

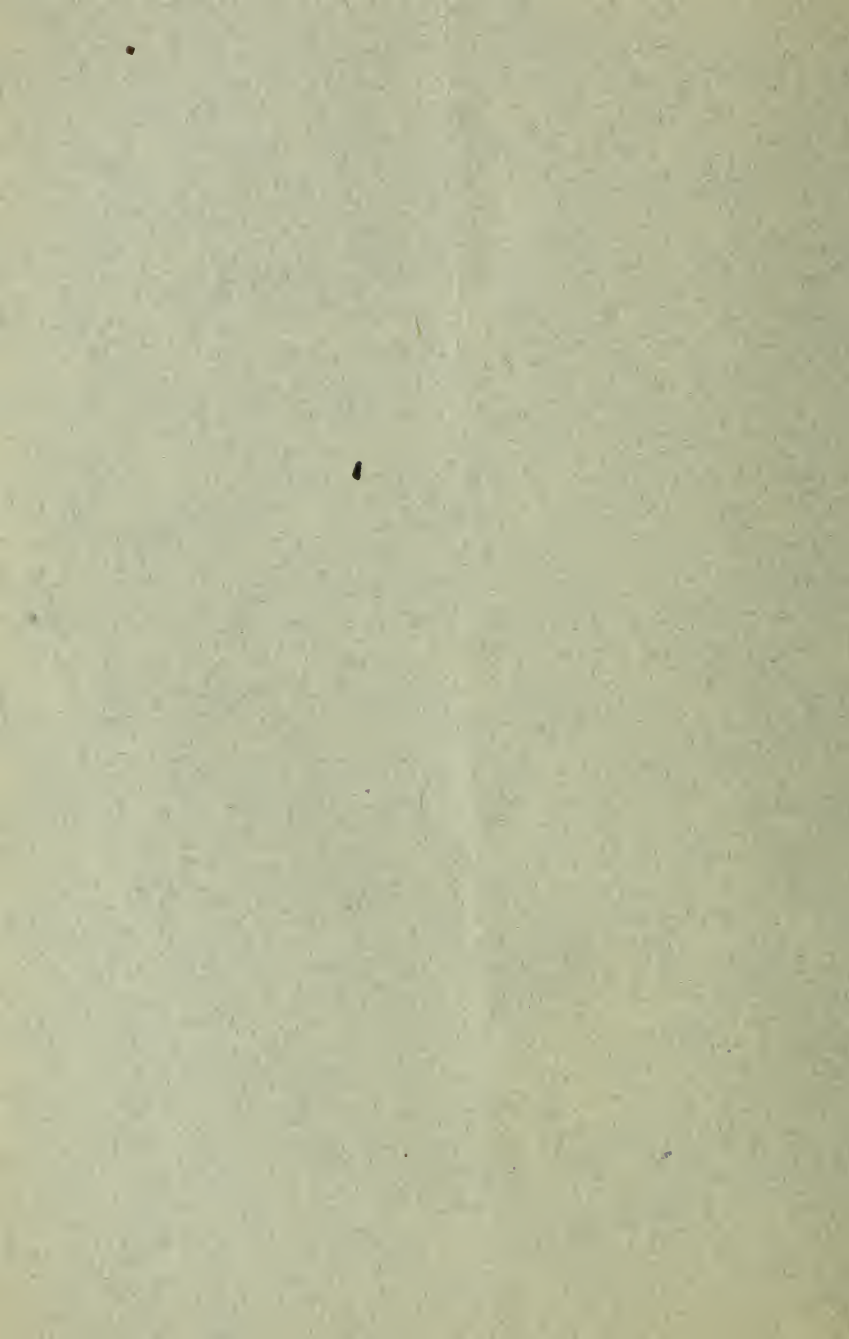


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ADDRESS
OF
THE RT. REV. T. B. LYMAN, D. D.,
TO THE
SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
MAY, 1882.



ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

In meeting together in Convention this year, we come with our ranks unbroken by the visitation of Divine Providence. No one of the Clergy has been called to give up his stewardship, nor has any extreme or dangerous sickness fallen upon any of us. For this great mercy, let us offer our tribute of thanks and praise to Him whose goodness has so signally blessed us.

My first official act, after the adjournment of our last Convention, was in *Christ Church, Raleigh*, on the fifth Sunday after Easter, May 22d, when I admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. Edwin A. Osborne, Deacon, upon presentation by the Rev. Dr. Buel. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Watson, who, with the other Clergy present, united in the imposition of hands. Rev. Dr. Marshall and Rev. Messrs. Higgs, N. Harding and Wootten took part in the service. The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop.

Ascension Day, May 26th, in *St. John's Church, Wilmington*, a union service was held, when I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night, in same church, confirmed two persons and addressed them.

Friday, May 27th, in *St. Mark's Church, Wilmington*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Watson and Rev. Mr. Ambler, I preached, confirmed eight persons and addressed them.

Sunday after Ascension, May 29th, in *St. James' Church, Wilmington*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Morelle and Dr. Watson, I preached, confirmed sixteen persons, addressed

them and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I confirmed, in private, a sick member of the same Parish.

At night, in *St. Paul's Church*, after Evening Prayer by Dr. Watson and Mr. Ambler, I preached, confirmed six persons and addressed them.

Tuesday, May 31, visited *Clinton*, held service and preached in a school-room, the church having been destroyed a short time before by a tornado. The wreck of the church building was so complete that it was judged unwise to attempt its reconstruction. A new building was resolved upon, and a more eligible site was selected. At our last Convention much sympathy was expressed for the afflicted congregation at Clinton, and a resolution was adopted that collections should be taken up in all our churches to assist them in the erection of the proposed new building. I am sorry to be informed that this resolution, so unanimously passed, has been almost wholly disregarded. Surely it is a very poor way of showing sympathy, to pass such a resolution and then give no heed to the obligation which it imposes. This is not to "bear one another's burdens," as the true spirit of the Gospel demands. And while referring to this subject, I must take occasion to say that I am greatly surprised to find that many of the Clergy are utterly careless and neglectful in the matter of complying with the orders of Convention in regard to several important collections. What is decided on and enjoined by a body like this, is surely not left to individual discretion; it has the force of law, and no one should lightly neglect such specific directions. To do so is to illustrate that spirit of self-will and lawlessness which is wholly alien to the teachings of Christ and His Apostles. If the Church has authority, let us respect that authority, and yield a prompt and loyal obedience to its legislative enactments.

From *Clinton* I went the next day, Wednesday, June 1, to *Faison*, and in the Presbyterian Church conducted Morning Service and preached. I found a new church building in the course

of erection, but it was not far enough advanced to be used for the service. In the afternoon, at a private house, I baptized three infants.

The same evening I went to Wilmington, and the next day, Thursday, June 2d, in *St. Philip's Church, Smithville*, I was assisted in the service by Rev. Messrs. Ambler and Windley. I baptized an infant, preached and administered the Holy Communion. Returned the same evening to Wilmington, and the next day, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Watson, I took the steamer for Fayetteville. We had a very pleasant passage, and arrived the following morning.

Whitsunday, June 5th, in *St. John's Church*, after Morning Prayer by Dr. Watson and Mr. Benton, I preached the sermon, and admitted to the Priesthood Rev. John Huske, Deacon, upon presentation by his father, Rev. Dr. Huske. The Clergy present joined in the imposition of hands, and I administered the Holy Communion. At night, in the same church, after a sermon by Rev. Dr. Watson, I confirmed nine persons and addressed them.

Thursday, June 9th, I presided at the Commencement at *St. Mary's School, Raleigh*. At the close of the literary exercises, we repaired to the Chapel, where I made an address to the graduates, delivered the diplomas, and closed with prayer and benediction. It was very pleasant thus to mingle the solemn services of the Church with the other exercises, which were not only most interesting, but of a high order of merit. I am glad to add, in this connection, that the school has been going on most prosperously during the past year, and is doing its work thoroughly and efficiently. The increasing numbers of the current school year, show how well this noble institution is appreciated, not only in our own, but in the other Southern States.

Friday, June 10th, visited *St. Augustine's Normal School*, and delivered an address. Also presided, the same day, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at the school.

Trinity Sunday, June 12, in *St. Augustine's Church, Raleigh*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. B. Smedes, I preached and admitted to the Diaconate Mr. John W. Perry, upon presentation by Rev. J. E. C. Smedes, under whose instruction he had prepared for Holy Orders. I also administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, June 14th, met the Diocesan Missionary Committee, lately appointed; we organized, and then made appropriations for the year.

Friday, June 17th, in *St. Timothy's Church, Wilson*, took part in the Morning Service, when Rev. Dr. Patterson preached. At night, after Evening Prayer by Mr. Bronson and Dr. Patterson, I preached, confirmed seven persons and addressed them.

First Sunday after Trinity, June 19th, consecrated the *Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount*. The request to consecrate was read by Rev. Mr. Bronson, and the sentence of consecration by Rev. Dr. Patterson. I preached, confirmed four persons and administered the Holy Communion. Rev. Walter J. Smith was also present and took part in the services.

Monday, June 20th, in *St. Mark's Church, Halifax*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, June 21st, in *Trinity Church, Scotland Neck*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, June 22d, in *St. Martin's Church, Hamilton*, which was then only so far completed that it could be used for the service; after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Dougherty and Hilton, I preached, confirmed eight persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. Directly after the services, confirmed three persons in private. It afforded me no common pleasure to find so neat and attractive a building erected here, amid so many discouragements. It is now entirely completed, and I expect to consecrate it on the occasion of my

visit there, next week. It is indeed a noble monument of untiring zeal and single-hearted devotion to the interests of Christ's Kingdom. Long may it stand to comfort and bless the little band who have laboured so earnestly for it, and may it prove also the light and guide of thousands who may there learn the blessed way of salvation.

Thursday, June 23d, in the *Church of the Advent, Williams-ton*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Dougherty and Haughton, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, June 24th, in the *Church of the Holy Innocents, Bertie county*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wootten, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Saturday, June 25th, in *St. Thomas' Church, Windsor*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wootten, I preached, confirmed two persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Second Sunday after Trinity, June 26th, in *Grace Church, Woodville, Bertie county*, Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Wootten, and after the second lesson I confirmed two persons. I preached and ordained to the Diaconate Mr. John F. Spivey, on presentation by Mr. Wootten, and also administered the Holy Communion.

Monday, June 27th, visited *Roxobel*, where a neat chapel had been erected, which was sufficiently advanced to enable us to hold service in it. I preached to a large congregation, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Wootten and Price.

Wednesday, June 29th, in *St. Mary's Church, Kinston*, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Israel Harding, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, June 30th, in the *Church of the Holy Innocents, Lenoir county*, after Morning Prayer by Mr. Harding, I preached, confirmed eight persons and administered the Holy Communion.

Third Sunday after Trinity, July 3d, in *Christ Church, New-*

bern, Rev. Messrs. Spivey, Shields and Israel Harding conducted the Morning Service. After the second lesson I confirmed four persons, preached, ordained to the Diaconate Mr. N. C. Hughes, Jr., on presentation by his father, and administered the Holy Communion.

At night, in *St. Cyprian's Church*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Spivey and I. Harding, I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them.

Tuesday, July 5th, in *St. Paul's Church, Beaufort*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Forbes, I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 24th, I consecrated the new church at Durham, under the name of *St. Philip's Church*. The request to consecrate was read by Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Jr., who also read the Sentence of Consecration. Rev. E. N. Joyner assisted Mr. Cheshire in the service, and I preached and administered the Holy Communion. We are largely indebted to the zeal and energy of Rev. Mr. Cheshire, then in charge of the work at Durham, for the successful completion of this very pleasing church edifice, and it was a great disappointment to us all, that sickness prevented his father, Rev. Dr. Cheshire, from preaching the sermon on the occasion, as he had kindly consented to do. At night, in the same church, after a sermon by Rev. W. S. Bynum, I confirmed one person. Also, the next day, being the Feast of St. James the Apostle, I took part in the Morning Service.

Thursday, July 28th, in *Christ Church, Raleigh*, I took part in a funeral service. Left the same day for Morganton.

Friday, July 29th, met the Trustees of Wilberforce School, and, after mature deliberation, and a full consideration of all the difficulties surrounding the enterprise, it was resolved to go no further with the work, but let the property be sold, and the proceeds be divided, *pro rata*, among the contributors. It was a great disappointment to see this scheme prove unsuccessful, but

the unsatisfactory character of the building, and other weighty considerations, induced us to adopt this course. I still trust that the day is not distant when a school for boys, under the auspices of the Church, may be successfully established.

The same evening, in *Grace Church, Morganton*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sutton, I made an address to the congregation, preached and confirmed one person.

Sunday, July 31, consecrated the *Church of the Ascension, in Hickory, Catawba county*. The request to consecrate was read by the Rev. John Huske; the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. E. R. Rich; the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. Huske, D. D., and I administered the Holy Communion. This was truly a day of rejoicing to the little flock in Hickory, for by the kind help of friends, a very attractive and comfortable church building had been entirely completed, thus affording to the zealous young Rector and his earnest co-workers a large measure of comfort and encouragement. At night, in the same church, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Rich, Huske and Bell, I preached, confirmed six persons and addressed them.

Monday, August 1st, in *St. James' Church, Lenoir, Caldwell county*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Bell and Bush, I preached and confirmed two persons.

Tuesday, August 2d, in the Methodist Chapel at *Patterson*, Messrs. Bush and Bell said Evening Prayer and I preached.

Wednesday, August 3d, crossed the Blue Ridge to *Valle Crucis, Watauga county*, and the next day, August 4th, I preached in the Methodist Chapel there, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bell.

Friday, August 5th, in *St. John's Church*, after Morning Prayer by Mr. Bell, I preached, confirmed six persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. The position of this church has been unfortunate, being at the extreme boundary of the district from which the congregation is derived, and with two miles of a rocky road, almost impassable. I judged it wise

to advise the removal of the building two miles nearer to Valle Crucis. A very desirable lot was offered for the purpose, and since my visit the church has been taken down and rebuilt in this better and more central location. I feel well assured that this change will greatly promote the growth and prosperity of the work in that strictly missionary field.

Sunday, August 7th, in the Methodist Church at *Boone*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. G. H. Bell, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. A heavy rain, during the whole morning, occasioned much disappointment to many who had been looking forward with interest to the service. It cleared up before one o'clock and I had a beautiful evening for going over to Gap Creek, where I had an appointment for the next morning.

Monday, August 8th, in a school-house in the neighborhood, Mr. Bell conducted the service. I made an address, explanatory of the history and some of the usages of the Church, and then preached to quite a large and attentive congregation.

Tuesday, August 9th, I preached in the Methodist Chapel at *Elk Cross Roads*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bell.

We continued our drive the same evening to *Jefferson, Ashe county*, and the next day, August 10th, in the Methodist Church there, Mr. Bell said Morning Prayer and I preached. Soon after the service we drove on to *Ore Knob*, and, at night, in the neat *Union Chapel* erected by the Mining Company, Mr. Bell read Evening Prayer and I preached. There was a very large attendance of those connected with the mining operations at this point.

The next day the Rev. Mr. Bell drove me on to the residence of Rev. R. H. Barber, near *Wilkesboro*, and the following day he returned to *Boone*.

Friday, August 12th, I accompanied Rev. Mr. Barber to *Elkin*, and at night, in the Methodist Church, he conducted the Evening Service and I preached.

Saturday, August 13th, in *Gwyn's Chapel*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Shortly after the service we started on our return to Mr. Barber's house, some eighteen miles distant. When nearly half way there, an accident happened to the buggy in which I was driving, by which I was thrown out with considerable force, and seriously injured my left arm. At first I thought the arm was broken, but it proved only a severe contusion. Most providentially, the accident happened in the immediate vicinity of a family belonging to our Church, from whom I received every kindness; and provision was made for me to continue the journey.

The next day, Sunday, I had an appointment at Wilkesboro, but I was unable to go to the church. Mr. Barber conducted the service, and brought back with him to the house two candidates for confirmation, to whom I there administered the rite.

This was my last appointment for that section of the State, and I had expected to proceed the next day to Marion, and so on to Asheville. But the physician whom I consulted thought my nervous system had received such a shock, that I ought not to go on at once with my duties. I accordingly withdrew a few of my appointments, and on reaching Statesville, where I was driven on Monday, I took the train that night and proceeded on to Raleigh. There I enjoyed the best medical treatment, and in ten days felt myself able to go on to Asheville.

Thursday, August 25th, in the Chapel of *Trinity Church, Asheville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Bush, J. Huske and Ingle, and a sermon by Rev. Dr. Huske, I confirmed six persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. The Convocation of Asheville was holding a meeting there at that time, but I did not feel able to do more than take part in this service.

Sunday, August 28th, in *Calvary Church, Henderson county*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. E. A. Osborne and Rev. Dr.

Buel, I preached, confirmed six persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, August 30th, in *St. Paul's in the Valley, Transylvania county*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

At night, in the court-house at *Brevard*, Dr. Buel conducted the Evening Service and I preached.

Thursday, September 1st, in the school-house at *Cashier's Valley*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. The building was much crowded and unusual interest manifested. There is an excellent field here for Mission work.

Sunday, September 4th, Twelfth after Trinity, I consecrated the new *St. John's Church*, in *Macon county*, about eight miles beyond Franklin. The deed of donation, with request to consecrate, was read by Rev. J. A. Deal, Missionary in charge, and the sentence of consecration by Rev. Dr. Buel. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Dr. Buel, Rev. J. A. Deal and Rev. E. C. Steele, of South Carolina. After the second Lesson I baptized an infant, also preached the sermon and administered the Holy Communion. The building thus consecrated is a very well ordered and churchly edifice, beautifully situated among the mountains, and for which we are largely indebted to kind contributions beyond the limits of our own State. Much credit is due to Rev. Mr. Deal for the zeal and energy with which he has urged forward this important work. The day of the consecration was a very lovely one, and drew together a large concourse of persons from many miles around, to witness the first ceremony of the kind which had ever taken place in that part of the State. The prospects of the Church in that vicinity are very encouraging.

Monday, September 5th, I preached in the Presbyterian Church in *Franklin*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel and Rev. Mr. Deal.

Wednesday, September 7th, in the court-house in *Webster, Jackson county*, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, the Rev. Dr. Buel assisting in the service.

Sunday, September 11th, in *Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville, Haywood county*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Drs. Buel and Banister, I preached, confirmed fourteen persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Preached again in the afternoon, in the school-room at *Mica Dale*, three miles from *Waynesville*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel. The good work is going steadily forward in this neighborhood, and having now secured an eligible lot for a chapel, we hope to have it completed with the least possible delay.

Tuesday, September 13th, in *St. Andrew's Church, Buncombe county*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buxton, I preached and confirmed two persons.

At night, in *Trinity Chapel, Asheville*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buxton and Mr. Berry, I confirmed three persons and addressed them.

With this service my summer visitation terminated, for I was unable to reach my next appointment by the swollen condition of the streams which had to be crossed. After traveling twenty miles, before reaching the stream, we were obliged to turn back to Asheville.

This visitation proved, on the whole, a very pleasant and encouraging one. I was favored, for the most part, with bright and beautiful weather, and with large and attentive congregations. In this extensive western field we need a considerable increase of missionaries, but there are so few members of our own communion, scattered through these rural districts, that for some time to come little can be raised, in the way of support, from the congregations to whom the Gospel is carried. More than half the State is strictly missionary ground, and a very considerable increase in our missionary funds is required to enable

us to do any measure of the work which is so imperatively demanded. And yet another difficulty with which we, in this Diocese have to contend, is the lack of any large cities to which we can look for help, as centres of wealth and influence. We have indeed a large territory, but with only a scattered population; and therefore we need to combine our forces to the utmost, in order to secure that moderate growth which is all that, for the present, we have any reason to look for. It is not more Episcopal supervision which is required, but a large increase of active, earnest, faithful workers, with the means wherewith to sustain them.

The same heavy rain-fall which prevented me from reaching Rutherfordton, so far interrupted travel on the railway, that I was unable to be in Charlotte the following Sunday, as I had intended, and my visit there took place at a later date. After waiting for several days for the resumption of travel on our own railway, I finally returned home by the Spartanburg Road, reaching Raleigh on Wednesday, September 21st.

On Monday, September 26th, in *Christ Church, Raleigh*, I deposed from the sacred ministry, under the provisions of Canon V, Title 2 of the Digest, Rev. Edward W. Gilliam, a Presbyterian of this Diocese, who had signified to me his intention to connect himself with the communion of the Church of Rome. The Rev. Drs. Buel and Marshall, and Rev. J. E. C. Smedes and E. R. Rich were present on the occasion. On the afternoon of the same day, and in the same church, I took part in the funeral exercises in connection with the obsequies of the late President of the United States, and delivered an address.

Friday, September 30th, I left for Baltimore and New York. One object of my visit to New York was to confer with the Domestic Missionary Committee, in regard to a plan which I have had in contemplation, viz.: to establish a theological department in connection with St. Augustine's Normal School, where regular classes of colored men can be carefully trained and

educated for the sacred ministry. Nothing is more apparent than that, in order to reach effectually the colored population, a body of teachers must be raised up from their own ranks, and as we have in Raleigh a well established and moderately endowed Normal School of high order, it struck me that no plan could be more economical and effective, than to graft a theological department upon this institution. This plan, which I submitted to the committee, met with general favor, and I received at once an appropriation, by which I was enabled immediately to inaugurate the work. Quite recently I have published a letter in the *Spirit of Missions*, explaining the design, and asking for funds with which to erect, on the grounds of the Normal School, a theological hall, and a chapel for the use of the whole school. I am glad to say that this letter has awakened no little interest in this important matter, and I have already received between three and four thousand dollars to assist in carrying out the scheme. We have had several theological students all along in the Normal School; but their theological instruction had to be carried on outside the regular course of study, and necessarily imposed a great deal of extra labor on the Principal of the school. Now we have such provision made, as will enable us to give regular and systematic theological training, and with special adaptation to the needs of those who are to minister to the colored race. So soon as we can have a suitable building for this department, and provision to aid necessitous and worthy young men, seeking the holy ministry, I have no doubt that a very great and valuable work can be done through this agency. Those who have already been trained at the Normal School, and have been admitted to Holy Orders, have proved efficient workers, and have exerted a most wholesome and salutary influence. I am more and more convinced every day of the special fitness of our Church services for the colored people, and I have no doubt that, before many years, we shall have a large ingathering from the ranks of those who now are carried away

with the idea that an emotional religion is the only true and acceptable form of Christianity. Careful instruction, and an intelligent apprehension of the Christian scheme, is what these people greatly need, and, when once under proper guidance, the prejudices and errors which now prevail so widely among them, will give place to better and more enlightened ideas. Millions of this race are around us, and a heavy responsibility rests upon us to do what we can to guide their steps aright.

While still at the North, I took the opportunity to visit Detroit, and one object I had in view was to make inquiry after certain lots lying near the city which were left to this Diocese several years ago for the special purpose of helping forward mission work in some of the western counties of the State. The lots are steadily increasing in value, and, if kept a few years longer, they will yield an amount which will be of considerable assistance to us. While in Detroit I was treated with great kindness and courtesy by the excellent Bishop of Michigan, and shared the hospitality of one of his most active and zealous lay workers, a personal friend, whom I had long been anxious to visit. By particular request of the Bishop, I accompanied him to Ann Arbor, the seat of the State University, where on Sunday, October 16th, in St. Andrew's Church, I preached the sermon at the ordination to the Diaconate of Prof. M. C. Tyler, now of Cornell University, but formerly a Professor in the University of Michigan. It was an occasion of unusual interest, and a very large congregation was present. I returned to Detroit the next morning, and left the same day for New York.

On the following Sunday, October 23d, I preached in Grace Church, South Oyster Bay, Long Island.

The next day I went to Baltimore, and on Sunday, October 30th, in Christ Church, Norfolk, Va., I preached both morning and evening.

I reached Raleigh the next evening, and after a few days there, entered upon my autumnal visitation.

Sunday, November 6th, in *St. Stephen's Church, Oxford*, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Vaughan, I preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening.

I went the next morning to Williamsboro, and in *St. John's Church*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Vaughan and Pettigrew, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, November 8th, in *St. Peter's Church, Sassafras Fork*, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, Mr. Vaughan assisting in the service. I was sorry to find this neat little church still in an unfinished state. The requisite material was all in readiness, but the difficulty lay in finding a competent workman to undertake the completion of the building. I have little doubt that this summer will see the work completed, and the church ready for consecration.

Wednesday, November 9th, in *St. Paul's Church, Goshen*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Vaughan, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

The next day I was driven over to *Flat River*, in *Orange county*, and on Friday, November 11th, in the Methodist Church, I preached, after Morning Service by Rev. Mr. Curtis.

In the afternoon I proceeded on to *Fairtosch*, where I held service in the evening and preached to quite a large congregation.

Sunday, November 13th, in *St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Murphy, I preached, confirmed five persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Preached the same day in *St. Mary's Church*, six miles in the country, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Murphy.

Upon my return, the next morning, to Hillsboro, I confirmed a sick person at her own house.

I was much gratified to find the vacancy at Hillsboro supplied by the return to our Diocese of Rev. J. W. Murphy. He has been warmly welcomed by the whole congregation, and seems to

be highly appreciated and beloved. I trust that the interests of the Church there may abundantly prosper in his hands.

The same afternoon I left for Danville, Va., and continued on the next morning to Milton, from which point I was driven to Col. Cunningham's, in Person county.

Wednesday, November 16th, in *Providence Chapel*, in that neighborhood, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Kinsolving, of Virginia, who kindly came over to meet me, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, November 18th, in the Baptist house of worship, in *Reidsville, Rockingham county*, Rev. J. T. Clark conducted the Evening Service and I preached. We are in great need of a church building here, and an effort is now in progress to that end, which I trust may be crowned with success.

Sunday, November 20th, in the *Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Clark, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening, confirmed two others and addressed them.

Tuesday, November 22d, in *Mountain Chapel*, I read Morning Prayer, preached and confirmed one person.

Wednesday, November 23d, went to *Madison* in a heavy rain, and the day was so stormy that I concluded not to hold any service. I baptized an infant in private, and then went on to Major Hairston's, in Stokes county, whose carriage had been sent to meet me.

Thursday, November 24th, Thanksgiving Day, went to *Hairston's Chapel*, where I conducted the service and preached.

Saturday, November 26th, in the Methodist Chapel, *German-ton*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Curtis, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, at a private house near Germanton, I baptized two adults and confirmed them.

Advent Sunday, November 27th, in *St. Paul's Church, Winston*, Rev. Messrs. Curtis, Bynum and Daugherty took part in the service. I preached, confirmed two persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening.

Tuesday, November 29th, in *St. James' Church, Iredell county*, I conducted the service, preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the administration by the Rev. Dr. Wetmore, who had been detained from the earlier part of the service by attendance at a funeral.

Wednesday, November 30th, in *Christ Church, Rowan county*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Wetmore, I preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, December 1st, in *St. Andrew's Church, Rowan county*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Wetmore and Rev. Mr. Murdoch, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Mr. Murdoch accompanied me the same day to *Mocksville*, and in the evening, in *St. Philip's Church*, I took part in the service and Mr. Murdoch preached.

Friday, December 2d, I preached in the same church, after Morning Prayer by Mr. Murdoch. We had large congregations at both services, and much anxiety was manifested for the resurrection of the Church here, and the re-establishment of regular services. The old organization having become extinct, I organized a Mission, under the Canon, and made such arrangements as I could for occasional services.

Soon after the service, we left for *Lexington*, and, at night, in the *Church of the Redemption*, Dr. Wetmore assisted me in the service and Mr. Murdoch preached.

Saturday, December 3d, in the same church, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Wetmore, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, December 4th, in *St. Luke's, Salisbury*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Murdoch, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

At 3 P. M., in *St. Mary's Church*, six miles from Salisbury, I preached and confirmed one person, Rev. Mr. Murdoch assisting in the service.

At night, in *St. Luke's, Salisbury*, I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them.

Monday, December 4th, in *All Saints' Church, Concord*, after Evening Prayer by Mr. Murdoch, I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them.

Tuesday, December 7th, in *the same church*, I conducted the Morning Service, made an address and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, December 7th, in *Trinity Church, Statesville*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. John Huske, I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them.

Thursday, December 8th, proceeded on by rail to Newton, and thence by carriage to *Lincolnton*. I preached in the evening in *St. Luke's Church*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. W. R. Wetmore.

Friday, December 9th, in the *Chapel, at High Shoals*, after Morning Prayer by Mr. Wetmore, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

At night I preached again in *St. Luke's, Lincolnton*, confirmed two persons and addressed them.

Sunday, December 11th, in *St. Peter's Church, Charlotte*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Cheshire and Holmes, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

At night, after Evening Prayer by Messrs. Bynum and Cheshire, I preached, confirmed six persons and addressed them.

Sunday, December 18th, in *Calvary Church, Wadesboro*, I conducted the service, baptized an infant, preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

Went to *Ansonville* in the afternoon, and at night, in the new church, now sufficiently advanced to be occupied, I conducted the service, preached and confirmed one person.

Returned on Monday to Wadesboro, and preached there again in the evening.

I have been most anxious to secure a supply for these two places, but up to this time have been unable to find any one to undertake the charge.

The same night, I started on my return to Raleigh.

Wednesday December 21st, attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of *St. Augustine's Normal School*.

Sunday, December 25th, in the *Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh*, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, December 28th, at a private house, on presentation by Rev. Mr. Rich, I confirmed a lady about to leave the city.

The same day I took the train for Asheville, to attend to some private business.

Sunday, January 1, 1882, I preached in the court-house at *Asheville*, the Rev. Dr. Buxton conducting the service.

Thursday, January 5th, I started on my return to Raleigh, arriving the following day.

Sunday, January 15th, preached in the *Chapel of St. Mary's School*.

Sunday, January 22d, preached in *Christ Church*, and on Sunday, the 29th, in the *Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh*.

Septuagesima Sunday, February 5th, in *St. James' Church, Wilmington*, I preached and admitted to the order of Deacons Mr. Armand DeRosset Meares, on presentation by Rev. Dr. Watson. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. T. D. Pitts, and I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Dr. Watson and Rev. Mr. Pitts. At night, preached in *St. John's Church*.

I left the next evening on a brief visit to South Carolina and Florida.

Sexagesima Sunday, February 12th, I preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford, Orange county, Florida. While at this place I had the pleasure of meeting my esteemed friend, the Bishop of Minnesota, who was spending part of the winter there for the benefit of his health. And in Jacksonville, both in going and returning, I passed some pleasant hours with the Bishop of Florida. I also spent two days very agreeably in Charleston, where I was the guest of the Bishop of South Carolina. From there I went to Magnolia, on a visit to Rev. Mr. Drayton, and on Quinquagesima Sunday, February 19th, I preached twice, to large congregations of coloured people, in two chapels where Mr. Drayton regularly ministers in the winter season.

On Tuesday I left for Columbia, and the next day being Ash Wednesday, I preached in Trinity Church, the service being conducted by Rev. Dr. Shand and Rev. Mr. Judd.

Thursday evening, February 23d, I left on my return to Raleigh, where I arrived the next day greatly invigorated and refreshed by this brief, but most delightful journey.

First Sunday in Lent, February 26th, in *Christ Church, Raleigh*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Marshall, I preached and ordained to the Diaconate, Mr. Charles Carroll Quin, on presentation by Rev. J. E. C. Smedes, and administered the Holy Communion. The Rev. Dr. Hubbard, who has lately returned to this Diocese, took part in the service.

Second Sunday in Lent, March 5th, in *St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton*, I ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. William Shipp Bynum, Deacon, on presentation by Rev. William R. Wetmore. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. J. B. Cheshire, Jr., J. Huske and Curtis, and the sermon was preached by Rev. F. J. Murdoch. These gentlemen united in the imposition of hands. The Holy Communion was administered by me, assisted by Rev. C. J. Curtis. At night, after Evening Prayer by Rev.

Messrs. Huske and Cheshire, I preached, confirmed two persons and addressed them.

Monday, March 6th, in *St. Peter's Church, Charlotte*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Quin and Cheshire, and a short sermon in sign language by Rev. Job Turner, which was read by Mr. Cheshire, I made an address, confirmed three persons (one being a deaf mute) and addressed them.

Third Sunday in Lent, March 12th, in *Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill*, Rev. Dr. Hubbard said Morning Prayer. I confirmed one person after the second lesson, preached and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. I deeply regret that this important field is still unoccupied. It is a position which requires special qualifications, and I have felt that too much care could not be taken to secure its proper supply.

Tuesday, March 14th, in the *Chapel of St. Mary's School, Raleigh*, I read Evening Prayer and made an address.

Wednesday, March 15th, left Raleigh to enter upon my Spring Visitation.

Thursday, March 16th, in *St. Timothy's Church, Wilson*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. S. Bronson, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, March 17th, in *Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Bronson and Walter J. Smith, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 19th, in *Church of the Advent, Enfield*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. A. S. Smith, I preached, confirmed five persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, March 21st, in *St. Clement's Church, Ringwood*, Rev. Dr. Smith conducted the service, I preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, March 23d, in *St. Mark's Church, Halifax*, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, the Rev. Dr. Smith assisting in the service.

Friday, March 24th, in *Grace Church, Weldon*, I preached and confirmed one person, from Emmanuel Parish, Warrenton, the Rev. Mr. Higgs assisting in the service. A very heavy rain was falling at the hour of service, which produced so much disappointment, that I promised them another service when I passed through Weldon again, after my visit to Jackson.

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 26th, in *St. Barnabas' Church, Murfreesboro*, I conducted the service, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. I was much gratified to see the improvements which had been made in the building since my last visit. When these improvements are completed, and the church is neatly painted, it will present a most attractive appearance. The little flock here seem full of zeal, and if arrangements can only be made to provide regular ministrations, a most gratifying increase may be very confidently anticipated.

I also baptized an infant in private, and then left for *Winton*, where, in *St. John's Church*, I conducted the Evening Service and preached.

Monday, March 27th, at a private house, baptized an infant.

Tuesday, March 28th, in *St. Mary's, Gatesville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. A. Weston, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, March 29th, in *St. Peter's Church, Gates county*, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the service by Rev. Mr. Weston.

Friday, March 31st, in *Church of the Holy Trinity, Hertford*, Rev. Messrs. Weston and Drane assisted in the service, and I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night I preached again and confirmed two persons.

Sunday before Easter, April 2d, in *Christ Church, Elizabeth City*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Kiernan, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night preached again, confirmed eight persons and addressed them.

Monday, April 3d, in *St. John's Church, Newbegan Creek, Mr.*

Kiernan said Morning Prayer, and I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

I returned the same evening to Elizabeth City, and left the next morning by rail for Edenton, and thence by steam-boat to Plymouth. The increased railway facilities, which are now so rapidly developing in our State, are already giving great relief from the fatigues hitherto attendant upon visitations through the Diocese. A few more years of such progress, and the different sections of the State will be drawn closely together, and the labour attendant upon reaching our Parishes, will be materially lessened.

Wednesday, April 5th, in *St. Luke's Church, Washington county*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. L. Eborn, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, April 6th, in *St. Andrew's Church, Columbia, Tyrrell county*, Mr. Eborn conducted the service and I preached.

Good Friday, April 7th, in *St. David's Church, Washington county*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. L. Eborn, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy Communion. The return of Mr. Eborn to the rectorship of this Parish has given great comfort and encouragement to the congregation, who were all strongly attached to him. If he can only find a re-awakened zeal and an earnest spirit of co-operation, I have little doubt that the progress and prosperity of the Parish will be greatly advanced.

Easter Day, April 9th, in *St. Paul's Church, Edenton*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. R. B. Drane, I preached, confirmed five persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. Our Easter joy was somewhat dulled, in the early morning, by the threatening aspect of the sky; but later, appearances were much more encouraging, and the day proved quite a pleasant one. The church was very beautifully and appropriately decorated with those flowers, which seem the special emblems of the resurrection, while the sacred services were full of brightness and interest.

At night I officiated in *St. John's Chapel*, erected for the benefit of the coloured people. There was a very large and attentive congregation. Mr. Drane, who takes a very deep interest in this work, conducted the service and I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them.

Here let me say, that in all our Parishes I think the Clergy should feel it incumbent upon them to do what they can to guide and instruct these too much neglected people, and seek to bring them under the sober and elevating influence of an enlightened Christianity. Where this interest is taken, there will always be a ready response on the part of those who never fail to appreciate this interest and sympathy. And, in this connection, I may fitly speak of another matter, to which I desire to call the attention of both the Clergy and the Laity. I do not think there is a sufficient recognition of our duty to extend a knowledge of the Church and its teachings in the outlying districts around our Parish Churches. There is the danger of feeling that we have no responsibility except for those who may have attached themselves to our congregations. Now surely this is an utter mistake. It tends to foster a very narrow spirit of congregationalism, and make us unmindful of that great aggressive principle, which is one of the first elements of Christianity. Both the Clergy and the people should try to do what they can to carry the Gospel out into the rural districts. Services might easily be held, if not on Sundays, at least occasionally on week-day nights, in such buildings as might be secured for the purpose, and I feel quite sure that no such efforts would ever fail of producing the most encouraging results.

I left Edenton on Easter Monday, and crossed over to Plymouth, and on Tuesday, April 11th, in *Grace Church*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Drane, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. I preached again in the evening, assisted in the service by Rev. Mr. Drane. This Parish has been for some time without a Rector, and the Vestry are very

anxious to secure the services of a faithful and zealous Clergyman. It is proposed to unite with this Parish St. Luke's Church, and also the Missions at Murfreesboro and Winton. There is here a large and interesting field, and one full of encouragement.

Thursday, April 13th, in the *Church of the Holy Innocents, Bertie county*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wootten, I preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, April 14th, in *St. Thomas' Church, Windsor*, Mr. Wootten said Morning Prayer, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening.

First Sunday after Easter, April 16th, in *Grace Church, Woodville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wootten, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

Monday, April 17, in *Memorial Chapel, Roxobel*, Messrs. Wootten and Price conducted the service. I preached, confirmed two persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, April 18th, in the *Church of our Saviour, Jackson*, the Rev. Gilbert Higgs conducted the service and I preached.

At night, in *Grace Church, Weldon*, Rev. Dr. Smith and Mr. Higgs conducted the service and I preached.

Thursday, April 20th, in *St. John's Church, Faison*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Dame and Windley, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. This was the first time I had held service in this new and well-ordered church. It is very nearly completed, and I have reason to believe that everything will be put in good condition during the summer, so that by autumn it will be ready for consecration.

Friday, April 21st, in a hall at *Clinton*, Mr. Windley read Morning Prayer, I preached, confirmed one person and admin-

istered the Holy Communion. Much of the material for the new church building was on the ground, and it will be urged on as far as the means they have will allow, so soon as a reliable contractor can be secured to undertake the work. One who had been recommended to them was expected to visit the place in a few days, and it is probable that before this time the contract has been given out.

Second Sunday after Easter, April 23d, in *St. John's Church, Wilmington*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. T. D. Pitts, I preached, confirmed five persons and addressed them.

In the afternoon, at *St. James' Church*, after Evening Prayer by Dr. Watson, Mr. Pitts and Mr. Meares, I confirmed eight persons and addressed them.

At night, in *St. Paul's Church*, after Evening Prayer by Dr. Watson and Mr. Morelle, I preached, confirmed five persons and addressed them.

Tuesday, April 25th, by the kind courtesy of one of the Government officers, an arrangement was made by which I could reach Smithville in time for the service and return the same evening.

Morning Prayer was said, in *St. Philip's Church*, by Dr. Watson and Mr. Meares, and I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Arrangements have been made for the resumption of regular services here, which had been interrupted for several months.

At night, in *St. Mark's Church, Wilmington*, after Evening Prayer by Dr. Watson and Rev. Messrs. Ambler and Pitts, I preached, confirmed twelve persons and addressed them.

The good work among the coloured people, under the charge of Rev. Mr. Brady, seems to be going on in a very encouraging way. The congregation was a large one, and a very deep interest was manifested.

Wednesday, April 26th, I preached in *St. Stephen's Church, Goldsboro*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. G. W. Dame, Jr. I

was much gratified to hear of the growing and prosperous condition of this Parish. The Rev. Mr. Dame, who came into the Diocese as one of our Evangelists, was prevailed on to undertake the Rectorship of the Parish. He has been very cordially received, and has aroused a new zeal and energy in the work of the Church. The congregations have been materially increased, and active steps have been taken to improve the church building. A handsome slate roof has replaced the decaying shingle roof, which it was found necessary to remove. Other improvements are also in contemplation.

With this service in Goldsboro, the first part of my visitation in the eastern part of the State was concluded, and the remaining districts, as far as it is possible to do so, will be visited after the Convention.

During the past year my duties have been unusually heavy, and they have been increased by a second visit to quite a number of Parishes. This arose from my desire to reach those Parishes at an earlier day than I was able to do last year. And more than this, I do not think it at all necessary that every outpost and missionary station should, as a matter of course, receive an annual visitation. In very many cases it would be quite sufficient if they were reached once in eighteen months or two years. Our late Bishop remarked to me, more than a year before his death, that he thought we were doing a great deal of unnecessary work, and making many long and laborious journeys, which could very well be postponed. If you can only have two or more active and efficient Evangelists, occasional visits from them, with continued services for two or three days, in each missionary station which is visited, will accomplish far more for the Church than simply an annual visit from the Bishop. And then, when he does pay a visit, he will be likely to have something more to do than merely to preach a sermon.

From Goldsboro, I returned to Raleigh, and on the third Sunday after Easter, April 30th, in *St. Augustine's Church*, I held

an ordination and admitted to the Diaconate William R. Harris and Hannibal S. Henderson, who had been prepared for Holy Orders under the instruction of the Principal of St. Augustine's Normal School. He also presented them for ordination. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Bennett Smedes, and after the second lesson, I confirmed sixteen persons and addressed them. I also preached the sermon and administered the Holy Communion.

At night I visited the *Church of the Good Shepherd*, and after Evening Prayer by the Rev. Messrs. E. R. Rich and J. E. C. Smedes, I preached, confirmed ten persons and addressed them.

Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 7th, in *Christ Church, Raleigh*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Marshall and Rev. J. E. C. Smedes, I preached, confirmed twelve persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

In the evening of the same day, in *St. Mary's Chapel*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Bennett Smedes, I confirmed eleven pupils of St. Mary's School and addressed them.

This brings down the record of services to the present week.

In nearly all those portions of the Diocese which I have visited since the last Convention, I have found much to afford encouragement. There is, indeed, in no quarter any great and rapid advances, but there is steady and decided progress. Increased interest, too, is shown in the condition of the church buildings, and efforts are widely extended in the direction of real and tasteful improvements. All these signs are valuable, as indicating a higher appreciation of what we owe to God, and a loving care for whatever is associated with His honour. Mean and dilapidated buildings, churches left in an untidy and neglected condition, show plainly how little God is in the hearts of the people, and how little interest they feel in what ought to hold the first place in their affections. Hence I find no little satisfaction in this growing appreciation of the "beauty of holiness." "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thine house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth."

The summary of services for the past year is as follows: I have visited ninety-eight Parishes and Missionary Stations—nearly twenty of them twice. I have preached on one hundred and thirty-nine occasions, and have delivered forty-six addresses; I have baptized nine infants and two adults; have confirmed three hundred and twenty-one persons; have administered the Holy Communion on seventy-six occasions; have consecrated four churches; have ordained seven Deacons and three Priests.

I have given letters dimissory to the following Clergymen:

Rev. C. E. Cummings, to Missouri.

Rev. George Patterson, D. D., to Texas.

Rev. F. A. DeRosset, to New York.

Rev. J. A. Oertel, to Florida.

Rev. L. H. Jackson, to Delaware.

Mr. Jackson was received from the Diocese of Maryland, and was with us only a few months. In the removal of Rev. Dr. Patterson, we have parted with one very long identified with the Diocese, and very widely esteemed. He was one of our Examining Chaplains, and I have appointed in his place the Rev. Thomas M. Ambler.

The following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese by letters dimissory from other Dioceses:

Rev. A. H. Stubbs, from the Diocese of Albany.

Rev. Joseph W. Murphy, from the Diocese of Maryland.

Rev. Samuel P. Watters, from the Diocese of Rhode Island.

Rev. Peter W. Cassey, from the Diocese of California.

Rev. George W. Dame, Jr., from the Diocese of West Virginia.

Rev. Fordyce M. Hubbard, D. D., from the Diocese of Central New York.

Rev. Mr. Stubbs has removed from Wadesboro, and is now in charge of St. Barnabas' Church, Greensboro, St. Athanasius' Church, Company Shops, and the Mission at High Point.

The Rev. J. W. Murphy has taken charge of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro, and St. Mary's Orange county.

The Rev. S. P. Walters has become the Rector of Grace Church, Morganton.

The Rev. P. W. Cassey has taken charge of St. Cyprian's Church, Newbern, and the Rev. Geo. W. Dame of St. Stephen's Church, Goldsboro, and St. John's Mission at Faison.

Rev. Dr. Hubbard is residing in Raleigh.

Other changes are as follows:

The Rev. W. S. Bynum has entered upon the duties of an Evangelist, and has shown a peculiar fitness for the work. He has transferred his residence to Lincolnton.

The Rev. B. W. Daugherty has removed from St. David's, Washington county, and is now in charge of St. Paul's Church, Winston, and is also doing missionary duty in the vicinity.

The Rev. C. J. Curtis has removed to Durham, where he is editing the *Church Messenger* and doing missionary duty in the neighborhood.

The Rev. Luther Eborn has removed from Beaufort county, and returned to the charge of St. David's, Washington county, and St. Andrew's, Tyrrell county.

The Rev. Lucien Holmes has removed from Charlotte, and taken charge of St. James' Church, Kittrell.

The Rev. H. G. Hilton has removed from Plymouth and taken charge of Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, which he holds in connection with St. Martin's Church, Hamilton.

The Rev. R. B. Windley has removed from Smithville, and is now in charge of St. Paul's Church, Clinton, and is also officiating in St. John's Church, Faison.

Of those admitted to the Diaconate, during the past year, Rev. N. C. Hughes, Jr., is assisting his father in the duties of his school, and is also doing missionary work in the vicinity.

Rev. J. W. Perry is officiating in St. Luke's Church, Tarboro.

Rev. John F. Spivey has been prosecuting his studies for Priest's Orders in the General Theological Seminary.

Rev. Armand DeRosset Meares is acting as assistant in St. James' Church, Wilmington, and also officiating at Smithville and Burgaw.

Rev. Charles C. Quin is assisting the Rev. Mr. Cheshire in St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, and also arranging to officiate for a congregation of coloured people.

Rev. Wm. R. Harris and Rev. H. S. Henderson are acting as teachers in St. Augustine's Normal School, and will also aid in the services at St. Augustine's Church.

The candidates for Priest's Orders are thirteen, viz.: Rev. Messrs. Thomas B. Haughton, Charles O. Brady, Samuel S. Barber, Nymphas E. Price, Walter J. Smith, B. W. Daugherty, John F. Spivey, Armand DeR. Meares, William R. Harris, Robert Strange, Francis E. Shober, Theophilus Overby, Vardry McBee.

The candidates for Deacon's Orders are nine, viz.: Messrs. William F. Rice, Frederick N. Skinner, Junius M. Horner, Walter A. Tillinghast, Edward E. G. Roberts, Primus P. Alston, Henry McDuffie, Henry M. Joseph, and Edward H. Butler.

The Postulants are five, viz: Messrs. Albert G. Councill, Hardy H. Phelps, Hamilton Anderson, Percy R. Eubanks and Edward Philip Green.

The number of Clergy now canonically resident in the Diocese is seventy-three, viz.: the Bishop, fifty-three Priests and nineteen Deacons, a larger number than we have ever had before; and yet we are sadly in need of several others to supply the many vacant districts which are still unprovided for. And with the natural growth and extension of the Church in the Diocese, there will be needed a continually increasing supply of Clergymen. Among the multitudes of young men who are growing up in our midst, how few seem to have their hearts and thoughts directed to the holy ministry. The varied learned professions are all overcrowded, and every avenue to successful fields of enterprise is filled with anxious aspirants, while that calling

which is the highest and noblest which can enlist the energies of men, finds few who are willing to enter upon it. Now, is there not a neglect on the part of parents in this respect? Do they endeavour to lead their sons in this direction? Do they seek to impress them with a proper sense of God's claims upon them, and the high privilege of labouring for the advancement of His kingdom? If these sacred and all-important interests filled a larger place in the thoughts and affections of those who profess and call themselves Christians, surely we should see the fruit of it in a much larger ingathering into the ranks of Christ's ministers. Alas! in that love of the world and deep devotion to its hopes and promises, which seems to be gaining such an ascendancy in the hearts of the young, what place is left for those noble, spiritual yearnings, to which the Psalmist gave utterance, when he cried out "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning; yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

Since the meeting of our last Convention, the Church has been called to mourn the loss of one of our most zealous and faithful Bishops, Bishop Kerfoot, of Pittsburg. He was one of my early friends, and for many years, during my residence in Maryland, and while he was at the head of the College of St. James, we were most intimately associated. For the past twenty years I have seen little of him, except in the general councils of the Church. Possessed of more than ordinary vigour of mind and deep fixedness of purpose, he worked faithfully and zealously in the cause of his Master. For several years past he has been greatly enfeebled by disease, and at last, quite unexpectedly to us all, he was called to lay down his sacred office. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

There are one or two other matters about which I desired to address you, but I have only time now for a very few additional words.

Let me remind you of that church-building fund which it has been proposed to raise before the next General Convention. I know there are not many among us who are able to give largely to this object, but if we only do what we can, and show our sympathy with the scheme, this will not be without benefit to the object; and if it be once attained, we of this Diocese may derive from it very substantial advantages.

And again, we all need to be more thoroughly alive to that missionary work which the Church is seeking to carry forward, and in which she needs the sympathy and help of all her children. I am glad to know that an effort is now in progress to enlist the ladies of our congregations in behalf of this great cause. By this means very much may be accomplished. More information is needed among us, as to what the Church is attempting. I shall be most happy to give my hearty approval to any judicious plan for the furtherance of this object.

Finally, brethren, the time is short. Let us awake to a deeper sense of our duties and responsibilities. Let the Clergy and the Laity realize that we are all engaged in one and the same work. And in that work let us all seek to be actively and zealously occupied.

And may the good Spirit of God guide and direct us in all our plans and deliberations, and make them conducive to the upbuilding of His kingdom and the glory of His holy name.

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