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THE RT. REV. THEODORE B. LYMAN, D. D.,

TO THE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

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Address of the Bishop.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

For the first time in the history of our Diocese, we are holding our Convention west of the mountains. And this fact indicates the growth and extension of the Church in this section of the State. Until a comparatively recent date, this mountain region was looked upon as a wild and unattractive district, and of consequence, it was only sparsely populated. But of late years a very different estimate prevails, and being now justly regarded as one of the fairest portions of the earth, it is attracting to it an intelligent and industrious population. The Church, too, has been making a steady advance. It is warmly welcomed on every side, and we have only to make known its claims and advantages, to secure for it a cordial reception. The past year has been one full of encouragement for our Diocese, and I trust that the successes of the past, may only prove stimulants to greater zeal in the future.

Before entering upon those details which specially appertain to our Diocese, it is fitting that I should make mention of the loss which has been sustained by our whole Church in the death of our venerable Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Bosworth Smith, D. D., who departed this life at his residence in New York on the 31st of May last. He was the oldest Bishop in the entire Anglican Communion, and had held the office of Presiding Bishop for more than sixteen years. Until our last General Convention, he had been able to be present, almost daily, in the House of Bishops, and preserved in a very remarkable

degree both his physical and intellectual powers, while ever manifesting the liveliest interest in all that concerned the welfare and extension of the Church.

In our own Diocese, we have lost during the past year, one of our colored clergy, the Rev. William R. Harris, who was admitted to the Priesthood last June, and has been mostly occupied as an instructor in St. Augustine's Normal School. He had received an excellent education, and proved himself a most successful teacher. He struggled for some time against serious bodily infirmities, and then lingered for several weeks, after he had become utterly prostrate and helpless. With this exception, the ranks of our Clergy remain unbroken by death, while nearly all have been so far favored with health that they have been able to continue faithfully and steadily at their work.

My first official act, since our last Convention, was on the evening of the day of our adjournment, Friday, May 16th, when, in *St. Stephen's Church, Oxford*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Drs. Buel and Marshall, I preached, confirmed six persons, and addressed them.

The next morning, Saturday, May 17th, I went by train to *Henderson*, and from there was driven to a private house fifteen miles in the country, where I confirmed an aged couple, the husband having been first baptized by Rev. Mr. Pettigrew. We then drove some fifteen miles further, to the neighborhood of *Williamsboro*.

Sunday, May 18th, in *St. John's Church, Williamsboro*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion. Monday, May 19th, in *St. Peter's Church, Sassafras Fork*, Rev. Dr. Baird read Morning Prayer, and I preached.

Tuesday, May 20th, in *St. Paul's Church, Goshen*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Baird, I preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, May 22nd, Ascension Day, in *St. Paul's Church, Louisburg*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sutton, I preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, May 23rd, in *Union Chapel*, near Wake Forest, Dr. Sutton read Evening Prayer, and I preached.

Sunday, May 25th, in *St. James' Church, Kittrell*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sutton, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Returned next day to Raleigh. Whitsunday, June 1st, in *St. Luke's Church, Salisbury*, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Messrs. Stubbs and Parker, I preached, and admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, Mr. Francis E. Shober, on presentation by the Rev. F. J. Murdoch, Rector of the Parish. The Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore, D. D., read the epistle and assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion.

At night, in the school house at *Thomasville*, after a short service, I made an address and confirmed one person.

Wednesday, June 4th, in *St. Augustine's Church, Raleigh*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sutton and Rev. E. R. Rich, I preached, and admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. Henry M. Joseph, Rev. William R. Harris, and Rev. Hannibal S. Henderson, Deacons, on presentation by Rev. Dr. J. E. C. Smedes. The Rev. Dr. Hubbard and Rev. B. Smedes were present, and assisted in the service, and in the administration of the Holy Communion. They also united with the other Priests in the laying on of hands. In the evening, attended a meeting of the Trustees of St. Augustine's Normal School. Friday, June 6th, in *St. Mary's Church, Edgecombe County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. W. J. Smith and Rev. H. G. Hilton, I preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

At night, in *St. Luke's, Tarboro*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. W. J. Smith and Rev. J. W. Perry, I preached, confirmed six persons, and addressed them.

Trinity Sunday, June 8th, in *Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. B. S. Bronson, I preached, confirmed six persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

At night, in *St. Timothy's Church, Wilson*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bronson, I preached, confirmed eight persons, and addressed them.

Tuesday, June 10th, in *Raleigh*, attended a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese, when appointments were made for the year, and stipends agreed upon. Thursday, June 12th, took part in the religious exercises connected with the commencement of *St. Mary's School, Raleigh*; delivered an address to the graduating class, and pronounced the benediction. Sunday, June 15th, in *St. Mark's Church, Deep River*, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Wm. Walker, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I confirmed a sick person at a private house, several miles in the country. Sunday, June 22nd, preached in *Christ Church, Raleigh*, Rev. B. Smedes assisting in the services. During the week, I left for the seaside, and spent a fortnight, deriving much benefit from the bracing air and delicious surf bathing. Sunday, July 13th, preached in the *Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh*. Left during the week for my Western visitation. Sunday, July 20th, in the *Presbyterian Church at Old Fort*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. C. T. Bland, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, July 23rd, took part in a funeral service in *Trinity Church, Asheville*.

Sunday, July 27th, in *St. John's Church in the Wilderness, Flat Rock*, I preached, and confirmed two persons, after Morning Prayer by Rev. U. T. Tracy, who was in temporary charge of the Parish, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Drayton, being absent in Europe for the benefit of his health.

Tuesday, July 29th, in *St. James' Church, Hendersonville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Milnor Jones, and Rev. Mr. Tracy, I preached, confirmed nine persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. Also, same day, confirmed two persons in private. Several of the candidates were from the missions of Rev. Mr. Jones.

Sunday, August 3rd, at the hotel, *Warm Springs*, I conducted the service, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, August 5th, in *St. Andrew's Church, near Asheville*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buxton, I preached, and confirmed three persons.

Sunday, August, 10th, in *Calvary Church, Henderson Co.*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, and Rev. Mr. Osborne, I preached, confirmed ten persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. This Church had just been greatly beautified by the introduction of a rich memorial window in the Chancel. I was also much gratified by the signs of life and prosperity in the Parish. And it was, therefore, with no little regret that I gave my consent, shortly afterwards, to the removal of their active and zealous Rector to another field of labour, which seemed to have special claims upon him. His place has recently been supplied by the removal there of Rev. W. S. Bynum, whose health is so far improved that he feels encouraged to undertake the duties of the Parish.

Monday, August 11th, at a private house, near the French Broad river, in the same county, Rev. Dr. Buel conducted the service, and I preached, and confirmed two persons. The congregation was too large to find room in the house, and we held the service upon the front porch, while many sat under the shade trees near the house. We found in this neighborhood a very encouraging field for the establishment of a mission, and I trust we may soon have a Church erected in the vicinity.

The same evening we continued our journey to Brevard. Tuesday, August 12th, in *St. Paul's in the Valley, Transylvania County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached,

confirmed three persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

At 5 P. M., in the *Methodist Chapel, Brevard*, Dr. Buel read evening service, and I preached. We found the neat, new Church, advancing toward completion, and I hope it may be in readiness for services at my visitation, this next summer.

The next day, we left for *Cashier's Valley*, and on Thursday, August 14th, in the new *Methodist Chapel*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel and Rev. J. A. Deal, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. We had a large and very attentive congregation. Rev. Mr. Deal officiates regularly in the Valley, except during the winter months. The next day, August 15th, I laid the Corner Stone of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, to be erected in the Valley, assisted in the service by Rev. Dr. Buel and Mr. Deal. Addresses were made by Dr. Buel and myself. Quite a large assemblage was present, and much interest was manifested. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy this summer.

Saturday, August 16th, we left for the vicinity of the Highlands, and spent the night by invitation of Bishop Thompson, of Mississippi, in the simple summer home which for some years he has occupied there.

Sunday, August 17th, in the *School House at the Highlands*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. The congregation was large, and seemed much interested in the services. Dr. Buel preached in the evening.

Monday, August 18th, went to Franklin, Macon County, and continued on eight miles beyond, to the neighborhood of St. John's Church.

Tuesday, August 19th, in *St. John's Church*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel and Rev. Mr. Deal, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon, went four miles towards Franklin, to the house of Rev. Mr. Deal, and spent the night. Mr. Deal has secured there quite a comfortable residence, in exchange for his former home, which brings him so much nearer to Franklin, and to other parts of his large mission field.

The next day, Wednesday, August 20th, in *Patton's School House*, about a mile distant, Mr. Deal conducted the morning service, and I preached. The house was much crowded, and the service was a very pleasant one. Dr. Buel was quite unwell, and kept the house all the morning.

In the afternoon, we went on four miles to *Franklin*, and at night, in the Court House, Mr. Deal read the service, and I preached. We hope soon to have a Church here. Mr. Deal is making a vigorous effort to that end, and with his zeal, energy and perseverance, I feel sure that the good object will, ere long, be accomplished. I cordially commend it to the sympathy and encouragement of all our people. Mr. Deal holds services regularly at Franklin, at St. John's, at Patton's School House, and at Cashier's Valley.

Thursday, August 21st, proceeded to *Charleston, in Swain County*, and the next day, Friday, August 22nd, in the Court House, I preached to a large congregation, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel.

We left the following morning for Webster, and hoped to reach Cullowhee that evening, where I had an appointment for Sunday. We found the road in a very bad condition, and when about five miles from Charleston met with an accident to the carriage, which occasioned us considerable delay. With the assistance of some young men who were passing, we endeavored to remedy the break, as far as possible, and then got on very comfortably for some miles; but when passing over a spur of the mountains, we came upon a sideling, rocky bed, and the carriage turned completely over into a deep hollow on the right side of the road. The horses very providentially stopped at

once, or we might have received serious injuries. Dr. Buel escaped unhurt, but I was stunned by the fall, and received severe bruises and a heavy strain. By the help of strangers who were passing, we soon got our carriage back on the road, and finding that it had received no considerable injuries, we soon started on again. We were unable to find any shop where repairs could be had, and consequently we made but very slow progress. We did not reach Webster until 8 P. M., so that we were about twelve hours making the twenty miles. We secured another vehicle at once, so that we might be ready for an early start the next morning, as we were most anxious, on no account, to miss the appointment for that day.

Sunday, August 24th, we rose early and started for Cullowhee, soon after breakfast, and found a large congregation gathered in the school house. Dr. Buel read the service, and I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

Monday, August 25th, I spent visiting several families in the neighborhood and inspecting the neat brick Church in course of erection there, the walls of which were nearly raised. The site is a very beautiful one, near the base of a mountain spur, and overlooking the lovely Cullowhee Valley. The building, it is expected, will be ready for services at my visitation this summer. We have here an excellent field, and the manifestation of a very kindly spirit on the part of the population. We are anxious to have a good school established, in connection with the Church, and the people are ready to co-operate with us to that end.

Tuesday, August 26th, in the school house at *East La Porte*, Dr. Buel conducted the service, and I preached. This is quite an intelligent and populous neighborhood, and a new road will soon be made over the mountain gap, bringing them within about two miles of the new Cullowhee Church. Several of the families, on that side of the mountain spur, seem much interested in our work.

Wednesday, August 27th, in the *Methodist Chapel at Webster*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

The next day we drove on to *Waynesville*, and on the twelfth Sunday after Trinity, August 31st, in *Grace Church in the Mountains*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Cheshire and Rev. Dr. C. C. Pinckney, of South Carolina, I preached, and admitted to the Holy Order of Priests the Rev. Thomas Atkinson, Deacon, on presentation by Rev. Dr. Buel. These brethren united in the laying on of hands, and assisted in the Holy Communion. At the same service, and immediately after the Second Lesson, I confirmed four persons.

At 4 P. M. held service in the new Church at Mica Dale, when Dr. Buel read Evening Prayer, and I preached. The Church was only so far completed that we were able to hold service in it, but we hope soon to have it entirely finished. We have there a very interesting and encouraging field, and like Cullowhee, we need, at once, a school in connection with the Church. A neat wing has been constructed as part of the Church building, to be used for that purpose.

Monday, September 1st, I continued my journey on to Asheville, and on the way stopped at the house of Mr. Wm. G. Candler, where I was met by Rev. Mr. Bell, who read Evening Prayer, and I preached, and confirmed two persons, making also an address on the subject of confirmation.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 7th, in *Trinity Church, Asheville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. G. Higgs, Geo. H. Bell, and T. Atkinson, I preached, confirmed six persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Dr. Buxton.

At night, in *Trinity Chapel*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buxton and Rev. Mr. Atkinson, I preached, confirmed four persons, and addressed them. The Rev. Mr. Berry, the minister in charge, was present, and took part in the service.

Tuesday, September 9th, in the *Chapel at Haw Creek*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buxton and Mr. Bell, I preached, confirmed seven persons, and addressed them.

Thursday, September 11th, I was driven to Hendersonville, where I spent the night, and the next morning, Friday, September 12th, proceeded to the house of Mr. A. W. Whitesides, eleven miles in the country, where I found a large concourse of persons assembled for service. The day was very pleasant, and as the house was insufficient to accommodate the people, they were seated upon the verandah and under the trees, in the yard. This is one of the regular mission stations of Rev. Milnor Jones. After Morning Prayer, conducted by him, I preached, confirmed eleven persons, and addressed them. I am glad to say that a Church building is now going up in this neighborhood, upon a very eligible site, which has been deeded to the Trustees of the Diocese. This Church is the first fruits of an appeal which I made last summer for aid in the erection of several Churches within the limits of Mr. Jones' mission field. We are hoping soon to commence the erection of another, some twenty miles further east; and several more are greatly needed, which will be commenced as rapidly as we can find the means. The whole region is full of promise to the Church. I am sorry to say that the work has been somewhat hindered, by the severe sickness of Rev. Mr. Jones, the result of over-work, and I am now anxiously seeking for another zealous missionary to co-operate with him.

The same day we proceeded twelve miles in another direction, where I had an appointment in a school house for 4 o'clock. Upon reaching it, I found the congregation larger than the building would contain, and therefore directed the seats to be brought outside, and arranged under the trees. Rev. Mr. Jones conducted the service, and I preached, confirmed nine persons, and addressed them. It was a very solemn service under the open firmament, with the candidates humbly kneeling upon the green

grass. It will be a long time before I shall forget that most interesting day.

The next morning, Saturday, September 13th, I rode on horseback down the mountain to the beautiful valley known as Green River Cove. Quite a company of persons, both men and women, followed on foot. On the way, I stopped at a cabin and confirmed three persons, and addressed them.

Upon reaching the school house, at the *Cove*, we found it needful to repeat the course adopted the previous day, and had the seats brought out and arranged under the pleasant shade of the trees. Here, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Jones, I preached, confirmed three persons, and addressed them.

We were kindly invited to dine about a mile from the school house, and directly afterward, I passed over Tryon Mountain on horseback. Near the summit we called, by previous appointment, at the cabin of a sick man, where I confirmed him, with three others, living in the neighborhood, and addressed them. We then continued on, and reached the vicinity of Tryon City a little before sunset. I was much wearied, but at the same time greatly refreshed by the encouraging incidents of the day.

Sunday, September 14th, in the new Church at *Tryon City*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Jones, I preached, confirmed fourteen persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

It was a great satisfaction to me to find this Church so far completed that it could be occupied. Still further progress has been made upon it since my visit, but we must wait for its entire completion, until further funds can be secured. During the past winter months Rev. U. T. Tracy, of New York, has been holding regular services, much to the gratification of the people; and Mr. Jones has thus been enabled to give more attention to his other missions. A resident minister there, who could also have the oversight of a school, would be able to accomplish a most important work.

In the afternoon of the same day, at a private house in the country, I baptized three children.

Monday, September 15th, drove some fifteen miles to the neighborhood of *Mills X Roads*.

Tuesday, September 16th, in the log chapel erected there, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Jones, I preached, confirmed twelve persons, and addressed them. The congregation completely filled the building, and the services were extremely interesting. I deeply regret that we have not the funds to complete this simple building, or rather to erect a more suitable one, in so populous a neighborhood, and where the services of a Church are so highly appreciated.

Wednesday, September 17th, in *St. John's Church, Rutherfordton*, read Morning Prayer, baptized an infant, preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. Read service and preached again in the evening. I regret that this Parish is still destitute of any regular ministrations. The congregation has been so sadly reduced by deaths and removals that we have only a little handful remaining. Still it is most important that the witness of the Church should be maintained, and I trust brighter days may yet be in store for the Parish.

Thursday, September 18th, was driven twenty-four miles to Shelby, and at 8 P. M., in the *Church of the Redeemer*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. W. R. Wetmore, I preached, confirmed two persons and addressed them. Left the next morning for Lincolnton.

Saturday, September 20th, in the grounds adjoining the *Church of Our Saviour*, in the suburbs of Lincolnton, after a brief service, I preached, confirmed eleven persons, and addressed them. Rev. Messrs. W. R. Wetmore and W. S. Bynum were present and assisting. This Church building was undergoing enlargement and improvement, and promises to do a good work for

that neighborhood. The active zeal of a few members of the Church there is producing very happy results.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, and St. Matthew's Day, in *St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. W. R. Wetmore and Rev. W. S. Bynum, I preached, and admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons Mr. Vardry McBee, a graduate of the General Theological Seminary, on presentation by Rev. Mr. Wetmore, and afterward administered the Holy Communion.

At night, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Wetmore and Bynum, I preached, confirmed twenty persons, and addressed them. This day brought joy to many hearts, in the admission to the Holy Ministry of one reared in that community, and one so widely esteemed and respected. And we were also cheered by the presentation for the Apostolic rite of confirmation of so large and interesting a class. The good seed faithfully sown is surely bearing its fruit. I had hoped to secure at once the services of Mr. McBee for some of our destitute districts, but he had just received the high honor of an election to the "Talman Fellowship" in the General Theological Seminary, which he seemed most anxious to hold, for at least one year, and I gave my consent to the arrangement.

Monday, September 22nd, in *St. John's Chapel, High Shoals*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. W. R. Wetmore and Rev. V. McBee, I preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. A very large congregation was present.

I took the train that evening for Newton, and the next day, Tuesday, September 23rd, proceeded on to Morganton, and the same evening took part in a funeral service at Grace Church.

Wednesday, September 24th, in *Grace Church*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. S. P. Watters, I preached, confirmed two persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, September 25th, in *Church of the Ascension, Hickory*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. A. Weston, I preached,

confirmed eight persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. I was much gratified to find this Parish in so prosperous a condition, and to have such frequent assurances of the esteem in which the Rector is held. His health has been much improved by a change of climate, and he is doing a very excellent work.

Friday, September 26th, I preached in the *Lutheran Church, at Newton*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Weston.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 28th, in *St. James' Church, Lenoir*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hammond, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening, baptized an infant.

Monday, September 29th, in the *Methodist Chapel, Patterson*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hammond, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Same day, gave Canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. N. S. Rulison, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

Tuesday, September 30th, in *Methodist Chapel, Riverside*, Rev. Mr. Hammond conducted the service, and I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening was driven to Wilkesboro.

Wednesday, October 1st, in *St. Paul's, Wilkesboro*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. R. W. Barber, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, October 2nd, in *Gwyn's Chapel*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

At night, in the *Methodist Chapel, at Elkin*, Rev. Mr. Barber conducted the service, and I preached. Left the next morning for Statesville.

Sunday, October 5th, in *Trinity Church*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. E. Wootten, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening, confirmed seven persons, and addressed them.

Monday, October 6th, Rev. Mr. Wootten accompanied me to *St. James' Church, Iredell County*, and after Morning Prayer by Dr. G. B. Wetmore and Mr. Wootten, I preached, confirmed nine persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. Returned to Statesville in the evening.

Tuesday, October 7th, Rev. Mr. Wootten drove me to Mocksville.

Wednesday, October 8th, in *St. Philip's Church*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Daugherty and Wootten, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon, at a private house in the country, I baptized an infant, and then proceeded on, in company with Rev. Mr. Daugherty, to the vicinity of Huntsville.

Thursday, October 9th, in the *Baptist House of Worship, Huntsville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Daugherty, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Went on to Winston in the evening.

Friday, October 10th, in *St. Paul's Church, Winston*, Rev. Mr. Daugherty read Morning Prayer, and I baptized an adult, preached, confirmed five persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Saturday, October 11th, in the *Methodist Chapel, Germanton*, Mr. Daugherty read the service, I baptized an adult, preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion. After the service, visited, and had prayers with a sick person. In the evening I was conveyed to Major Hairston's, Stokes County.

Sunday, October 12th, in the old *Chapel*, of that neighborhood, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Daugherty, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. We had a large congregation, and a very interesting service.

The next day we visited the new and very neat Church edifice now in the course of erection, not far from Walnut Cove. I presume it will soon be ready for occupancy, and will prove, I

trust, a great blessing to the neighborhood. We have already a very flourishing Sunday School, and an increasing interest is manifested by the people in the Church and her services. The zeal and noble devotion which have been exhibited here by a few earnest workers, has now every promise of a rich reward.

Tuesday, October 14th, I had an appointment at Danbury, but recalled it, when I learned that a large political meeting was appointed to take place on the same day.

Wednesday, October 15th, I was driven early in the morning to *Madison*, where I preached to a large congregation in the Methodist Chapel, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. T. Clark.

Thursday, October 16th, went to *Mountain Chapel, Rockingham County*, and after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Clark, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Went on in the evening to *Leaksville*.

Friday, October 17th, in *Church of the Epiphany*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Clark, I preached, confirmed seven persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. The Church was crowded with a very attentive congregation. Preached again in the evening.

Saturday, October 18th, confirmed a sick person at a private house, and left directly afterwards for *Reidsville*.

Sunday, October 19th, in the neat, new Church which I found nearly completed, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. T. Clark, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. The prospects of the Church here are now much more encouraging, and I am gratified to learn that Rev. Mr. Clark has changed his residence to Reidsville, so that he will be able to give more time to Church work there.

Tuesday, October 21st, in the Chapel at *Col. Cunningham's, Person County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. W. E. Webbe, of Virginia, the minister in charge, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. The chapel was crowded with a very

attentive congregation. The influence of the Church is steadily increasing in that neighborhood.

Wednesday, October 22nd, went to Greensboro, and the next morning, Thursday, October 23rd, continued on to Charlotte. In the afternoon, drove out to *Long Creek*, where I found a very interesting work going on through the active agency of Rev. Mr. Cheshire. Until within a few months past, the services of our Church had been entirely unknown in that neighborhood. But at the request of some of the leading citizens of that district, Mr. Cheshire had been holding a monthly service for the few months previous. Within a few weeks, a several days mission had been held, with the help also of Rev. Mr. Osborne, and he had come down again to meet me at this visitation. In the evening, he and Mr. Cheshire conducted the service, and I preached in the school house of that district.

The next day, Friday, October 24th, a large congregation assembled at the same place, and after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Cheshire and Osborne, I preached, confirmed fourteen persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. Directly after the service, I confirmed a sick person at a private house in the neighborhood. A meeting was held of the male members of the congregation, and a request made that a mission be organized, and I was also urged to give consent to the removal of Rev. Mr. Osborne from his present work, to take charge of the mission. As this was the old home of Mr. Osborne, and he was so well known and so much esteemed here, I felt the force of the claim which was made upon him. I organized the work, under the name of *St. Mark's Mission*, and appointed the regular officers. Since that time Mr. Osborne has removed to Charlotte, and taken charge of the mission, in connection with that at *Monroe*.

Sunday, October 26th, in the *Chapel at High Point*, I conducted the service, preached and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. Since the return of

Mr. Parker to New York, only lay services had been held here. Returned to Raleigh the next day, having completed a very extended visitation.

Sunday, Nov. 2nd, in the large public hall at *Henderson*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. E. Ingle, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. The work on the new Church had been delayed, for lack of funds, but within a few weeks past, this difficulty has been removed, and the Church will be made ready for occupancy as speedily as possible. It promises to be one of the most graceful and churchly edifices in the Diocese, and from its commanding site will be one of the greatest ornaments of the town. It reflects no little credit upon the zealous Rector, to whose refined and correct taste, the congregation will be indebted for many of the most attractive features in the building. It is a great step forward, in illustrating the true ideal of a church edifice. I trust the day has gone by for any more barn-like structures in this Diocese. Returned next day to Raleigh.

Thursday, November 6th, attended a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese, when a schedule was arranged, indicating the amounts which should be looked for from each Parish and Missionary Station for the present year. I am glad to learn that in many cases the most vigorous efforts have been made to secure the sum thus indicated, and if possible to go beyond it. But it is very apparent that many of our Parishes fail to show the interest which they ought in this very important matter. A large part of our territory is to-day strictly missionary ground, and many of these districts present most encouraging fields of labour. What is needed, then, is a much deeper realization of our personal responsibility, in connection with this subject. A small coin thrown into the plate, when a collection for this object is made, is surely but a poor recognition of our sacred obligations. And I must entreat the Clergy to lay greater stress upon these duties, and to endeavour to enlighten their

congregations as to what they ought to do, and what encouragement they have for doing it. The laity seem to have only a very small conception of their privilege and duty as being thus "labourers together with God."

Sunday, November 9th, preached in *Christ Church, Raleigh*, Rev. Dr. Marshall conducting the service.

Sunday, November 16th, in *St. Stephen's Church, Oxford*, I conducted the service, baptized two infants, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Held service and preached again in the evening.

This Parish was at the time vacant, the Rev. Dr. Baird having resigned, and returned to the North. I had a conference with the Vestry, in regard to the election of a Rector, which led to negotiations resulting in the removal to the Parish of Rev. John Y. Gholson, D. D., of Baltimore. He was very warmly welcomed, and has since been discharging the duties of Rector, with great acceptance to the Parish.

Sunday before Advent, November 23d, I preached in *St. Mary's Chapel, Raleigh*.

Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving Day, I preached in the *Church of the Good Shepherd*.

First Sunday in Advent, November 30th, in *All Saints' Church, Concord*, I conducted the service, preached and administered the Holy Communion. Read service and preached again in the evening.

While at Concord, I made arrangements for the regular supply of services, and since then the Rev. Geo. H. Edwards, of the Diocese of Northern New Jersey, has been transferred to this Diocese, taking up his residence in Concord, and officiating regularly also, at Lexington and High Point. A resident minister has long been much needed in Concord, and the prospects of the Church there are now very encouraging.

Tuesday, December 2d, in *Christ Church, Rowan County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. F. J. Murdoch, I preached, confirmed

three persons, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Wetmore.

Wednesday, December 3rd, in *St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Murdoch and Dr. Wetmore, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, December 4th, in *St. Mary's Church, Rowan County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. F. J. Murdoch, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

At night, preached in *St. Luke's Church, Salisbury*.

Friday, December 5th, in the *Church of the Redeemer, Lexington*, I read Evening Prayer, and preached.

Second Sunday in Advent, December 7th, in *St. Barnabas' Church, Greensboro*, I preached, and admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. Beverly Waugh Daugherty, Deacon, on presentation by Rev. Dr. Sutton, and administered the Holy Communion. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Stubbs, took part in the service, and with Dr. Sutton joined in the imposition of hands. At 4 P. M., after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sutton and Messrs. Stubbs and Daugherty, I preached and confirmed one person. Left on the night train for Asheville.

Wednesday, December 10th, went to the neighborhood of *Calvary Church, Henderson County*, and conferred with the Vestry in regard to the resignation of the Rector, Rev. Mr. Osborne, and the appointment of a successor.

Saturday, December 13th, gave my canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Wm. Paret, D. D., as Bishop of Maryland.

Third Sunday in Advent, December 14th, I preached in *Trinity Church, Asheville*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buxton and Rev. T. Atkinson.

Monday, December 15th, met the Diocesan Education Committee, and made an appropriation. Took the train in the evening for Raleigh.

Monday, December 22nd, attended a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese.

Thursday, December 25th, in *Church of the Good Shepherd*, took part in the service, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Mr. Rich.

Sunday, December 28th, in *St. Augustine's Church*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sutton and Rev. Mr. Joseph, I made a brief address to the congregation, preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, January 6th, 1885, left for Washington City.

Thursday, January 8th, in the *Church of the Epiphany, Washington*, took part in the solemn services connected with the consecration of Rev. William Paret, D. D., as Bishop of Maryland, and preached the sermon. A large number of Bishops and Clergy were present, and the capacious Church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

On the following Sunday, January 11th, I preached in the *Church of the Ascension, Washington*.

Left the next day for Baltimore, and proceeded the next morning to New York, returning to Baltimore on Friday, January 16th.

Saturday, January 17th, gave my Canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. George Worthington, D. D., as Bishop of Nebraska.

Sunday, January 18th, I preached in *Grace Church, Baltimore*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Leeds and Rev. Mr. Register. I have been much pained to learn recently of the sudden death of Dr. Leeds, who has so long held a conspicuous place in all the activities of our Church. I have been on terms of cordial intimacy with him for more than twenty-five years, and have always had a high estimate of his zeal and devotion and great practical wisdom. Few among us will be more deeply and widely lamented.

Wednesday, January 21st. A public Missionary Conference commenced this morning in Baltimore. The Holy Communion was celebrated in Grace Church, and a sermon preached by Bishop Elliott. I read the Gospel, and assisted in the administration.

At night, in Emmanuel Church, a very interesting meeting was held in the interest of work among the colored people. Addresses were made by Bishop Dudley, Bishop Paret and myself.

Thursday, January 22nd, left on my return to *Raleigh*.

Sunday, January 25th, preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Wednesday, January 28th, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, I officiated at the marriage of my youngest daughter.

Had a call from the Rev. Dr. Malcolm Douglas, of Massachusetts, who came, after correspondence with me, to take charge of the Church at Chapel Hill for three months. His services have proved very acceptable, and I only regretted that they could not be longer enjoyed.

Sunday, February 1st, in Christ Church, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sutton, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. I also conducted the evening service. The Rector was suffering from severe hoarseness.

Thursday, February 12th, attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Augustine's School.

Quinquagesima Sunday, February 15th, preached in St. Mary's Chapel.

First Sunday in Lent, February 22nd, in *St. Philip's Church, Durham*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. Huske, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

At night, preached again, confirmed twelve persons, and addressed them. We had large congregations at both services, and I was glad to know that the work of the Church here is in a very encouraging condition.

Second Sunday in Lent, March 1st, preached in *Christ Church, Raleigh*, and administered the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon, accompanied Dr. Marshall to the State Penitentiary, and preached to the convicts.

Tuesday, March 3rd, read Evening Prayer in Church of the Good Shepherd.

Wednesday, March 4th, read Morning Prayer in same Church. Also, on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, conducted the services, the Rector being confined to the house by sickness.

Third Sunday in Lent, March 8th, in the Hall at *Bingham's School*, read Morning Prayer and preached. Also, had service and preached again in the evening.

Monday, March 9th, in same Hall, delivered a lecture to the teachers and students on Rome, and some of its leading objects of interest.

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 15th, in *Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill*, Rev. Dr. Douglass conducted the service, and I preached. Preached again in the evening, confirmed two persons, and addressed them.

Saturday, March 21st, left Raleigh to enter upon my Spring Visitation.

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22nd, in *Church of our Saviour, Jackson*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. G. Higgs, I preached, confirmed five persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

At a private house in the afternoon, I confirmed two persons, and addressed them. This day we were visited by one of the heaviest snow storms of the season, so that very many, who were looking forward with interest to this appointment, were unable to be present at the service. We had an unusually good congregation for such a day, and the service was a very hearty and cheering one. Everything in the Parish is moving on harmoniously, and an important improvement in the Church edifice will shortly be undertaken.

Tuesday, March 24th, in *Grace Church, Weldon*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, I preached, confirmed three persons, and addressed them.

Wednesday, March 25th, Feast of the Annunciation, in *St. Mark's Church, Halifax*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hilton and Dr. Smith, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, March 27th, in *St. Clement's Church, Ringwood*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, I preached, confirmed two persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Sixth Sunday in Lent, March 29th, in *Church of the Advent, Enfield*, after Morning Prayer by Dr. Smith, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night, I preached again, the Church being lighted for the first time, with very neat chandeliers, which had just been placed in the Church.

Tuesday, March 31st, in *Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, I preached, confirmed eight persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, April 1st, in the new Church at *Middleburg*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

This was my first visit to this immediate neighborhood, where I was pleased to find several very zealous Church families, and a neat Church edifice, which is not yet completed. We have every prospect of gathering a good congregation here, and I hope that those who have so faithfully laboured to secure a place of worship may soon have the satisfaction of seeing this building in readiness for Consecration.

Returned the same evening to Raleigh.

Thursday, April 2nd, attended a meeting of the Trustees of St. Augustine's Normal School.

Good Friday, April 3d, preached in the *Church of the Good Shepherd*. Left on the night train for Charlotte.

Easter Even, April 5th, in *St. Peter's Church*, assisted in the morning service, and delivered a lecture on the Intermediate State.

Easter Day, April 5th, in same Church, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheshire, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, took part in the Sunday School celebration, and delivered an address. At night, after Evening Prayer by Mr. Cheshire, I preached, confirmed six persons, and addressed them. The Church was much crowded at all the services, and much interest was manifested. It gratified me to observe clear indications of increased prosperity in the Parish.

Monday, April 6th, took part in the morning service at *St. Peter's*. In the afternoon, in the same Church, baptized an infant. At night, in *St. Michael's Church*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheshire and Rev. Mr. Alston, I preached, confirmed seven persons, and addressed them. A very encouraging work is going on here among the colored people, and the school, under the charge of Mr. Alston, is also very prosperous.

Tuesday, April 7th, in the school house at *Long Creek*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs Cheshire and Osborne, I preached, confirmed six persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

I was gratified to find an increasing interest and continued encouragement here. An eligible lot has been secured for a Church building, and duly deeded to the Trustees of the Diocese, and the erection of the Church, which is to be of brick, will be urged forward as rapidly as possible.

Returned the same evening to Charlotte.

Wednesday, April 8th, took part, in the evening, in a marriage service at *St. Peter's*, and pronounced the benediction.

Thursday, April 9th, in the Chapel at *Monroe*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Osborne and Quin, I preached, confirmed five persons, and addressed them. The Chapel was

crowded to its utmost capacity, and a growing interest in the work of the Church was clearly apparent. Rev. Mr. Osborne is now holding regular services here, and with his faithful pastoral labours, we may look with confidence for increasing progress and prosperity.

Friday, April 10th, at a private house in Rockingham, *Richmond County*, I baptized an infant. At night, I preached in the Presbyterian Church, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Quin.

First Sunday after Easter, April 12th, in *Calvary Church, Wadesboro*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. C. C. Quin, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening.

Monday, April 13th, went to *Ansonville*, and in the new Church, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Quin, I preached, confirmed three persons, and addressed them.

Tuesday, April 14th, in same Church, after Morning Prayer by Mr. Quin, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Returned in the afternoon to Wadesboro, and took the night train for Raleigh.

Friday, April 17th, in *St. James' Church, Kittrell*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. E. Ingle and Rev. J. A. Staunton, of Central New York, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

Second Sunday after Easter, April 19th, in *St. Paul's Church, Louisburg*, I conducted the service, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening.

Tuesday, April 21st, in *Union Chapel*, near Wake Forest, read Evening Prayer, and preached.

Third Sunday after Easter, April 26th, in *St. Timothy's Church, Wilson*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. B. S. Bronson, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. At night, I preached again, confirmed nine persons, and addressed them.

Tuesday, April 28th, in *Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bronson, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, April 29th, in the *Methodist Church, at Scotland Neck*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. H. G. Hilton, I preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion. I also addressed the congregation, urging to a united and vigorous effort to push forward to completion the new Church edifice, now only roofed in. The building is of brick, and quite capacious, and occupies a very central position. When once it can be made ready for occupancy, I feel persuaded that a new impulse will be given to the work of the Church in that neighborhood. I was also glad to learn that through the liberality of a former Parishioner, the old Church had been covered with a new roof, and would be soon in a condition to be used on all funeral occasions, and sometimes also for a Communion Service. Standing, as it does, in the midst of the cemetery, and with so many tender associations clustering around it, how fitting that it should be thus preserved and employed still for such sacred purposes. At night, after evening service, and an adult baptism by the Rector, I preached, and confirmed one person.

Thursday, April 30th, in *St. Mary's Chapel, Hickory Fork, Edgecombe County*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Hilton and Walter J. Smith, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion. The Church building is still incomplete, but with the increasing interest which seems to be awakened in the neighborhood in behalf of the Church, I trust it may not be long before the building will be entirely finished, and occupied with steadily growing congregations.

Friday, May 1st, in *Tarboro*, at a private house, confirmed a sick person. At night, in *St. Luke's Church*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. W. J. Smith and J. W. Perry, I preached, confirmed thirteen persons, and addressed them.

In connection with this Church, Mr. Perry is carrying on a successful school, for which a neat building was erected during the past year. No one thing will be found more effective in advancing the work of the Church among the colored people than a well ordered school, where careful, religious instruction is regularly given.

Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 3rd, in *Calvary Church, Tarboro*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. At night, baptized an adult, preached again, confirmed seven persons, and addressed them. Very large and attentive congregations participated in both services. It was a matter of deep regret to us all, that the venerable Rector was so prostrated by one of those attacks of weakness, to which he is subject, that he was unable to be present at either of the services.

Tuesday, May 5th, in *St. Stephen's Church, Oxford*, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Gholson, I preached, confirmed fourteen persons, and addressed them.

I was pleased to learn that the Rector had found his health somewhat improved by a change of climate, and should he continue to gain strength and vigour, I feel quite sure that he will be able to do an important work in the Parish.

The next day he accompanied me to *Williamsboro*, and in *St. John's Church*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Pettigrew and Dr. Gholson, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

We returned to Oxford in the evening, and the next day went to Goshen, where we were joined in the evening, by Rev. W. E. Webbe, of Virginia, who has consented to give monthly services here.

Friday, May 8th, in *St. Paul's Church, Goshen*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Gholson and Rev. Mr. Webbe, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. The same evening we were driven back to Oxford, and I returned the next day to

Raleigh, spending some hours in Henderson. Work upon the beautiful Church there was about to be resumed, and it was hoped that it would soon be ready for services.

Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 10th, in *St. Augustine's Church, Raleigh*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. B. Massiah and Rev. H. M. Joseph, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

The Rev. Mr. Massiah had lately been transferred to this Diocese from Northern New Jersey, and is engaged as an instructor in St. Augustine's School.

Tuesday, May 12th, attended a meeting of the Building Committee of St. Augustine's Normal School, and also a meeting of the Executive Committee of the same institution. It was determined to enter at once upon the erection of a new central building, for which plans and specifications have been carefully prepared.

Thursday, May 14th, Ascension Day, in the *Chapel of St. Mary's School*, the Rector, Rev. B. Smedes, read Morning Prayer, after which I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday after Ascension, May 17th, in *Christ Church, Raleigh*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Drs. Marshall and Sutton, I preached, confirmed eleven persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Whitsunday, May 24th, in the *Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh*, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Rich and Dr. Sutton I preached, confirmed thirteen persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

The same day, in *St. Mary's Chapel*, after Evening Prayer by the Rev. Bennett Smedes, I confirmed seven pupils of the school, and addressed them.

In connection with this service let me add that this school has never been more complete in all its appointments, nor in a greater state of efficiency than at this time. It sustained a great loss in the early part of the present academic year, in the

destruction by fire of the new and beautiful Art Building, which had been completed only a short time before. But as all the previously erected buildings were entirely uninjured by fire, other arrangements were made at once, for carrying on the work of all the departments, and everything has been going on prosperously and successfully. Another building has already been commenced, to take the place of the one thus destroyed, and will be urged forward as rapidly as is consistent with safety and security.

The following is a summary of services performed by me since the last Convention :

I have preached on one hundred and fifty-two occasions, and delivered sixty-two addresses ; have baptized three adults, and ten infants ; have confirmed four hundred and four persons, on seventy-six occasions ; have administered the Holy Communion seventy-eight times ; have married one couple, and assisted at one other marriage service ; have officiated at two funerals ; have laid the Corner Stone of one Church ; have ordained five Priests and two Deacons, and have visited ninety-eight Parishes and Mission Stations.

It is proper for me to add here, that, as our Convention was held two weeks earlier last year than the present, my report covers a fortnight more than one year, and thus increases proportionately the number of Episcopal acts ; about a dozen of the Parishes having been visited a second time.

The following changes have taken place in the ranks of the Clergy :

One has been lost by death, Rev. Wm. R. Harris, and there have also been the following removals :

Rev. Lucien Holmes has taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Tennessee. Rev. Hannibal S. Henderson has taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Kentucky. Rev. James E. Hammond has resigned the charge of St. James' Church, Lenoir, and taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Virginia. Rev.

James Baird, D. D., has resigned the charge of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Rhode Island. Rev. Francis E. Shober, who was admitted to the Diaconate in June last, was afterward transferred by Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of New York.

The following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese : Rev. Thomas Atkinson, Deacon, by Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Maryland ; the Rev. John Y. Gholson, D. D., by Letters Dimissory from the same Diocese ; Rev. George H. Edwards, by Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Northern New Jersey, and Rev. Joshua B. Massiah, by Letters Dimissory from the same Diocese.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson was advanced by me to the Priesthood shortly after his reception into the Diocese, and has been assisting Rev. Dr. Buel in the instruction of students at the Ravenscroft Training School, and rendering assistance also in his wide mission field. The Rev. Dr. Gholson has taken charge of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford. Rev. Mr. Edwards is residing at Concord, and has charge of the mission there, and also at Lexington and High Point. Rev. Mr. Massiah is engaged as an instructor in St. Augustine's Normal School. Rev. Vardry McBee, who was admitted to the Diaconate in September last, has since then been residing in New York, having accepted, with my consent, an election to the "Talman Fellowship" in the General Theological Seminary. I look for his return shortly to active duty in this Diocese.

The Rev. J. E. C. Smedes, D. D., has resigned his place as Principal of St. Augustine's Normal School, and is now officiating in the Diocese of Springfield, although still Canonically connected with this Diocese. The Rev. R. B. Sutton, D. D., has resigned the charge of St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, and St. James' Church, Kittrell, and entered some months since upon his duties as Principal of St. Augustine's Normal School. Rev. W. S. Bynum has resigned his position as Evangelist in the

Convocation of Charlotte, and become Rector of Calvary Church, Henderson County. Rev. John Huske has resigned the charge of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, which he held in connection with the Rectorship of St. Philip's Church, Durham, and now gives his whole time to the latter place.

It is very gratifying to know that so few changes have taken place, and that the great body of our Clergy remain in the same positions which they occupied a year ago.

The present number of candidates for Priests Orders is seven, viz.: Rev. Walter J. Smith, Rev. Vardry McBee, Rev. Primus P. Alston, Rev. E. H. Butler, Rev. John W. Perry, John R. Harding and Edward P. Green.

There are five candidates for Deacons Orders, viz.: William F. Rice, Junius M. Horner, Francis Randall, Percy R. Edwards and Freeman W. Dunn.

The number of Postulants is eight, viz.: Hamilton Anderson, Claudius F. Smith, Edward C. Melton, Wm. H. Rogers, William E. Stone, Walter H. Marshall, Richard Bright and Joseph Dillon.

Before bringing this address to a close, there are one or two matters in connection with which I desire to say a few words. And the first is in reference to the great Missionary work which lies before us in this Diocese. This work needs to be more carefully looked after, and more vigorously urged forward. One way in which I think something more effective may be accomplished, is by the open recognition, on the part of each of our Convocations, of its duties and responsibilities in connection with this work. And to this end, let each Convocation enact such by-laws as will make it the bounden duty of its members to look after the interests of the Church in all destitute districts within its own limits. It should be made incumbent upon the members to ascertain, by careful inquiry, where Missionary work is most required, and what help and encouragement can be secured in furtherance of it. And it should be recognized as the duty of

each Clergyman to hold services, as he may be able, in destitute districts in his own neighborhood, and where he has reason to believe that such services would be welcomed. This could be done, on week day evenings, during the more pleasant seasons of the year; and such efforts would lead, I believe, to the happiest results.

And yet further, each Convocation should adopt some fixed and definite plan for increasing the interest of the several congregations in this missionary work, and also for drawing out larger and more constant contributions to an object of such singular importance. And finally, provision should be made for an annual report to the Bishop, by each Convocation, of just what has been done, and what it is proposed to do; and what work it would specially commend to the Missionary Committee of the Diocese; such report to be passed over by the Bishop to said Committee, for such action as may be determined upon. Such a course, faithfully carried out, by all our Convocations, could not fail to be productive of the happiest results.

And there is still another way in which I think, the efficiency of our Missionary work may be greatly increased, and that is by selecting the members of the Missionary Committee not, as hitherto, from one locality, but from different sections of the Diocese, and by choosing those who are known to feel a lively interest in the work, and who know the better, its needs and its encouragements. Perhaps, too, that Committee might, with advantage, be enlarged, and then a definite number designated as a quorum.

Surely this Missionary work, in our diocese, is our great duty and responsibility. More must be said about it, and fuller information must be diffused, and a much larger liberality must be awakened. I fully appreciate all the difficulties of the past year, growing out of that financial depression which has been so widely extended. But if we would have God's blessing upon us in all our secular business and employments, we must not let our first acts of economy begin in connection with the House of God.

Let us rather deny ourselves, and curtail private expenditure, that so we may have more to devote to the interests of religion and the glory of God. May He help us all rightly to appreciate, and faithfully to discharge our duties and our responsibilities.

And there is yet another matter to which I desire to call the attention of the Convention, which is very closely related with this whole Missionary work. I refer to the "Ravenscroft Associate Mission and Training School." I am gratified to be able to state that during the past year arrangements have been made whereby the services of an additional and well qualified Clergyman have been secured for this work, and thus much greater efficiency has been given to both its departments. In my address to our last Convention, I expressed the wish that some aid might be given me, in the general oversight and direction of this institution, and I would now specifically propose that this Convention shall appoint a Board of Fellows, upon the nomination of the Bishop, to act with him in the general guidance of the work. And I would suggest that this Board consist of three Clergymen, of which the Principal of the school shall always be one, and two Laymen. And to give greater stability to this management, those thus chosen should continue in office until, by the action of a future Convention, a change should be thought desirable.

I think I clearly see ways in which this institution may be made a powerful agency for good in the Diocese, and I am most anxious that every reasonable means should be employed to secure such a result.

May God graciously guide us in all our deliberations, that they may conduce to the upbuilding of His Holy Church, and the wider extension of His Kingdom.

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