquent addresses last evening. (Adopted by rising vote.)

The resolutions presented last night by the Board of Missions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of \$3,300 be apportioned for Diocesan Missions for the coming year, the apportionment upon the Parishes and Missions to be made by the Board of Missions, the same to be calculated on the basis of the current expenses of each Parish and Mission, as reported for the assessment for the Bishop's salary, and on such a sliding scale of percentages as shall yield the required amount.

Resolved, That the clergy of the Diocese be requested to appoint as soon as practicable in their Parishes and Missions, a Men's Missionary Committee in accordance with the suggestion of the General Board of Missions.

Rev. R. E. Boykin presented the report of the Committee on Missions, which was received and ordered printed. (App. III, p. 113).

The Committee on Constitution and Canons recommended an amendment to the Constitution as follows, which was provisionally adopted to be finally acted upon next year: (Art. VIII. Par. 2.)

The Convention shall annually elect six clergymen and six laymen all of whom shall be communicants of the Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, as deputies to the Provincial Synod. Such deputies shall be furnished with certificates of their election, signed by the Secretary of the Convention. The deputies so elected shall be authorized to represent the Diocese in the next regular synod or any special synod of the Province of which this Diocese shall be a constituent part, until their successors are chosen.

The Convention shall at the same time and in the same manner elect six clergymen and six laymen with like qualifications as alternates.

The Committee also presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That under the provisions of Article VII of the Constitution and Canon 50 of the General Convention, and also in accordance with Ordinance 1 of the Synod of the Province of Sewanee, this Convention proceed to elect six clergymen and six laymen all of whom shall be communicants and residents of this Diocese, together with a like number of each order as alternates, who shall be and are hereby authorized to represent this Diocese in the Synod of the Fourth Province at its next meeting; and in case of any vacancy in the representation the ecclesiastical authority be authorized to fill such vacancy.

Mr. W. W. Williamson presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was withdrawn for correction.

Rev. Mr. McGlohon presented the report of the Clerical Trustee on the University of the South, which was referred to the Committee on the University of the South.

Mr. H. C. Cunningham presented the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Convention tenders to Bishop F. F. Reese upon this the Seventh anniversary of his consecration as Bishop of Georgia, its great appreciation of the faithful and efficient service that has characterized his administration of the affairs of his Bishopric, which have endeared him to the clergy and the laity of the Diocese, and trusts that his care of our Diocese, so well begun, will continue for many years.

The Bishop responded.

The Secretary read the report of the Georgia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary for the past year. (See p. 96).

Mr. Whitney offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention has heard with pleasure and gratitude the splendid report of the Woman's Auxiliary, and that we extend to them our heartiest congratulations on the fine results of their faithful and self-denying labors for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Rev. Wm. Johnson presented the report of the Committee on the State of the Church. (See p. 122).

On motion of Mr. Elliott, the report was re-committed.

Rev. Mr. Lawrence presented the report of the Committee appointed last year on the Ministry. The resolution appended was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Bishop appoint a Committee consisting of two clergymen and one layman on the Increase of the Ministry in the Diocese of Georgia, recommending them to use the "Virginia" or any other plan for securing candidates.

The Chair appointed on the Committee called for by the above resolution Archdeacon Lawrence, Rev. J. M. Walker and Mr. Dobbin Holmes.

Mr. Elliott offered the following resolution of courtesy:

Resolved, That the courtesies of the floor be extended to

the Rev. Walter Mitchell of the Diocese of South Carolina, and that he be invited to address the House.

Mr. Mitchell was introduced and addressed the Convention on the subject of the Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S. C.

Mr. E. S. Elliott offered a resolution to appoint a Committee on the Despatch of Business, to report at the earliest possible moment. The Chair appointed Messrs. Waller and Holmes.

Rev. Mr. Walker presented the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, (p. 126) which report was referred to the above Committee.

The Committee on the next Convention reported as follows:

The Committee on Place and Date of the Next Convention beg leave to report by recommending the adoption of the appended resolution:

Resolved, That the next Convention be held at St. Mark's Church, Brunswick, on the second Wednesday, being the 10th day of May, 1916. (Adopted.)

Rev. Mr. Whitney presented the report of the Committee on the Racial Episcopate. (See App. III, p. 116). Both resolutions appended were adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee be continued to report next year.

Resolved, That so far as the mind of the Church in the Diocese of Georgia has been ascertained by the investigation of this Committee, this Convention is justified in expressing that the Diocese will be unalterably opposed to a Missionary District with a Negro Bishop in the Southern Dioceses, and so far as it can express the attitude of the Diocese of Georgia, that it will be unwilling to cede jurisdiction of the colored congregations within its limits to the General Convention for this purpose.

Mr. E. S. Elliott presented the report of the Committee

on Church Pension Fund, (See App. III, p. 115), and the following resolutions appended were adopted:

Resolved, That in conformity with the legislation adopted by the General Convention of 1913, setting forth the principles upon which pension provision for the clergy of the Church and their dependents should be constructed, pursuant to which the corporation, "The Church Pension Fund," has been created to carry these principles into effect, the Diocese of Georgia adopts and enters into the system of the Church Pension Fund.

Provided, however, that inasmuch as the funds in this Diocese for Infirm and Disabled Clergy and for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy are sufficient to pay half the assessment of the Church Pension Fund upon the Clergy in this Diocese, the Board of Officers of the Corporation of this Diocese is hereby authorized to enter into such equitable arrangement with the Church Pension Fund, incorporated under the laws of New York, as to said Board may seem best with reference to the payment by the Church Pension Fund to the beneficiaries now being paid by the Diocese of Georgia from the income of the fund for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy of this Diocese and the amount of the income of such diocesan funds to be paid for pensions to the Church Pension Fund.

Resolved, Further that it is the sense of this Convention that half of the assessment of any clergyman be paid from the sources from whence his salary comes. The other half to be paid from the income of said Diocesan funds.

Resolved, That the assessment for the half not paid by the Diocese shall be binding on all parishes, unless within 60 days from this date, a majority of the parishes shall reject the plan.

That notice of the plan be sent by the Secretary of this Convention to each parish within one week from this date with instruction from this Convention that the plan will be considered satisfactory to the Parish unless it shall within 60 days from this date notify the Secretary of its rejection.

That the Board of Missions be requested to make provision for Missionaries under the plan.

That the Rector of Christ Church, Frederica, and the

Bishop be requested to make provision under the plan for clerical recipients of the Georgia Mission Fund.

That the Board of Officers is authorized to make proper provision for the Bishop under the plan by the use of any available funds of the Corporation or Diocese.

That the Board of Officers is authorized to take any other action necessary or proper to carry the plan into effect.

That this Committee be continued until the next Convention.

The Committee on the Despatch of Business reported as follows:

Resolved, That the Convention convene at 3:30 P. M., that the following order of business be adopted:

Report of unfinished business.

Elections, half hour after assembling.

Report of the Finance Committee.

Which report was adopted.

The Convention took a recess until 3:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session, 3:30 P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

Mr. A. B. Moore presented the Report of the Committee on Episcopal Residence, asking continuance for another year. The request was granted and the Committee continued. (See App. III, p. 126).

Mr. Elliott offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Episcopal Residence be authorized to elect a Chairman to fill the vacancy, and to enlarge the Committee.

The Rev. Wm. Johnson presented the corrected Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, (See p. 122)

and recommended the passage of the following resolution proposed by the Rev. G. S. Whitney and referred to the Committee:

To the President of the United States:

The Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Georgia, assembled in Annual Convention in Christ Church, Savannah, desire to assure you with all sincerity and earnestness of our deep sympathy with you in the grave and weighty responsibilities which GOD in his wise providence has placed upon you as the Chief Executive of our beloved nation in a time of world-wide sorrow, confusion and distress. We tender you our constant and loyal support in all your efforts to maintain peace with all the world, peace with the dignity and honor becoming a Christian nation, a free republic and an united people. Our constant and fervent prayers will go up to GOD for the guidance of His Holy Spirit for you, and all in authority.

(Signed) FREDERICK F. REESE,

Bishop and President of the Convention.

S. J. FRENCH, Secretary.

The above Resolution was unanimously adopted and was ordered sent by telegraph as a day-letter to the President.

Mr. Elliott moved that the list of parishes and missions delinquent on the Canonical Collections (as reported by the Committee on State of Church) be not printed in the Journal; and that the Secretary notify those in arrears and request them to make up the deficiency. The motion was adopted.

The Rev. F. North-Tummon presented the Report of the Committee appointed to audit the Bishop's Financial Statements, certifying to their correctness. (See Report of Bishop's Financial Statement, App. II, ad fin.)

The Rev. S. B. McGlohon presented the report of the Board of Religious Education, which was received and the resolutions thereto appended were adopted, as follows: (See p. 124).

1. That this Convention accepts the apportionment of \$92.00 asked from the Diocese for the support of G. B. R. E.,

for the year, December 1, 1914 to November 30, 1915, and that this sum be raised by an assessment of one-third of one per cent. upon the current expense of each parish and mission.

2. That the letter received from the President of the Atlanta Assembly of the B. S. A., be received as information.

The third resolution was objected to and was withdrawn and recast so as to read as follows, and was adopted:

3. That the plans of the G. B. R. E., for Sunday Schools be recommended to the Rectors and Officers of Sunday Schools of the Diocese with the request that they use such plans and grade their schools according to such plans as far as in their discretion they are for the best interests of their respective Sunday Schools.

The hour for the Order of the Day having arrived, the House proceeded to the Election of Officers and Boards with the following results:

Chancellor: Mr. Wm. K. Miller, Augusta.

Registrar: Rev. C. H. B. Turner, S. T. D., Waycross.

Treasurer: Mr. Wm. K. Miller, Augusta.

Standing Committee: Rev. G. S. Whitney, Rev. J. B. Lawrence, Rev. D. W. Winn, Mr. E. S. Elliott, Mr. H. C. Cunningham, Mr. A. B. Moore.

Board of Missions: Rev. R. E. Boykin, Rev. W. T. Dakin, Rev. A. M. Rich, Mr. O. T. McIntosh, Mr. M. M. Hopkins, Mr. Dobbin Holmes.

Mr. A. B. Moore proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of the Diocese, which was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, reported back with favorable recommendation and provisionally adopted and laid over for final action next year:

Amend Art. VII, by striking out in line 2 the word "three" (twice) and substituting therefor in each place the word "four" (so that the Standing Committee shall be composed of four clergymen and four laymen.)

Rev. S. B. McGlohon presented the report of the Com-

mittee on the Corporation, which was received and the resolution appended adopted, as follows: (See p. 86).

Resolved, That the Report of the Treasurer of the Board be printed in full in the Journal.

The Rev. Jas. B. Lawrence offered the following resolution of thanks and courtesy, which was adopted by a rising vote: .

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of the Convention be extended to Christ Church, Savannah, for having graciously extended her hospitality to the members of the Convention; to the Parish Aid Society for their delightful luncheons; to the Y. M. C. A., for the use of their building; to all who kindly furnished their automobiles for the convenience and comfort of the delegates; to the Organist and Choir for their music; to the pages for their constant attention; to the daily newspapers for their accounts of the proceedings of the Convention; to the Hotel Savannah for the tender of its hospitality; and to the Woman's Auxiliary for their kindness.

The Rev. J. W. Bleker presented the report of the Committee on the University of the South, which was received (See App. II, p. 95) and the appended resolution adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of \$300.00 assessed to the Diocese for the support of the Theological Department of the said University and the sum of \$1,200.00 asked for by the University authorities as a fund to meet the annual deficits of the Institution be again united and that \$1,500.00 be apportioned by the person who shall be named as Treasurer of the University for the Diocese, among the Parishes and Missions thereof, using the same basis as the assessments for Bishop's stipend at such a sliding-scale of percentage as shall yield the required income.

Mr. W. W. Williamson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese pay the Secretary and Asst. Secretary the sums of \$300.00 and \$25.00 respectively.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Geo. T. Cann offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to purge under direction of the Bishop, all matter to be printed in the Journal, so as to avoid unnecessary duplication.

Election resumed:

Treasurer of the Board of Missions: Mr. A. B. Moore.

Court Array: As last year, except that Rev. J. M. Walker and J. W. Bleker were chosen to fill the vacancies caused by the removal from the Diocese of Rev. F. A. Brown and Rev. G. A. Cornell.

Delegates to the Provincial Synod: Clerical—The Rev. Messrs. S. B. McGlohon, Wm. Johnson, W. B. Sams, J. M. Walker, J. B. Lawrence and G. S. Whitney. Lay—Messrs. G. T. Cann, A. B. Moore, Thos. Harrold, Horace Gould, B. F. Finney and Dobbin Holmes.

Rev. Mr. Whitney presented the report of the Social Service Commission, which was received and appended resolution adopted: (See p. 121).

Resolved, That the Social Service Commission be continued, and so reconstituted that the members may be able to confer frequently.

Election resumed:

Trustees of the University of the South: For three years—Rev. S. B. McGlohon, Messrs. B. F. Finney and John A. Davis.

Board of Religious Education: Rev. S. B. McGlohon and Mr. H. M. Johnson for three years; Rev. H. S. Percival for one year to fill vacancy caused by removal of Rev. F. A. Brown.

Rev. Mr. Whitney presented the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons as follows:

The Committee recommends that the amendment to the Constitution proposed by Mr. A. B. Moore, by adding one clergyman and one layman to the Committee, be adopted pro-

visionally, to be finally acted upon next year. The proposed amendment is as follows:

Resolved, That Art. VII be amended by substituting the word "four" for the word "three" twice in line 2.

G. S. Whitney, Chairman.

The proposed amendment was accordingly adopted, as noted above.

The Bishop made the following appointments:

Examining Chaplains: The Rev. Messrs. H. W. Robinson, A. M. Rich, G. S. Whitney, J. B. Lawrence, B.D., W. T. Dakin, B.D.

Mr. W. W. Williamson presented the report of the Finance Committee, which was accepted and the accompanying resolutions adopted as follows:

Resolved, That this Convention accepts the assessment of \$80.00 asked for from this Diocese by the Synod of the Province of Sewanee.

Resolved, That the Treasurer is authorized to pay the sum of \$10.00 to the Sexton of Christ Church, Savannah, Ga. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer is authorized to pay the Bishop's Salary of \$4,000 and also \$350.00 for his stenographer and that he is authorized to draw on the income of the Permanent Episcopate Fund to the extent of \$1,000.00. (Adopted.)

Resolved, That the assessments for Bishop's Salary on the list appended to the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. (Adopted.)

Mr. Wm. K. Miller moved to amend Canon XXIII, Sec. 2, by substituting 25c for 20c, as the assessment for Convention Expenses. Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons. The Committee reported a resolution amending the Canons as follows:

Resolved, That Canon XXIII, Sec. 2, shall be and hereby is repealed and the following inserted in place thereof:

Sec. 2. Each Convention shall assess upon the Parishes

and Organized Missions of this Diocese such sum as is necessary to defray all Diocesan expenses, such assessment to be made on the same basis as for the support of the Episcopate.

The above resolution was adopted, and the said Canon amended.

Mr. Elliott offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Bishop is authorized to appoint the clerical and lay Alternate Delegates to the Provincial Synod.

Mr. Miller moved to refer back the report of the Finance Committee that the Committee may prepare a table of Assessments for Diocesan Expenses other than the Bishop's Salary, in accordance with the Canonical amendment just adopted.

The Convention took a recess of fifteen minutes to allow the Finance Committee to complete the table in accordance with the above resolution. On re-assembling the Committee presented a report which not being found altogether satisfactory, Mr. Miller further moved:

Resolved, That the Report be adopted, except that Assessments for Diocesan Expenses not to exceed \$1,000.00 be made by a special committee to be appointed for that purpose and printed in Journal as a part of the Report of the Finance Committee.

The above resolution was adopted, and the Bishop appointed as such Committee, the Treasurer of the Diocese and Mr. B. B. Russell.

It was moved and carried that the Bishop and Secretary certify to the minutes and that the reading thereof be dispensed with and that the Convention adjourn sine die after devotional exercises.

After singing Hymn 383, the Bishop offered Prayer and the Convention stood adjourned.

FREDERICK F. REESE, President.

SAMUEL J. FRENCH, Secretary.

AGENDA.

For Convention of 1916, proposed Amendment to Constitution. See above pp. 25, 34.

ADDENDUM.

The White House, Washington, May 21, 1915.

My Dear Bishop Reese:

The President has asked me to thank you warmly for your very kind message of May 20th, and to assure you and all concerned of his genuine appreciation of this expression of confidence and support. He is greatly heartened by your generous words.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. P. TUMULTY,

Secretary to the President.

The Right Reverend Frederick F. Reese,
Bishop of Georgia,
Savannah, Ga.

STATISTICS OF THE DIOCESE.

(See also the Bishop's Summaries, p. 67.)

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| Baptisms (Infant, 198; Adult, 49;) | 247 |
| Confirmed | 296 |
| Communicants | 4,975 |
| Marriages | 88 |
| Burials | 182 |
| Schools: Sunday Schools (Teachers, 262; Pupils, 2,713;) | 2,975 |
| Parish Schools (Teachers, 13; Pupils, 579;) | 592 |
| Industrial Schools (Teachers, 4; Pupils, 190;) | 194 |

CONTRIBUTIONS.

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| Parochial (including all salaries) | \$54,662.09 |
| Diocesan | 8,254.74 |
| General | 4,849.03 |
| Grand Total (including Cash on hand) | \$74,466.36 |

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| Diocesan: Missions—Offerings (less cash on hand May 1, 1914.) | \$3,251.66 |
| Missions—From Georgia Mission Fund | 5,163.05 |
| Clergy Relief | 230.38 |
| General: Missions | \$3,155.34 |
| Clergy Relief | 274.29 |
| Educational (University of the South) | 894.30 |
| Sundry | 279.93 |

Appendix I

**The Bishop's Address
and Diary**



APPENDIX I.

Address of the Bishop

My Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

Since our last Convention there have passed away four of our Bishops.

The Rt. Rev. Chas. Scadding, Doctor in Divinity, Bishop of Oregon, died at Portland, May 26, 1914. He was in the prime of his maturer powers, an enthusiastic and capable missionary and his death was one of those mysteries, the meaning of which can be found only in the loving wisdom of God.

The Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, Doctor in Divinity, Bishop of East Carolina, died in Wilmington, N. C., August 23, 1914. He had been seriously ill for many months prior to his death. He was a man of peculiarly attractive personality, an ardent, lovable soul, so genuine that none could doubt him and so unselfish that none could fail to love him.

The Rt. Rev. Franklin Spencer Spalding, Doctor in Divinity, Missionary Bishop of Utah, was killed by an automobile in Salt Lake City, September 25, 1914. His death was a tragedy not only because of the manner of his taking off, but because he was still a young man, of splendid devotion, of far more than ordinary ability, and as a student of social problems was especially concerned in promoting the reconciliation of the social order with divine justice. He was brave enough to speak unpalatable truth in the very citadel of privilege but so on fire with moral sincerity and earnestness as to win respect and admiration from those who disagreed with him and doubtless regarded his teaching as dangerous.

The Rt. Rev. Wm. Farrar Weeks, Doctor in Divinity, Bishop Coadjutor of Vermont, died October 23, 1914. Bishop Weeks was consecrated on January 29, 1913, so that his Episcopate lasted less than two years, one of those disappointments which seem to us like miscarriages, but which must be in some way conformable to a wisdom and goodness beyond our ken.

In our own diocese the ranks of our clergy have been unbroken by death and we are thankful. We have lost by removal, three of those whose presence was familiar and who were a help and pleasure to us. Two have come to fill vacancies and one is expected at an early date. Two of our parishes are vacant, but all the missions are served regularly with greater or less frequency.

The year has been a hard one financially as everyone knows or, at any rate, says, and in some places in the diocese it seems either to have been felt with peculiar severity or at least has been allowed to cause unusual depression. In a few cases, I regret to report that the salaries of the clergy are in arrears and the churches seem to be in rather distressed financial condition. I had hoped that vestries and people would by necessary economies in other less important matters manage to meet their pledges to the church, so that its work would not be seriously hampered, and I hoped especially that no clergyman would be required to suffer distress and anxiety by failure to receive his modest salary. I am grateful to the lay people for the fact that in our Diocese, this default has been rare. I wish that it might be even rarer. For the clergy are in this respect different from most people. Their incomes do not fluctuate usually with the times. When people are prosperous the salary does not increase, so that when people are less prosperous, the salary ought not to decrease. More than that, the clergy are entirely and solely dependent upon the good will and honor of the laity for their living. If it is not paid, or paid promptly, there are no processes of compulsion which a clergyman would be willing to employ to enforce his just dues. In this matter the obligation of Noblesse Oblige is upon the laity. And I am glad to certify out of a long experience that in the main most of the laity are faithful to the obligation.

In the contribution for Diocesan Missions, we are short by about \$250.00, compared with the corresponding date of last year. It is possible that this deficit has been made up by the time the books of the Treasurer were closed. But I feel especially grateful to those parishes and missions which have so loyally supported the diocese through this year of distress, and I am glad that the difference is no greater. In the apportionment for General Missions, there have been increased payments amounting to \$588.00. Whether this has been more money given or only greater promptness in giving, it is still a cause of thankfulness.

The Board of Missions finds itself in a position of peculiar difficulty. For a number of years, it has been compelled to carry over a deficit. These deficits have been financed by using a fund belonging to the Board known as "The Reserve Fund." The purpose of this fund is to meet the Board's obligations during those parts of the year when its income is very small, i. e., the summer and early autumn. At other seasons the loans should be returned to the Reserve Fund, and they are so returned except when at the end of the fiscal year a deficit makes it impossible to do so. Such has been

the unfortunate experience for several years, until the Reserve Fund is so badly depleted as to cause serious anxiety. Without it, the missionary salaries could not be paid promptly or loans would have to be resorted to, which might prove disastrous.

To meet this situation, the Board has asked for an emergency fund of \$400,000.00, and to raise this they ask that every member of the Church shall contribute one day's income to the fund in addition to his usual gift to Missions. This plan up to May 1st had yielded \$112,000.00. Some of our people and of our churches have given to the fund, in response to my request that offerings be taken for it on April 25th. But evidently very few have responded.

I am sure, brethren, that many people can afford to comply with this appeal of our Missionary Board and give one day's income to meet this situation, even in addition to what we usually give to sustain God's Church and His Work. I trust that many will be willing to do so. If any are so disposed, act at once on the good suggestion or impulse, and I earnestly trust that when you return to your homes, this will not be forgotten, but that some effort shall be made to secure contributions. As these gifts are to be credited to our apportionment, may it not result in our doing more this year than ever before to meet this obligation, or even in paying it in full.

It happens that to-morrow, May 20th, is the seventh anniversary of my consecration as Bishop of this Diocese. I mention it in order that I may ask and be blessed by your prayers at this service for myself as your Bishop, and for our Diocese and our common work for the Master. Seven was of old a sacred number and under the Jews the seventh year was a Sabbatical year, with some especial significance. But now that we are scientific and, as far as possible, decimal in our computations, a seventh year does not lend itself to especial significance as an anniversary. For that reason, as for other reasons, I am not going to harass you with a bombardment of comparative statistics. If statistics are favorable, they are apt to minister to pride and if they are unfavorable, they may be unduly discouraging. In fact, they are very deceptive generally, as well as uninteresting and uninspiring. There is nothing more elusive than a fact, especially a fact interned in a body of statistics, or a fact seen through the atmosphere of one's mental prepossessions.

I am sure, however, that we can say that during these past seven years, by the mercy of God, the Diocese has grown and our labor has not been in vain. We may thank God and take courage. But there is so much yet to do that we cannot afford to take time or thought for much reviewing. We must face the future and the duty that lies ahead.

If we believe in the history, the teaching and the order and discipline of the Church to which we belong, we must believe that it has a mission to our brethren in this part of Georgia. If we believe that it represents in some unique and special way the Church of the Living God, holy, Catholic, historic and apostolic, we must recognize our privilege and our duty to contribute the blessing of our heritage to the Christian civilization of our people. We must go forward.

As it is, we have fifty-seven church buildings in twenty-six counties. In seven other counties we hold regular services but without church building and in six other counties there are a few communicants known to reside for whom occasional services are held. In all, we bear some witness in thirty-nine Counties out of the sixty-five Counties which comprise the Diocese. In some of them it is almost negligible, so far as we can see. Probably, however, nothing that is genuine and sincere and in the spirit and power of Christ is ever negligible.

The religious future of the land depends more than we think upon the religious life of the people in the rural parts. The country church or mission is of far more importance than its size would indicate. The religious and social life of the country-side is indeed one of the great problems of the day. I think the clergyman who is ministering to small bands of people in our towns and smaller cities and in country districts is just in the place where the need for consecrated lives and work and for sanctified common-sense is greatest. What this Church has to contribute and witness to in the life of our people is most valuable and necessary. There is no reason to suppose that in time the Episcopal Church cannot be adapted to and be appreciated by country people, and by the plainest, humblest people. There was a time when the Church was the spiritual mother of all the English people, urban and rural, and in fact it is to-day the Church of King and peasant alike. The country pastor and missionary is in a peculiar sense on the Church's firing line. He needs a deeper sense of the dignity and importance of his work and he needs, too, the unstinted loyalty and support of the Church behind him.

The question, therefore, which I hope this Convention will always keep uppermost in its mind is that while it is an administrative and legislative body, its administration and legislation must be directed to the advancement of this purpose. What can we do which will most efficiently promote true religion and Christianity as this Church has received and conceives it and promote it among all the people who dwell within the limits of the Diocese of Georgia. Our world does not end with the Diocese, but it begins there. It is our first responsibility. Nothing should interest us more than to hear

how this enterprise is getting on and nothing should concern us more than to consider what we can do as a Convention to help it on. The work of God's Church is to teach the way of righteousness, to guide men into it, to persuade them to accept it and in God's name and through the grace and mercy of Christ, to struggle for it, and inspire them with wisdom and zeal to bring other men into the way. It is to bring about God's Kingdom in human life.

This Convention is a part of the machinery necessary for that accomplishment. But apart from that end, it is of no conceivable value. If it does not contribute to that end, it is a waste of time and effort. And it will be a waste if all of us do not keep constantly in mind and heart what the end and aim is. It will be a very uninteresting business apart from the inspiration of the great spiritual purpose. It will seem scarcely worth while to spend two days in attending to the seemingly petty details. The financial features are quite insignificant compared with those with which you laymen probably deal in your private business and in those corporations with which you may be connected.

You know that the old painters always painted a halo about the head of the Saints. This halo was a symbol of the spiritual significance and beauty that was associated with the material features of the Saint. It was the radiance of the divine around the human. The Saint is outwardly just a man or a woman of common clay but to those who can see, there is the halo which means that the Saint is something more than that, that the life of the Saint is the life of God.

It seems to me that the Church is to many just an ordinary human association and the work of a Convention just common ordinary business, reading of minutes, hearing and passing accounts, enacting legislation and that, amid the play and interplay of ordinary human motives and sometimes very small and selfish and conflicting ones. As such it is not a very imposing or thrilling adventure. It is not surprising that many do not conceive it worth their while to come or worth their while to stay.

What I think that we want to see is the halo about the Church, the divine in the human. Let us get away from the idea merely of the Episcopal Church, our Church, and think of it as the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth, which Christ hath purchased with his own blood. The Church that Christ loved, that He sanctifies and cleanses that He may present it to Himself a glorious Church . . . that it should be holy and without blemish. The halo about the Church. No painter can picture it for unbelieving eyes to see. It can only be seen by eyes of faith. The Church is no ordinary human association, of the earth, earthly,

Somehow it is a Body of which Christ is the head, and a Body within which dwells the Eternal Spirit—a Divine Spirit-bearing Body.

Some things about the Church—at any rate, about those of us who represent it, do not suggest possibly halos—far from it. They rather suggest ordinary worldly pride and selfishness and littleness. But even in the greatest Saint there is the alloy of unsanctified earthliness still mingled with the stuff which radiates halos. But he is a poor cynic, a moral scavenger, mayhap, who can see nothing of the halo and only the remnants of unsanctified earthliness. Yes, the Church is not all halo for She partakes of the wordliness and selfishness of us, Her imperfect children. But nevertheless the man who does not and cannot see the halo is not fit to legislate or administer the Church's affairs. It is probable, indeed, that they will bore him, unless he fancies that they offer him some opportunity for that sort of prominence which Diotrefes loved. You recollect "Diotrefes" of whom St. John wrote, "who loveth to have the pre-eminence." People who love to have the pre-eminence sometimes use the Church as the field of their operations and it is needless to say that such people do not see halos anywhere. They see only themselves, and when people see only or mainly themselves and their own interests, the business they are handling goes very wrong. The business of the Church under such administration does not advance God's Kingdom materially. God's Kingdom cannot advance when its agents are much concerned about their own Kingdom.

God's Kingdom must dominate all other Kingdoms and all other interests while we are here in attendance upon this Convention. Therefore, pray do not let us fail to see the halo and to remember the Kingdom. If we do see it, remember, I am sure, the vision and the recollection will exorcise all demons from our minds and hearts, the demons of individual, parochial and factious selfishness. They will sober us with a sense of responsibility and give a dignity to the modest duties we are here to perform. They will make us realize a truer sense of brotherhood and we shall not spend any time in trying to have our own way as opposed to other people's way, for we shall all be much concerned about uniting to get God's way done. We shall probably then enjoy doing these things, for they will become interesting. The reason that life and its duties are so uninteresting oftentimes is because they have no vision. They are so monotonously insignificant (and they are insignificant because they are unrelated), that one becomes insufferably bored. But whatever can be done, humble though it be, with a high motive, a large outlook, and a sense of service, becomes interesting. And that is the thing we want to feel, the motive of devotion to our Lord, the outlook of His spiritual Kingdom and the service of our fellowmen, Christ's sheep, God's

children, "who are in the midst of this naughty world" as the Prayer Book says. What can we do here in Convention, assembled to promote God's righteousness among men, God's Kingdom on the earth, first, here in our Diocese, and next, everywhere. If any man thinks cynically that neither he nor another can do anything, let him go home. He is not needed. He is of no use. Let him pray for eyes to see. He is blind.

We hope and pray then that the Church may grow, not for our sakes or for its own, but for the sake of those it can bless. But no church can grow which is not alive. No dead thing can grow. The church again is not alive if it is not united. Dead things fall to pieces. Living things cohere. And the church cannot be united unless we love one another. Every evil spirit tends to division. The good spirit tends to unity and peace, to strength and growth.

So my brethren as a living Body of Christ's loving and united people we meet here to-day to look ahead and to forge ahead. We believe in God's Church; we have confidence in Him and we trust one another. With that Spirit we can certainly accomplish something. We can at any rate give and receive from each other the encouragement of our cheerful optimism and our brotherly sympathy. Everybody ought to go home feeling better and determined to do better. The laity can go back to put into the Vestries and congregations a finer and larger spirit of loyalty which will show itself in more prompt and generous giving, so that the word "begging" will never be heard again and the tragedy of financial helplessness and hopelessness will be forever forgotten. No kicks, no complaints. No pathetic letters of despair to take all the sweetness and joy out of religion.

And the clergy can go home braced up and glad to take a fresh grip. Next year there will be more Confirmation Candidates, and they more thoroughly prepared, the Sunday School will be bettered by improved methods and greater efficiency; there will be a spirit of social helpfulness which will make the world understand that nothing human is foreign to the interest and care of the Church.

Some time ago, a clergyman who represents one important department of activity in the Church was commenting upon the lack of enterprise exhibited by some parishes and some dioceses. He said he asked some rectors and, I think, he said, one Bishop, what plans they had for their parishes or diocese during the coming year and they confessed that they had none. I am rather glad he did not ask me. Of course, I have a plan. I hope we all have one. Our plan is to preach the Gospel, and minister to the spiritual needs of men and to make the church larger and stronger and more effective in order to save men; souls and bodies, through our Lord Jesus

Christ. But I think we could be helped by something more specific. Like children we need to be encouraged by counting the mile posts. Let us see if we cannot get some more specific and nearer goal for the next year's race.

One is this, I wish the Convention to consider what can be done by it to promote religious education and social service in the diocese. The whole Christian world is much aroused and concerned about these two matters of applied religion. Our own church is equally aroused. We have a General Board of Religious Education and a Commission on Social Service, each with a paid Secretary to promote their objects. The Province of Sewanee, of which our Diocese is a part, has also provided for similar provincial agencies. Our Diocese has in the past constituted its Board of Religious Education and Social Service Commission. Reports were submitted from both at the last Convention. In one the report begins "Your Board has done no work since the last Convention." I do not believe the failure is mainly the responsibility of the Board for the report continues that it had previously invited correspondence from Rectors and Sunday Schools Superintendents "but no letters had been received."

The other report makes a brave effort and does testify to the interested earnestness of its signatories, but it states frankly that it had little work to report. I think that both these reports show that as a diocese we are not yet aroused and concerned. What I propose is that we shall become so and that this convention shall give to these two matters such thoughtful consideration as will interest not only its own members but gradually interest the people of the Diocese. Religious education and social service are two of the most important expressions of genuine Christian life. Religion which does not affect the training of the young or the promotion of social righteousness is defective religion.

This Convention is the only representative gathering of the Church in this diocese, the only method by which the diocese can express itself as a whole in word or deed. So that whatever concern the Church feels or whatever effort it may desire to make in these lines of Christian endeavor must be expressed and directed by this Convention. I hope, therefore, that you may reaffirm the action of previous Conventions in a more emphatic fashion on both these subjects, give them proper consideration and reappoint and reconstitute both Board and Commission, give them some modest amount of money for the necessary expenses of their administration and at the same time make it plain that you consider the matters seriously and expect the clergy and laity to consider them so also.

In the next place, I want you to in every congregation of this diocese, large or small, pray and labor in every way in your power

that there shall next year be unity and peace. One would suppose that such a proposal would be unnecessary. Is it not a contradiction that any congregation of Christian people should not be united and peaceful? Can any congregation be a Christian congregation which is not so? I think we might do well to consider that. As a matter of experience I think I may say that one of the most serious hindrances to the growth of God's Church and that means to the salvation of the world is division and strife and envy and contention and faction between individual Christians in parishes and missions and between groups of Christians. It is so among us in this diocese to some considerable extent. So I propose, therefore, that one of our aims for the coming year shall be to get the whole church and every part of it united in loving brotherliness. Let us begin now at this Service of Holy Communion and continue at every Holy Communion during the year, by prayer and word and act so that we may promote peace and reconciliation between ourselves and others, among all of our brethren. And remember please, how St. Paul puts it "As much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." And, my brethren think of these words of our Saviour "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," and of these words of His holy apostle, "And above all these things put on charity."

We are all about to participate in Eucharistic Worship and Holy Communion. In it both individually and as a Body, as a part of and representing the Church of God in this diocese, we offer ourselves, a "reasonable, holy and living sacrifice" to our God and Saviour. It is in the Spirit and power of this Service and of Him who meets us here that I hope we shall face the duties and meet the responsibilities for which we have met. They are in the main homely duties. They involve to some extent a monotonous routine, some repetition and not much on the surface that is inspiring or suggestive of romance. And yet I feel and I hope you all feel that the end which we have in view consecrates the commonplace methods. For the final end of our labor, its object and its purpose is certainly full of inspiration, full of the romance of a great quest. For life to the men who believe and see things beyond the veil of the form and beyond the present, is always a noble and holy quest. It is the quest of the Holy Grail, the cup that caught and holds the life blood of God. For in the life-blood of God is the meaning and the power and the life of the world. It is the life of the Kingdom of God, which is seeking to unfold and manifest itself in the world of men. For that meaning and power and that life we are searching, not because it is afar off, for it is not afar off, it is near; even closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet. But alas! We are blind and can-

not see, we are hard of heart and cannot perceive. The quest is for the light within, that we may see and perceive and once seeing and perceiving, we may bring light and life to others.

Brethren, let us like children make believe. Let us ask for a spiritualized imagination. Let us see in the commonplace duties of our council the golden deeds of a wonderful dream. We are trying to build a temple to our God, a temple of beauty and splendor in human hearts, in human life. These commonplace details of duty which appear in themselves to be so uninteresting and dreary may be like the brick of common clay which must furnish the solid core of the temple walls, which when built will be faced with polished marble and adorned with rich mosaic, and with the delicate tracery of sculptured poetry. These homely duties exhibiting the homely virtues of honesty and fidelity in little things are the necessary condition for the coming of that Kingdom of human life in which shall appear all brotherly justice and kindness, all the virtues and graces of the Saints in the Holy City of our God. He that is faithful in that which is least, will be faithful also in much.

Let us, therefore, brethren, give to these duties our careful and loyal attention. In-so doing we shall be doing something and gaining something of great value for it will help in the building of the Kingdom. Let us keep our eye on the big thing that we are aiming after and not merely on the little things that we are doing now. Let us keep our eye on the vision and not merely on each weary step which we must take to attain the reality of the vision.

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3. Third Sunday after Easter.

A. M. Tifton. In St. Anne's Church, celebrated the Holy Communion and preached.

P. M. Waycross. In St. Ambrose Mission, assisted at Evening Prayer and preached, the Rev. J. J. N. Thompson, Missionary.

5. Savannah. In the Sunday School room of St. John's Church, made an address at the local Assembly of the Daughters of the King.

6. Received and accepted the resignation of the Rev. G. Croft Williams as Vicar of Christ Church and Missionary, to take effect July 1st.

In the evening attended the first regular meeting of the Episcopal Church Club of Savannah in St. John's Church Parish House.

7. P. M. Confirmed two and preached in the Union Chapel, Thunderbolt, near Savannah, the Rev. Francis A. Brown, Rector of Christ Church, saying Evening Prayer.

8. P. M. Made an address at the Commencement Exercises of the Training School for Nurses of the Oglethorpe Sanitarium, Savannah.

10. Fourth Sunday after Easter.

A. M. Burroughs. In St. Bartholomew's Church, preached and assisted the Rev. M. M. Weston in the Service.

P. M. In St. Michael's Chapel, Savannah, confirmed 11, addressed them and preached, the Rev. H. S. Percival, Curate, saying Evening Prayer.

12. Albany. Celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. G. A. Cornell at the opening Service of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary and afterward made an address to the Auxiliary.

P. M. Presided at a meeting of the Board of Missions.

13. Celebrated the Holy Communion and delivered my address at the opening Service of the Diocesan Convention.

P. M. Presided during the day over the Convention.

