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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

On Tuesday, Oct. 28th, and Wednesday, Oct. 29th, A. D. 1818.

List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, including St. Paul's and St. John's Chapels, New York.

The Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county.

The Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county.

The Rev. David Brown, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county.

The Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county.

The Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, Rector of St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county.

The Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county.

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The Rev. William Creighton, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York.

The Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary, in Albany and Greene counties.

The Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., President of Columbia College, New York.

The Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, including Christ Chapel, North Hempstead, Queen's county.

The Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, New York.

The Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county.

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York.

The Rev. John McVickar, Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy, in Columbia College, New York.

The Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of Grace Church, New York.

The Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, including Trinity Chapel, Staten Island.

The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county.

The Rev. Henri L. P. F. Pénereyre, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York.

The Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Tunica, Lewis county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Setauket, and Missionary to Huntington and Islip, Suffolk county.

The Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, Minister of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county.

The Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county.

The Rev. Russel Wheeler, Missionary at Butternuts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent.
The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county.

The following Clergy, not entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention :

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey.
The Rev. Parker Adams, late Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county.
The Rev. George B. Andrews, Deacon, residing in Redhook, Dutchess county.
The Rev. James W. Eastburn, Deacon, residing in New York.
The Rev. John Griggs, jun., Deacon, residing in New York.
The Rev. Raraud Kearny, Minister of St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county.
The Rev. William B. Lacey, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Albany.
The Rev. William H. Northrop, Deacon.
The Rev. Thomas Osborne, Deacon, residing in Claverack, Columbia county.
The Rev. Amos Pardee.
The Rev. William Powell, Minister of St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county.
The Rev. Alexis P. Proal, Deacon, residing in New York.
The Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county.
The Rev. George Upfold, M. D., Deacon, residing in New York.
The Rev. Peter G. Clark, Deacon,
The Rev. Origen P. Holcomb, Deacon,
The Rev. James Keeler, Deacon,
The Rev. Samuel Nicholls, Deacon,
The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble,
The Rev. Reuben Sherwood,
The Rev. John Croes, jun., of New Jersey.

Of this Diocese.

LAY DELEGATES.

Columbia county.
Hudson, Christ Church, J. R. Van Rensselaer, ——— Fleming,

Dutchess county.

Fishkill, Trinity Church, Daniel C. Verplanck, Abraham Weeks.
Hyde Park, St. James' Church, Benjamin Allen.
Poughkeepsie, Christ Church, James Ennot, Thomas J. Oakley,
Philo Ruggles.
Redhook, St. Paul's Church, Robert L. Livingston, Ebenezer Punderson.

King's county.

Brooklyn, St. Ann's Church, William Cornwell, William Griggs, Charles Hewlett.

Montgomery county.

Johnstown, St. John's Church, Nicholas Philipot.

City and county of New York.

Christ Church, George Dominick, Israel Horsfield, Floyd Smith.
French Church Du St. Esprit, Jacob Schieffelin.
Grace Church, David B. Ogden, John Wells.
St. George's Church, Gerrit IL. Van Wageningen, James D. L. Walton, Harry Peters.
St. James' Church, Peter Schermerhorn, Martin Hoffman.
St. Mark's Church, Clement C. Moore, Nicholas Fish.
St. Michael's Church, Valentine Nutter, William A. Davis, Isaac Jones.
St. Stephen's Church, Marinus Willert, Daniel Mercereau, James Smith.
Trinity Church, Richard Harrison, Nehemiah Rogers, Thomas L. Ogden, Joshua Jones.

Orange county.

Coldenham, St. Andrew's Church, David Ruggles.
Goshen, St. James' Church, John Duer, Henry G. Wisner.
Newburgh, St. George's Church, Johnson Verplanck.
New Windsor, St. Thomas' Church, Charles Ludlow.

Queen's county.

Flushing, St. George's Church, William Prince.
Hempstead, St. George's Church, George Hulet.
Jamaica, Grace Church, Timothy Nstrand, John Skidmore.
Newtown, St. James' Church, Timothy Roach, Benjamin Moore, John Alsop.

Rensselaer county.

Troy, St. Paul's Church, Esais Warren.

Richmond county.

Richmond, St. Andrew's Church, Nathaniel Britten, Walter Jongan.

Schenectady county.

Duanesburgh, Christ Church, G. W. Featherstonhaugh.
Schenectady, St. George's Church, William Richmond.

Suffolk county.

Islip, St. John's Church, John T. Champlin.

Sullivan county.

Monticello, St. John's Church, Livingston Billings.

Washington county.

Sandy Hill, Zion Church, Zina Hitchcock.

West Chester county.

Bedford and Northeast, St. Matthew's Church, William Jay.
East Chester, St. Paul's Church, John Townsend, William Popham.
Mamaroneck, St. Thomas' Church, William Delaney.
New Rochelle, Trinity Church, Gideon Coggeshall.
North Salem, St. James' Church, Epenetus Wallace.
Rye, Christ Church, Jonathan Purdy, Peter J. Munro.
West Chester, St. Peter's Church, Abijah Hammond.
Yonkers, St. John's Church, Henry White, Isaac Vermilyea.

The following Clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, were not present during this session :

The Rev. William Berrian, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., Rector, of Christ Church, Duanesburgh, Schenectady county.

The Rev. Leveret Bush, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Oxford, Chenango county.

The Rev. Orrin Clark, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county.

The Rev. William A. Clark, Missionary at Buffalo, Niagara county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Missionary at Onondaga, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Stephen Jewett, Missionary in Washington county.
The Rev. Daniel McDonald, Minister of Trinity Church, and Principal of the Academy, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

The Rev. James Milnor, Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Osego and Chenango counties.

The Rev. George H. Norton, Deacon, Missionary in Ontario and Seneca counties.

The Rev. Joseph Peiry, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa.

Saratoga county.

The Rev. John Reed, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie Dutchess county.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario, and adjacent counties.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 1818.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, for the meeting of the annual Convention of the same, the Right Reverend John Henry Hobart, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and several Clergy and Lay Delegates, attended, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M. in Trinity Church, in the city of New York, which had been appointed by the Bishop as the place of meeting.

Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county; and an appropriate sermon preached by the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York. The Bishop then held an ordination and admitted to the holy order of Deacons, George B. Andrew James W. Eastburn, John Griggs, jun., and George Upfold, M. I. of this Diocese; and Peter G. Clark, Origen P. Holcomb, and James Keeler, of Connecticut.

The Convention then assembled, and a list of the Clergy entitled to seats being called over, agreeably to the second canon of the Diocese of 1803, the following answered to their names, and to their seats :

The Rev. David Brown, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county; the Rev. Barzillai Bulkeley, Rector of St. George's Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county; the Rev. David Butler, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county; the Rev. William Creighton, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York; the Rev. Henry J. Feltus, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, New York; the Rev. Samuel Fuller, Missionary in Albany and Greene counties; the Rev. Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county; the Rev.

Samuel Haskell, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county; the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. James' Church, New York; the Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Rector of St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county; the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector of Christ Church, New York; the Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of Grace Church, New York; the Rev. David Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Staten Island; the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Rector of St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county; the Rev. Henri L. P. F. Penevrey, Rector of the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York; the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county; the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Turin, Lewis county; and parts adjacent; the Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, Minister of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county; the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady; the Rev. James Thompson, Missionary in Greene and Delaware counties; the Rev. Eli Wheeler, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county; the Rev. Russel Wheeler, Missionary at Butternuts and Unadilla, Otsego county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county.

The following Lay Delegates presented certificates of their respective appointments, which were read, and approved, and they accordingly took their seats in the Convention:

From Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county, Jacob R. Van Rensselaer, — Fleming; from Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county, Daniel C. Verplanck; from St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county, Benjamin Allen; from Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, James Emott, Thomas J. Oakley, Philo Ruggles; from St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county, Robert L. Livingston; from St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county, William Cornwell, William Grigg, Charles Hewlett; from St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county, Nicholas Philpot; from Christ Church, New York, George Dominick, Israel Horsfield; from the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York, Jacob Schieleln; from Grace Church, New York, David B. Ogden, John Wells; from St. George's Church, New York, Gerrit H. Van Wageningen, James D. L. Wallon; from St. James' Church, New York, Peter Schermerhorn, Martin Hoffman; from St. Mark's Church, New York, Clement C. Moore, Nicholas Fish; from St. Michael's Church, New York, Valentine Nutter; from St. Stephen's Church, New

York, Marinus Willett, Daniel Mercereau; from Trinity Church, New York, Nehemiah Rogers, Thomas L. Ogden, Joshua Jones, from St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, Orange county, Daniel Ruggles; from St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county, Johnson Verplanck; from St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county, George Hulet; from Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county, Timothy Nostrand; from St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county, Timothy Ronch, Benjamin Moore, John Alsop; from St. Andrew's Church, Richmond, Richmond county, Nathaniel Britten, Walter Dongan; from St. George's Church, Schenectady, William Richmond; from St. John's Church, Islip, Suffolk county, John T. Champlin; from St. Nicholas Church, Bedford and Northwistle, West Chester county, the Rev's Church, Bedford and Northwistle, West Chester county, William Jay; from St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county, John Townsend, William Popham; from St. Thomas Church, Manaroneck, West Chester county, William Ide Ivey; from Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county, Gideon Cogershell; from St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county, Abijah Hammond; from St. John's Church, Yonkers, Henry White, Isaac Vermilyea.

Certificates were read, and severally approved, of the incorporation of St. Thomas' Church, New Windsor, Orange county; Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington county; and St. John's Church, Turin, Lewis county; and the said churches were received into union with this Convention.

Certificates were read, and severally approved, of the appointment of Charles Ludlow, as a Lay Delegate from St. John's Church, New Windsor, Orange county; and of Zina Hitchcock, as a Lay Delegate from Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington county; and those gentlemen took their seats accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Right Rev. John Croes, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, now in this city, be admitted sittings of this Convention.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes took his seat accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church who may be in the city of New York during the session Convention, and are not members thereof, be admitted sittings.

Agreeably to this resolution, the following clergymen took their seats:

The Rev. Parker Adams, late Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county; the Rev. George B. Andrews, Deacon, residing in Redhook, Dutchess county; the Rev. James W. Eastburn, Deacon, residing in New York; the Rev. John Griggs, jun., Deacon, residing in New York; the Rev. Harvard Kearney, Minister of St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county; the Rev. Thomas Osborne, Deacon, residing in Claverack, Columbia county; the Rev. William Powell, Minister of St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county; the Rev. Alexis P. Proal, Deacon, residing in New York; the Rev. Gilbert H. Sayres, Minister of Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county; the Rev. George Upfold, M. D., Deacon, residing in New York, of this Diocese; the Rev. Peter G. Clark, Deacon, the Rev. Origen P. Holcomb, Deacon, the Rev. James Keeler, Deacon, the Rev. Samuel Nicholls, Deacon, the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, the Rev. Reuben Sherwood, of Connecticut.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk was chosen.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.

The following Clergy, members of the Convention, not present yesterday, appeared, and took their seats:

The Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county; the Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county; Rev. John Brown, Rector of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county; the Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York; the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister of St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county; the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Deacon, Missionary in Washington county, and pars adjacent; the Rev.

William Harris, D. D., President of Columbia College, New York; the Rev. John McVicker, Professor of Rhetoric and Metaphilosophy, in Columbia College, New York; the Rev. Cha Seabury, Rector of Caroline Church, Setauket, and Missionary, Huntington and Islip, Suffolk county.

The following Lay Delegates, having produced testimonial of their respective appointments, which were read and approved, took their seats accordingly:

From Trinity Church, Fishkill, Dutchess county, Abraham Weeks; from St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county, Ebenezer Punderson; from Christ Church, New York, F. Smith; from St. George's Church, New York, Harry Peterson; from St. Michael's Church, New York, William A. Davis, Jr.; from St. Stephen's Church, New York, James Smith; from Trinity Church, New York, Richard Harrison; from James' Church, Goshen, Orange county, John Duer, Henry Wisner; from St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county, William Prince; from Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county, John Skidmore; from St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county, Esaias Warren; from Christ Church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county, G. W. Featherstonhaugh; from St. John's Church, Monticello, Sullivan county, Livingston Billings; from St. James' Church, North Salem, West Chester county, Levenus Wall; from Christ Church, Ilye, West Chester county, Jonathan P. Peter J. Munro.

Agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, admitting to sittings of this Convention, clergymen who are not members thereof, the following gentlemen took their seats:

The Rev. William B. Lacey, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Albany; the Rev. William H. Northrop, Deacon; and the Amos Parlee, of this Diocese; and the Rev. John Croes, jun. New Jersey.

The minutes of the proceedings yesterday were read, approved.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention of 1812, Right Rev. Bishop Hobart delivered the following Address:

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

The attendance at this Convention of so large a proportion of the Clergy and of so numerous and respectable a delegation from the Laity, may be regarded as a gratifying evidence of an increasing zeal for the interests of the Church.

The following changes have also taken place in the churches:

The Rev. Asaph Davis, Deacon, has removed from New Berlin, resides at present at Geneva, where he has the charge by the Vestry of the Church in that place; and the church now under the charge of the Rev. Daniel Nash. The Rev. Clark, for several years missionary at Manlius, and partly as missionary at Manlius. The Rev. William B. Loring, at Oxford, Chenango county, has removed to Albany;

ford is now supplied by the Rev. Leveret Bush, Deacon. The Rev. Amos G. Baldwin has removed from Utica, and has charge of the congregations at Waddington and Ogdensburgh, on the St. Lawrence, and in parts adjacent. The Rev. William H. Northrop, Deacon, on account of ill health, has relinquished the charge of the church at Auburn. The Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, late Professor in Union College, has been elected an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Phinney has produced to me the requisite testimonials from the Bishop of the Church in Pennsylvania, and has been chosen Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Colchenham, Orange county. The Rev. Eli Wheeler has resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county, and been chosen Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island. The Rev. Thomas Osborne, Deacon, has removed, by letters dismissory, to South Carolina.

The following Missionaries are employed:—The Rev. Daniel Nash, in Osego and Chenango counties; the Rev. William A. Clark, at Buffalo, Batavia, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Samuel Fuller, Albany and Greene counties; the Rev. James Thompson, Windham, Greene county, and other places in that and Delaware county; the Rev. Stephen Jewett, in Hampton and Granville, Washington county; the Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Ontario, and adjacent counties; the Rev. Russel Wheeler, Butternuts and Unadilla, Osego county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Onondaga county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, Sandy Hill, Washington county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. Charles Seabury, Brookhaven, Huntington, and Islip, Long Island; the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Turn, Lewis county, and parts adjacent; the Rev. George H. Norton, Deacon, Seneca and Ontario counties; the Rev. Leveret Bush, Deacon, Oxford, Chenango county, and parts adjacent.

Under a canon of the late General Convention, the Rev. Thomas Y. How, late an Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York, has been suspended from the ministry. The canon being in some respects of a doubtful tenor, I proceeded in the exercise of discipline, on this occasion, as far as I conceived the canon fully authorized. A presentation of this gentleman, containing a most serious charge against his moral conduct, has, within a few days, been made to me under the canons of the Church in this State. I have often expressed an opinion, that if a presentation, containing that charge, should be made, it would be incumbent upon me, on conviction, to inflict the sentence of degradation from the ministry. I shall, without delay, discharge my duty in this business.

It is a subject of congratulation, that our Church has resumed the labours, which for a long period before the revolutionary war, the Society in England, for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, directed to the religious instruction of the Indian tribes. Those labours were not wholly unsuccessful; for on my recent visit to the Oneidas, I saw an aged Mohawk, who, firm in the faith of the Gospel,* and adorning his profession by an exemplary life, is

indebted, under the Divine blessing, for his Christian principles and hopes, to the Missionaries of that venerable Society. The exertions more recently made for the conversion of the Indian tribes, have not been so successful, partly because not united with efforts to introduce among them those arts of civilization, without which the Gospel can neither be understood nor valued; principally because religious instruction was conveyed through the imperfect medium of interpreters, by these unacquainted with their dispositions and habits, and in whom they were not disposed to place the same confidence, in those who are connected with them by the powerful ties of language, manners, and of kindred. The religious instructor of the Oneidas, employed by our Church, enjoys all these advantages. Being of Indian extraction, acquainted with their language, dispositions, and customs, and devoting himself unceasingly to their spiritual and temporal welfare, he enjoys their confidence; while the education which he has received, has increased qualifications as their guide in the faith and precepts of the Gospel. An Eleazar Williams, at the earnest request of the Oneida chiefs, was licensed me about two years since, as their Lay Reader, Catechist, and Schoolmaster. Educated in a different communion, he connected himself with our Church from conviction, and appears warmly attached to her doctrines, her apostolic ministry, and her worship. Soon after he commenced his labours among the Oneidas, the Pagan party solemnly professed the Christian faith. Mr. Williams repeatedly explained to them in councils which they held for this purpose, the evidences of the Divine origin of Christianity, and its doctrine, institutions, and precepts. He combated their objections, patiently answered their inquiries, and was finally, through the Divine blessing, successful in satisfying their doubts. Soon after their conversion, they appropriated, conjunction with the old Christian party, the proceeds of the sale of some of their lands to the erection of a handsome edifice for Divine worship, which will be shortly completed.*

In the work of their spiritual instruction, the Book of Common Prayer, principal part of which has been translated for their use, proves a powerful auxiliary. Its simple and affecting exhibition of the truths of redemption, calculated to interest their hearts, while it informs their understanding; an its decent and significant rites, contribute to fix their attention in the exercise of worship. They are particularly gratified with having parts assigned them in the service, and repeat the responses with great propriety, and devotion. On my visit to them, several hundred assembled for worship; those who could read were furnished with books; and they uttered the confessions of the Liturgy, responded its supplications, and chanted its hymns of praise, with a reverence and fervour, which powerfully interested the feelings of those who witnessed the solemnity. They listened to my address to the m, interpreted by Mr. Williams, with so much solicitous attention; they received the laying on of hands with such grateful humility; and participated of the symbols of their

* See Appendix for an interesting Address from the Chiefs of the Oneidas to the Bishop.

this people steadily weekly lectures. I have visited from house to house, expositulating with some at their unconcern about the salvation of their souls, and animating others with the comforts of the pious and devout life, and with the hopes of salvation.

Baptisms, 10; deaths, 6; communicants, about 60.

I have visited Church societies and vacant congregations in the counties around me, and have administered the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper to those who are deprived of the stated services of the Church. I have preached at Windsor, Broome county; at Masonville, Franklin, and Sidney, Delaware county.

The Rev. Mr. Nash having withdrawn his labours from the Church at Cooperstown, in the month of September I visited that congregation, and continued there and in its vicinity two days.

Notwithstanding the deprivations and fatigues which are inseparable from the missionary cause, there is a reward in the thought, that blessed are those who with warm affection become agents in promoting and advancing the prosperity of the Church, and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Baptisms in all these places, not including Cooperstown, 12; communicants, 40.

The Rev. Charles Seabury, Missionary at Huntington, Islip, and Setauket, Suffolk county, reports as follows:

This mission is in rather a growing situation, especially Islip and Huntington. In this last place I have so far succeeded as to induce a wish on the part of the people that I would perform Divine service among them regularly every fourth Sunday. To this I have assented.

Setauket. Baptism, 1; funerals, 2; marriages, 5. Islip. Baptisms, 3; marriages, 2. Huntington. Baptism, 1. Collection for Missionary Fund, at Setauket, \$4 50.

The Rev. Alanson W. Welton, Missionary in Ontario and the adjacent counties, writes to the Bishop as follows:

Since the date of my last report I have spent 22 Sundays in Richmond, 8 in Buffalo, 12 in Avon, 5 in Le Roy, 2 in Batavia, one in Livonia, and one in Canandaigua, (the Sunday of the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk's institution.) Besides these, I have preached lectures frequently, and sometimes rode from one to another society to perform a third service. The Church increases in numbers and piety, in most of the places which have fallen under my missionary charge. What we have to regret most is, that the funds of the Church are not more ample, in order that a greater number of labourers might be employed in this part of the vine-

yard of our Lord. Many friends of the Church are settled great a distance from any society, that they have not the means of enjoying her ordinances. Many also are the places where churches might be organized, had we missionaries to supply them. Until we have more missionaries, it will doubtless be inexpedient to organize many more churches. With the merciful assistance of God, we trust our number will be increased.

The Rev. Daniel Nash, Missionary in Otsego county, reports to the Bishop as follows:

I have visited and preached in different places in Otsego county and in the counties of Chenango and Oneida. Wherever I officiated, I have been received with affection. A decent if not deep attention has been paid to the word spoken; in particular New Berlin, where a number have been added to the communion. I look forward for a further increase in that place. I thank through the blessing of God, there may be a plentiful harvest. The congregation appear devout and solemn. In the midst of such worshippers, a pious person must feel that the service of the Church is evangelical—that is a pure strain of devotion—that indeed elevates the soul to heaven—and that they are all with accord joining the Church triumphant in celebrating the praise of JEHOVAH.

Baptisms—At Verona, nine, 2 adults and 7 children. At Berlin and its vicinity, ten, 2 adults and 8 children. At St. John and its vicinity, twenty-one, 6 adults and 15 children. At Cooperstown and its vicinity, twenty-nine, 2 adults and 27 children. Among the Oneida Indians, thirty-one, 3 adults and 28 children. In all, I have attended 10 marriages and 6 funerals.

Eighteen have been added to the communion.

I shall expect for the future to confine my labours principally to New Berlin, St. John's, Otsego, and Verona, in the county of Oneida, and other places where a door shall be opened for fulness.

The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Deacon, Missionary in Onondaga county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows:

During the last year I have performed Divine service 98 days at Tully; 2 Sundays at Lenox; 5 Sundays at Manlius, and the Rev. Mr. Clark's removal from that place; 2 Sundays at Auburn, in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Northrop. The remainder of my time has been confined to Onondaga, in consideration of the people of that congregation having built a house for Divine worship. Since the administration of Confirmation at Onondaga there has been a large addition to the communion. I am happy

to state, that all the congregations which I have visited are increasing in numbers, piety, and zeal. But as it was in the days of our Saviour, the field is extensive, "the harvest is great, but the labourers are few." Besides performing Divine service every Sunday, I have preached many lectures on week days, in various places. I have been twice at Eaton, and should have visited there oftener, were not the distance so great.

Baptisms, infants and children, 35 ; adults, 7 ; marriages, 4 ; funerals, 3.

I cannot close this report without mentioning, that great praise is due to the people of Onondaga for their exertions and pious liberality in building a neat and commodious little church.

The Rev. George H. Norton, Deacon, Missionary in Ontario and Seneca counties, writes to the Bishop as follows:

During the year past, I have officiated at Rochester, Pittsford, Sodus Bay, Vienna, Waterloo, and Auburn. Since the month of May, my time has been pretty much divided between Vienna and Waterloo. The former place is a flourishing little village, situated about four miles east of the Clifton Springs. At the solicitation of several Episcopal families, who reside there and in its vicinity, the services of our Church have been introduced amongst them, and there is now a favourable opportunity of raising up a respectable congregation. In effecting this object, our friends at the Springs are disposed to unite, which, I doubt not, will be of considerable benefit to their little society, as it has for some time past been in a very languishing state, for the want of the regular ministrations of a clergyman. The inhabitants of Vienna seem very generally inclined to adopt the Episcopal mode of worship, and for the purpose of preserving it in their village, have been making some exertion, and will probably succeed, in employing a minister for one-half of his time.

At Waterloo an Episcopal church was formed nearly a year ago; and though attempts have been made to impede its progress, I am happy to state that there is now every probability of its flourishing. It is at present composed of about twenty families, and besides these, there are many who attend very constantly upon our services. Throughout the congregation there prevails a more than ordinary attention to the subject of religion, and several have manifested a wish to come forward to Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both of these ordinances will shortly be administered in this place. A liberal distribution of the Book of Common Prayer has been attended with a very good effect, which is discoverable not only in the general use which is made of it in the time of Divine service, but also in the strong attachment

expressed for it by many individuals, who are able to date commencement of their serious concern for their souls, from the first acquaintance with this truly valuable little volume.

Something has been done by our friends in this village for support of the Gospel. They have raised a sufficient sum to secure to them the services of a clergyman for half the ensuing year. In another season it is to be hoped still more will be effected, and should the times be more favourable, the period, I trust, is very distant, when they will be enabled to erect a house for public worship.

The Rev. Leverett Bush, Deacon, Missionary in Chenango county, and parts adjacent, reports to the Bishop as follows:

I visited the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Oxford, on 14th of July, and have since that time preached regularly on Sundays, to an attentive and apparently devout auditory. Owing to the little time that I have had the charge of this congregation, I cannot speak confidently of their state; but many, I have reason to believe, have a strong attachment to the doctrine and worship of the Church, and cherish a lively sensibility to their spiritual interest.

During my residence here, I have performed Divine service once in Binghampton, and also in the villages of Greene and Lysander. In St. Paul's Church, Oxford, the number of communicants is considerably diminished by removals.

Baptism, 1 ; burials, 2.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Clergy rendered the following Parochial Reports:

St. Peter's Church, Albany: the Rev. William B. Lacey, Minister.—Baptisms, adult 1, infants 19—20; marriages, 4; funerals, 11; communicants, 90.

Since the last Convention, the minister of this church has officiated as missionary, twenty-six Sundays in St. Paul's Church, Oxford, Chenango county; one Sunday in Owego, Broome county; and two in Norwich, Chenango county. He has likewise performed Divine service, on week days, in New Berlin, Binghampton, Ithaca, Hamilton, Eaton, Lysle, and Bainbridge. The churches in Chenango county, are, through Divine goodness, in flourishing state.

*St. Peter's Church, Waterville, Delaware county,** the Rev. D.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

vid Huntington, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 13—15 ; marriage, 1 ; burials, 4 ; communicants, 30.

Since the first Sunday in January last, the service of the Church has, at stated periods, been performed in the court-house at Delhi ; and the Holy Communion has lately been celebrated there. A numerous congregation is usually present at the worship ; and gentlemen of the highest respectability, and most extensive influence of any in the county, although hitherto not connected with the Church, have discovered a willingness to patronize and support it in that place.

St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county ; the Rev. David Brown, Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, 6 ; marriage, 1 ; communicants, 70.

Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county ; * the Rev. John Reed, Rector.—Baptisms, 27 ; marriages, 7 ; families, about 100 ; communicants, 120.

St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county ; the Rev. Henry Anthon, Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, 13 ; funerals, 2 ; communicants, added 7, removed 4,—present number, 28.

The corner stone of the church was laid at Redhook in July last. The building is now enclosed, and it is hoped, will be ready for consecration early in June next. In compliance with the wishes of his vestry, and of certain inhabitants of the township of North East, the Minister of St. Paul's has officiated, since last May, nearly one-half of his time near the village of Pine Plains, in that township.

Baptisms at the Plains, 3 ; funeral, 1.

Trinity Church, Athens, and St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county ; the Rev. Joseph Prentiss, Rector.—Baptisms, about 80 ; marriages, 14 ; communicants, 84 ; funerals, about 18.

St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county ; the Rev. Hugh Smith, Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, 16 ; marriages, 18 ; funerals, 20 ; communicants, died and removed 9, added 11,—present number 137.

St. John's Church, Johnstown, Montgomery county ; (a vacant parish †)—This church remains about the same as reported last year, except the vacancy occasioned by the removal of the Rev.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

† This report was rendered by the Wardens and Vestry of the Parish.

Eli Wheeler. Every exertion has been made to fill that vacancy and it is confidently hoped, that, through the assistance of Divine providence, the endeavours to that effect will soon be crowned with success.

Christ Church, New York ; the Rev. Thomas Lyell, Rector.—Marriages, 30 ; communicants, about 300.

French Church, Du St. Esprit, New York ; the Rev. M. P. F. Penevye, Rector.—Baptisms, infants, 4 ; marriages, communicants, 20.

The services of the Church are here celebrated in the French language.

Grace Church, New York ; the Rev. James Montgomery Rector.—Since April 1, 1818, when the present rector charge of this parish, there have been,—baptisms, infants, marriages, 3 ; communicants, the same as last reported about 170 ; burials—none registered ; there being no ground attached or belonging to this church.

St. George's Church, New York ; * the Rev. James M. Rector.—Baptisms, 72 ; marriages, 26 ; communicants, added 9, removed 8,—present number, 300.

St. James' Church, New York ; the Rev. Samuel F. J. Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 2—4 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, none—there being no cemetery connected with this church. Communicants, not included in the reports of other parishes, none the same as last year, three having been since added, and removed.

St. Mark's Church, New York ; the Rev. William Creighton Rector.—Baptisms, 16 ; marriages, 6 ; communicants, added 100 ; burials, 21.

St. Michael's Church, New York ; the Rev. Samuel F. J. Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 17—19 ; marriages, burials, 7 ; communicants, (not included in other parochial reports,) 27.

Since the last report, the person suspended from the communion has been restored ; 4 have died, 7 removed, and 9 added.

The parish school connected with this church has been in operation one year and a half. The average number of children

* This report was forwarded in a letter to the Bishop, stating that unwelcome absence from the city prevented the attendance of the rector at the Convention.

taught during the year ending the first of May last, was 38 per quarter.

St. Stephen's Church, New York; the Rev. Henry J. Felus, Rector.—Baptisms, 124; marriages, 46; communicants, 400.

Trinity Church, with St. Paul's, and St. John's Chapel, New York; the Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, children 191—197; marriages, 35; burials, 678; communicants, between 7 and 800.

St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county; the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, infants 20—26; marriages, 4; funerals, 5; communicants, added 25, died 2, removed 5,—present number 42.

1000 tracts have been printed from the communion fund; and 600 sermons on forms of prayer, and 400 tracts, from individual contributions.

The rector of this church has officiated at Waterloo, Seneca county, twice on Sundays; at Utica, Oneida county, once on a week day; at Rochester, Ontario county, once on a week day.

Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county;* the Rev. Orin Clark, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, infants 11—17; marriages, 6; funerals, 7; communicants (9 added,) 50.

St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, Orange county;* the Rev. Samuel Pinney, Minister.—The present minister of St. Andrew's commenced his labours in that parish on the 28th of June last, since which time there have been,—baptisms, adult 1, children 6—7; marriages, 2; communicants, 40.

The zeal manifested in attending public worship, and joining in the service, is such as to be highly gratifying to the friends of religion. A society has been formed in this parish, denominated the Female Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of St. Andrew's Church, Orange county.

St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county; the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, Deacon, Minister.—Baptisms, adult 1, children 11—12; communicants, 20; burials, 7.

The minister of this church officiated in St. Andrew's Church, Coldenham, previously to the settlement of the Rev. Mr. Pinney there, one Sunday, baptised one infant, and married a couple. He

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

has also officiated two Sundays in Monticello, Sullivan county, where he baptised three children.

St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county; the Rev. John Brown, Rector.—Baptisms, adult 1, children 13—14; funerals, 45; communicants, added 14, died and removed present number, 44; burials, 8.

This congregation, by much labour and exertion, have now completed an edifice for public worship. It will be ready for consecration early next summer.

A small congregation was organized last April, in the town of New Windsor, by the name of St. Thomas' Church. The small at present, it promises to be respectable.

St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county; the Rev. Barzilai Bulkley, Rector.—Baptisms, 32; marriages, 11; communicants, 50; burials, 5.

St. George's Church, Hempstead, with Christ Chapel, Jamaica, Queens county; the Rev. Seth Hart, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, children 31—37; marriages, 33; communicants, 130; burials, 17.

Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county; the Rev. Gilbert Sayres, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 11—13; marriages, 3; communicants, about 49.

St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county; the Rev. I. M. Johnson, Rector.—Baptisms, adult 1, children 14—15; marriages, 4; communicants, 60; deaths, 4.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, and Christ Church, Waterford, Saratoga county; the Rev. Parker Adgate, Rector.—Baptisms, 17; marriages, 7; communicants, 4 funerals, 4.

St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county; the Rev. I. Butler, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 7, infants 28—35; marriages, 5; communicants, died 5, removed 11,—present number, 122.

St. Andrew's Church, with Trinity Chapel, Staten Island; the Rev. David Moore, Rector.—Baptisms, 51; marriages, families, 400; communicants, 270; funerals, 25.

Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county;* the

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

Joseph Perry, Rector.—Baptisms, 56; marriages, 17; communicants, 40; funerals, 11.

Since the last report, an union has taken place between the old parish in Ballston and the one in Ballston Spa. The former have very generously given their bell and organ, and the materials of their church, and all its appurtenances. With this aid, and the liberal subscriptions of Episcopalians, a very neat and commodious church has been erected at Ballston Spa. It was consecrated in August last. The rector (whose whole attention, for the year past, has been devoted to this parish,) is happy in being able to state that the church has been unusually well attended, and that an attachment to our principles and worship has very considerably increased.

*Christ Church, Dutchburgh, Schoenectady county; * the Rev. Nathaniel F. Bruce, M. D., Rector.*—Baptisms, 4; marriages, 2; communicants, added 8, died 1, removed 1,—present number, 92.

It is with great satisfaction the rector observes a gradually increasing reverence of deportment in this congregation; a more devout and general attendance on the solemnity of public worship; and a growing regard for the ordinances.

Agreeably to the appointment of the Bishop, the rector of this church has performed Divine service and preached in the church at Charlton, Saratoga county.

St. George's Church, Schoenectady; the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Rector.—Baptisms, 36; marriages, 24; burials, 6; communicants, removed 20, died 1, admitted 3,—present number, 58.

In compliance with the appointment of the Bishop, the rector of this church has performed Divine service and preached during the past year, one Sunday in the church at Charlton, and one at Milton, in Saratoga county.

*St. Lawrence county; * the Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, officiating Minister.*—The minister at present officiating in this county resigned the rectorship of Trinity Church, Utica, Oneida county, immediately after last Whitsunday. About fifteen persons had been added to the communion in that church, since his last report. He came into St. Lawrence county the beginning of June, and found extensive fields for labour. Provision was immediately made for his support in Waddington and Ogdensburg. In Russell, there was expressed a most gratifying solicitude for his services. On Sundays, he has officiated alternately at Waddington and Ogdensburg, except one, on which he visited Russell, and one spent abroad.

* This report was forwarded to the Convention.

He has also officiated on week days in Russell, Canton, Dekalb Pierpont, Parishville, Hopkinton, Potsdam, Louisville, Columbus in the township of Madrid, Lisbon, Morrilltown, Black Lake, and a few other places; in some of them, several times.

St. Paul's Church, Waddington. This church was duly organized on the 9th inst. Baptisms, adult 1, children 4—5; communicants, (3 admitted,) 7.

Ogdensburg. Communicants, (8 admitted,) 15. *Russell and its vicinity.* Baptisms, adults 5, children and infants 32—37; communicants, (20 admitted,) 21. Russell is regularly visited, and the prospects of the Church there are encouraging.

St. Paul's Church, East Chester, West Chester county; the Rev. Ravard Kearny, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 15, children 27—42; marriage, 1; burials, 9; communicants, added 21, died 3, removed 5,—present number, 61.

The minister of this church has, agreeably to appointment performed Divine service at Bedford and Newcastle, and frequently at White Plains, and in its vicinity.

Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county; the Rev. Theodosius Bartow, Rector.—Baptisms, infants, 6; marriages, 4; communicants, 20; funerals, 3.

Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county; the Rev. Samuel Haskell, Rector.—Baptisms, 13; marriages, 8; communicants, between 50 and 60; burials, 8.

The rector of this church has, within the past year, officiated at Coldenham, Orange county, three times, and baptised there, two adults and four children.

St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county; the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2, children 9—11; marriages, 4; communicants, about 30; deaths 4.

St. John's Church, Tonawara, West Chester county; the Rev. William Powell, Minister.—Baptisms, adults 4, children 13—17; marriages, 4; funerals, 8; communicants, (five having left the parish,) 47.

The church has been lately painted and repaired. It exhibits a degree of taste and neatness which will not suffer in comparison with any other church in the county. The congregation is numerous and attentive; and there is a fair prospect of having

several added to the communion in a short time. A school for the instruction of people of colour has been some time established, and still continues.

Agreeably to a standing order of the Convention, the Clergy rendered, and agreeably to a resolution of the Convention of 1815, there is here published an account of collections for the Missionary and Episcopal Funds.

	Missionary, \$ cts.	Episcopal, \$ cts.
St. Peter's Church, Albany,	48 52	
Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany county,	4 34	3 06
Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county,	8 68	7 00
St. Paul's Church, Redhook, Dutchess county,	12 00	8 20
St. Paul's Church, Ticonderoga, Essex county,		2 70
Trinity Church, Durham, Greene county,	2 20	
St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, King's county,	4 00	
Christ Church, New York,	40 00	23 59
French Church Du St. Esprit, New York,	111 07	
Grace Church, New York,	53 38	36 00
St. George's Church, New York,	192 38	164 45
St. Mark's Church, New York,	126 47	96 83
St. Michael's and St. James' Churches, New York, 38 57	33 65	24 00
St. Stephen's Church, New York,	70 51	26 21
Trinity Church, New York,	165 40	102 52
St. Paul's Chapel, New York,	111 75	84 00
St. John's Chapel, New York,	81 62	70 68
Christ Church, Manlius, Onondaga county,	7 50	
St. John's Church, Canandaigua, Ontario county,	20 20	10 60
Trinity Church, Geneva, Ontario county,	31 16	
St. James' Church, Goshen, Orange county,	9 12	10 31
St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county,	10 68	8 57
Christ Church, Cooperstown, Otsego county,	6 00	
St. George's Church, Flushing, Queen's county,	17 19	7 70
St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queen's county,	8 53	
Christ Chapel, North Hempstead, Queen's county,	17 55	11 16
Grace Church, Jamaica, Queen's county,	33 87	13 79
reported,	29 16	
St. James' Church, Newtown, Queen's county,	32 00	
St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county,	42 16	16 19
St. Andrew's Church, Richmond, Richmond county,	12 54	5 00
Christ Church, Duaneburgh, Schenectady county,	5 00	5 00
St. George's Church, Schenectady,	31 04	12 13

Caroline Church, Setauket, Suffolk county,	Missionary, \$ cts.	
Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington county,	4 50	
Trinity Church, New Rochelle, West Chester county,		9 80
Christ Church, Rye, West Chester county,	15 00	
St. Peter's Church, West Chester, West Chester county,		1
St. John's Church, Yonkers, West Chester county,	22 4	
	33 33	1

The Treasurer of the Convention submitted his report, from which it appeared that the increase of the Episcopal Fund during the past year, has been \$1,720 15, and that its present aggregate amount is \$17,814 53.

Resolved, That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

On motion,
Resolved, That five Trustees be appointed, to whom the management and care of the Fund for the support of the Episcopal in this Diocese shall be entrusted; and that all money belonging to the said Fund shall be loaned upon real security, or invested in stock of the United States, at their discretion; and that a such securities and investments shall, in future, be taken or made in the names of the said Trustees, or the survivors of them, expressly in trust, as part of the said Fund; and that a statement of the said Fund, and the securities for the same, shall be exhibited at every stated meeting of the Convention, signed by the said Trustees, or a majority of them; and that the said Trustees shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the Convention, who shall, from time to time, supply all vacancies.

Resolved, That Gerrit H. Van Wageningen, David I. Greene, Joshua Jones, Thomas S. Townsend, and William Johnson, be the Trustees for the purposes above specified.

On motion,
Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to their late Treasurer, Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wageningen, for his long and faithful services in that office.

The Secretary read the following communication:
To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church

Extracts from the Journal of the Proceedings of the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, in a General Convention held in the city of New York, in the month of May, 1817.

"Resolved, That it is expedient to alter the first article of the Constitution of this Church, so far as it fixes the time of the meeting
"House of Bishops, Tuesday, May 27.

of the General Convention thereof, by striking out the words—*'third Tuesday in May, in the year of our Lord 1808, and on the third Tuesday in May;'* and inserting instead thereof the words—*'first Tuesday in October, in the year of our Lord 1823, and on the first Tuesday in October.'*

"Resolved, That in conformity with the 9th article of the Constitution, the Secretaries of this Convention, after the adjournment thereof, make known the proposed alteration to the several State Conventions.

"Attested,

"BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, Sec'y."

"House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, }
"Tuesday, May 27th.

"A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a proposed alteration to the first article of the Constitution, as far as it fixes the time of the meeting of the General Convention; which was read, and concurred in by this House.

"Attested,

"ASHBEL BALDWIN, Sec'y,"
"House of Clerical and Lay Deputies."

The following gentlemen were elected Delegates to the General Convention.*

The Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., the Rev. David Butler, the Rev. Thomas Lyell, the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk; the Hon. Rufus King, Dr. John Onderdonk, Philip S. Van Rensselaer, Esq., Mr. William Ogden.

The following gentlemen were elected the Standing Committee of this Diocese:

The Rev. William Harris, D. D., the Rev. Thomas Lyell, the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, the Rev. James Montgomery; Richard Harrison, Esq., Gen. Matthew Clarkson, Mr. William Ogden, Col. Nicholas Fish.

The following gentlemen were elected "The Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Propagating the Gospel in the State of New York," of which the Bishop of the Diocese is *ex-officio*, President:

The Rev. Thomas Lyell, the Rev. Henry J. Felus, the Rev. James Montgomery; Mr. Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, Dr. John Onderdonk, Thomas L. Ogden, Esq.

* The Rev. Dr. Harris declined a re-election as Delegate to the General Convention, stating that the duties of his office in Columbia College would render his attendance at the Convention impossible.

Agreeably to a canon of this Diocese, of 1806, entitled "Canon providing for the supply of vacant parishes," the I appointed the following clergymen to supply the parishes an to their names respectively, at such times, during the en year, as they may deem most convenient and proper:

The Rev. Mr. Haskell, the Rev. Mr. Powell, and the

Mr. Kearny, the vacant parishes in West Chester county.

The Rev. Mr. John Brown, the Rev. Mr. Plimney, an

Rev. Mr. Cadle, St. John's Church, Monticello.

The Rev. Mr. Reed, the Rev. Mr. David Brown, and the

Mr. Andrews, the vacant parishes in Dutchess and Putnam c

ties.

The Rev. Mr. Stebbins, the Rev. Mr. Perry, and the Rev. McCabe, the vacant parishes in Saratoga county.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attested,

JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.
Bishop of the Diocese of New York, and President of the Conventi
BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS OF THE CHIEFS
OF THE ONEIDA NATION OF INDIANS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

To the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart.*

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

We salute you in the name of the ever adorable, ever blessed, and ever living sovereign Lord of the universe; we acknowledged this great and almighty Being as our Creator, Preserver, a constant Benefactor.

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

We rejoice that we now, with one heart and mind, would express our gratitude and thankfulness to our great and venerab father, for the favour which he has bestowed upon this nation, *viz* in sending Brother Williams among us, to instruct us in the religio of the blessed Jesus. When he first came to us, we hailed him as our friend, our brother, and our guide in spiritual things; an he shall remain in our hearts and minds as long as he shall teach us of the ways of the great Spirit above.

* See page 417. This Address was written by a young Indian, who is a communicant of the Church.

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

We rejoice to say, that by sending Brother Williams among us, a *great light has risen upon us*: we see now that the Christian religion is intended for the good of the Indians as well as the white people; we see it, and do feel it, that the religion of the Gospel will make us happy in this and in the world to come. We now profess it outwardly, and we hope, by the grace of God, that some of us have embraced it inwardly. May it ever remain in our hearts, and we be enabled, by the Spirit of the eternal ONE, to practise the great duties which it points out to us.

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

Agreeable to your request we have treated our brother with that attention and kindness which you required of us; we have assisted him all that was in our power, as to his support: but you know well that we are poor ourselves, and we cannot do a great deal. Though our brother has lived very poor since he came among us, but he is patient, and makes no complaint: we pity him, because we love him as we do ourselves. We wish to do something for his support; but this is impossible for us to do at present, as we have lately raised between three and four thousand dollars to enable us to build a little chapel.

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

We entreat and beseech you not to neglect us. We hope the Christian people in New York will help us all that is in their power. We hope our brother will by no means be withdrawn from us. If this should take place, the cause of religion will die among us; immorality and wickedness will prevail.

RIGHT REV. FATHER,

As the head and father of the holy and apostolic Church in this State, we entreat you to take a special charge of us. We are ignorant, we are poor, and need your assistance. Come, venerable father, and visit your children, and warm their hearts by your presence, in the things which belong to their everlasting peace.

May the great Head of the Church, whom you serve, be with you, and His blessing ever remain with you.

We, venerable Father,

Remain your dutiful children,

HENDRICK ^{his} SCHUYLER,

SILAS ^{his} ANONSENTE,

WILLIAM ^{his} TEHOIATATE,

DANIEL ^{his} PETERS,

NICHOLAS ^{his} GARAGONTIE,

WILLIAM ^{his} SONAWENHESE,

MOSES ^{his} SCHUYLER,

HESTACHEL ^{his} PETERS,

WILLIAM ^{his} SCHUYLER,

ABRAHAM ^{his} SCHUYLER,

STOFFE ^{his} SCHUYLER,

HENDRICK ^{his} SCHUYLER, jun.,

WILLIAM ^{his} TEWAGERATE.

ONEIDA, Jan. 19, 1818.

THE BISHOP'S ANSWER.

MY CHILDREN,*

I have received your letter by your brother and teacher, Eleazar Williams, and return your affectionate and Christian salutation, praying that grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, may be with you.

MY CHILDREN,

I rejoice to hear of your faith in the one living and true God, and in His Son Jesus Christ, whom He has sent, whom to know is life eternal; and I pray that, by the Holy Spirit of God, you may be kept steadfast in this faith, and may walk worthy of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

MY CHILDREN,

It is true, as you say, that the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is intended for Indians as well as white people.

* This is the appellation with which the Indians expect to be addressed by the Bishop.

For the great Father of all hath made of one blood all the nations of the earth; and hath sent his Son Jesus Christ to teach them all, and to die for them all, that they may be redeemed from the power of sin, and brought to the acknowledgment of the truth, and to the service of the living God.

MY CHILDREN,

It is true, as you say, that the religion of the Gospel will make you happy in this world, as well as in the world to come; and I join in your prayer, that you may profess it inwardly as well as outwardly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may be transformed by the renewing of your minds, and acquire the holy tempers, and practise the holy duties which the Gospel enjoins. And for this purpose, I beseech you to attend to the instructions of your faithful teacher and brother, Eleazar Williams; to unite with him in the holy prayers of our apostolic Church, which he has translated into your own language; to listen with reverence to the Divine word which he reads to you; to receive, as through sacraments and ordinances of the Church; and at all times, and in all places, to lift up your hearts in supplication to the Father of your spirits, who always and everywhere hears and sees you, for pardon and grace, to comfort, to teach, and to sanctify you, through your Divine Mediator, Jesus Christ.

MY CHILDREN,

Let me exhort you diligently to labour to get your living by cultivating the earth, or by some other lawful calling: you will thus promote your worldly comfort, you will be more respected among your white brethren, and more united and strong among yourselves. And when you are thus engaged, you will be saved from many temptations; and you will prove yourselves to be good disciples of Him who, by His inspired apostle, has enjoined, that while we are "fervent in spirit" we be "not slothful in business."

MY CHILDREN,

Continue to respect and love your brother and teacher, Eleazar Williams, and to treat him kindly; for he loves you, and is desirous to devote himself to your service, that, by God's grace, he may be instrumental in making you happy here and hereafter. It is my wish that he may remain with you, and may be your spiritual guide and instructor.

MY CHILDREN,

I rejoice to hear that your brethren, the Onondagas, are desirous of knowing the words of truth and salvation. I hope you will not complain if your teacher, Eleazar Williams, sometimes visits

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them, to lead them in that way to eternal life, from God's word he has pointed out to you. Freely you have received, you shall freely give; and being made partakers of the grace of God through Jesus Christ, you should be desirous that all your red brethren may enjoy the same precious gift.

MY CHILDREN,

It is my purpose, if the Lord will, to come and see you next summer; and I hope to find you as good Christians, denoting godliness and worldly lusts, and living, righteously, soberly, and godly in the world. I shall have you in my heart, and shall remember you in my prayers; for you are part of my charge, that flock from whom the Son of God gave Himself even to the death upon the cross, and whom He commanded His ministers to seek and to gather into His fold, that through Him, they may be saved for ever.

MY CHILDREN,

May God be with you, and bless you.

JOHN HENRY HOBART,

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York.
Dated at New York, the 1st day of February, in the year of our Lord 1818, and in the seventh year of my consecration.