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## List of Bishops in the Confederate States.

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- The Right Rev. WILLIAM MEADE, of Virginia.  
The Right Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, of Tennessee.  
The \*Right Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, of Louisiana.  
The Right Rev. STEPHEN ELLIOTT, of Georgia.  
The Right Rev. JOHN JOHNS, of Virginia.  
The Right Rev. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, of Mississippi.  
The Right Rev. FRANCIS HUGER RUTLEDGE, of Florida.  
The Right Rev. THOMAS FREDERICK DAVIS, of South  
Carolina.  
The Right Rev. THOMAS ATKINSON, of North Carolina.  
The Right Rev. ALEXANDER GREGG, of Texas.  
The Right Rev. HENRY CHAMPLIN LAY, Missionary  
Bishop of the South West.

\*Absent.

# List of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

## CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

- Virginia.*—Rev. Richard H. Wilmer, Richmond.  
Rev. William Sparrow, Theo. Sem. Fairfax co.  
Rev. Joshua Peterkin, Richmond.
- North Carolina.*—Rev. Richard S. Mason, Raleigh.  
Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Chapel Hill.  
Rev. M. A. Curtis, Hillsboro.
- South Carolina.*—Rev. Peter J. Shand, Columbia.  
Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Jr., Charleston.  
Rev. Paul Trapier, Camden.
- Georgia.*—Rev. William C. Williams, Savannah.  
Rev. William H. Clarke, Augusta.  
Rev. Henry K. Rees, Macon.
- Florida.*—\*Rev. Jackson J. Scott, Pensacola.  
\*Rev. William J. Ellis, Tallahassee.  
Rev. H. H. Hewett,
- Tennessee.*—\*Rev. David Pise, Columbia.  
Rev. Richard Hines, Memphis.  
Rev. J. W. Rogers, Somerville.
- Alabama.*—\*Rev. J. M. Banister, Huntsville.  
Rev. John M. Mitchell, Montgomery.  
Rev. Henry N. Pierce, Mobile.
- Mississippi.*—Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, Oxford.  
Rev. W. C. Crane, Jackson.  
\*Rev. Henry Sansom,
- Louisiana.*—Rev. W. T. Leacock, New Orleans.  
\*Rev. D. S. Lewis, “  
\*Rev. C. S. Hedges, “
- Texas.*—\*Rev. Benj. Eaton, Galveston.  
\*Rev. Charles Gillette, Austin.  
\*Rev. L. H. Jones, San Antonio.  
\*Absent.

## LAY DEPUTIES.

*Virginia.*—\*Thomas S. Gholson, Petersburg.  
Phillip Williams, Winchester.  
Richard H. Cunningham,

*North Carolina.*—William H. Battle, Chapel Hill.  
Richard H. Smith, Scotland Neck.  
A. J. DeRosset, Wilmington.

*South Carolina.*—R. F. W. Allston, Charleston.  
J. K. Sass, “  
William E. Martin, “

*Georgia.*—\*Geo. A. Gordon, Savannah.  
L. N. Whittle, Macon.  
\*A. H. Chappell, Columbus.

*Florida.*—Geo. R. Fairbanks, St. Augustine.  
John Beard, Tallahassee.  
\*A. Baldwin,

*Alabama.*—\*A. W. Ellerbe, Liberty Hill.  
John D. Phelan, Montgomery.  
Charles T. Pollard, Montgomery.

*Mississippi.*—\*John Duncan, Jackson.  
\*T. E. B. Pegues, Oxford.  
W. C. Smedes, Jackson.

*Louisiana.*—\*George S. Guion, Thibodeaux.  
\*Alex. Montgomery.  
\*J. M. Davidson.

*Texas.*—\*W. P. Gray, Houston.  
\*A. M. Lewis, Brenham.  
\*S. M. Swenson, Austin.  
\*Absent.

CLERGYMEN PRESENT BUT NOT DEPUTIES.

Rev. Robert Nelson, Missionary to China.

Rev. W. C. Butler, Virginia.

“ O. S. Barton, “

“ J. M. Pringle, South Carolina.

“ C. B. Walker, “

“ C. P. Gadsden, “

“ J. D. McCullough, “

“ J. S. Kidney, “

“ L. C. Lance, “

“ Alex. Glennie, “

“ Edward Reed, “

“ T. L. Haughton, North Carolina.

“ G. M. Everhart, “

“ A. Smedes, “



## PROCEEDINGS.

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### FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, COLUMBIA, S. C., }  
October 16th, 1861. }

This being the time and place to which the Convention of Bishops, Clergymen and Laymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America, adjourned at Montgomery, Alabama, on the 6th day of July, 1861, Divine Service was celebrated in Christ Church.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Joshua Peterkin, of the Diocese of Virginia, and the Rev. F. M. Hubbard, of the Diocese of North Carolina.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Right Rev. James Hervey Otey, Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee, the Right Rev. Thomas Atkinson, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, reading the Epistle, and the Right Rev. Stephen Elliott, Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia, the Gospel.

A Sermon was preached by the Right Rev. William Meade, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, from Gal. VI. 14: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

The Communion Service was read by the Bishop of Tennessee, the elements being ministered to the other Bishops present by Bishop Meade, and by them to the Clergy and a large number of Laity.

The Convention was then called to order by the Right Rev. Stephen Elliott, Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia, and the Secretary having called the roll of the Deputies to the Convention at Montgomery, Alabama, July 3d, 1861, the following answered to their names, to-wit:

## OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDER.

The Right Rev.	Stéphen Elliott,	Bishop of Georgia.
“ “ “	Wm. M. Green,	“ “ Mississippi.
“ “ “	F. H. Rutledge,	“ “ Florida.
“ “ “	Thos. F. Davis,	“ “ S. Carolina.
“ “ “	Alex. Gregg,	“ “ Texas.

## CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

*Alabama.*—Rev. John M. Mitchell, Rev. Henry N. Pierce.

*Georgia.*—Rev. W. C. Williams, Rev. H. K. Rees.

*Mississippi.*—Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, Rev. W. C. Crane.

*South Carolina.*—Rev. P. J. Shand, Rev. Paul Trapier.

## LAY DEPUTIES.

*Alabama.*—John D. Phelan, Charles T. Pollard.

*Florida.*—G. R. Fairbanks, John Beard.

*Georgia.*—L. N. Whittle.

*South Carolina.*—R. F. W. Allston.

The Right Rev. President then stated that in obedience to a Resolution passed in Convention at Montgomery, Alabama, he had sent a communication to the Ecclesiastical Authorities of the Dioceses, which, when the circular calling the Convention at Montgomery was issued, were not, but which are now, within the Confederate States of America, inviting them to take the requisite steps for the representation of their Dioceses in this Adjourned Convention, and directed the Secretary to call the names of the Bishops of said Dioceses ; whereupon the following appeared and took seats in the Convention, to-wit :

The Right Rev. William Meade, Bishop of Virginia.

The Right Rev. James H. Otey, Bishop of Tennessee.

The Right Rev. John Johns, Assistant Bishop of Virginia.

The Right Rev. Thos. Atkinson, Bishop of North Carolina.

The Right Rev. Henry C. Lay, Missionary Bishop of the South West.

The Secretary then read certificates attesting the election of the following Deputies, to-wit :

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## CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

*Virginia.*—Rev. Richard H. Wilmer, Rev. William Sparrow,  
Rev. Joshua Peterkin.

*North Carolina.*—Rev. R. S. Mason, Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Rev.  
M. A. Curtis, *Principals*; Rev. James B.  
Christian, Rev. J. C. Hunter, Rev. Edwin  
Greer, *Alternates*.

## LAY DEPUTIES.

*Virginia.*—Thomas S. Gholson, Phillip Williams, Richard H.  
Cunningham.

*North Carolina.*—Thomas Ruffin, W. H. Battle, Richard H.  
Smith, *Principals*; A. J. DeRosset, S. F.  
Patterson, John H. Bryan, *Alternates*.

Their names being called, the following answered, and took  
their seats in the Convention, to-wit :

*Virginia.*—Rev. Messrs. Wilmer and Peterkin, and Messrs.  
Williams and Cunningham.

*North Carolina.*—Rev. Messrs. Mason, Hubbard and Curtis.

The Convention was then declared duly organized, and the  
Right Rev. the Bishop of Georgia, retiring from the Presidency  
of the Convention, called to the Chair the Senior Bishop present,  
the Right Rev. William Meade, Bishop of Virginia.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell,

*Resolved*, That any Clergymen present, who are not Deputies to the  
Convention, be invited to honorary seats in the Convention.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Georgia made a verbal Report  
on behalf of the Committee appointed at Montgomery, to issue  
a Pastoral Letter in behalf of the cause of Missions, stating that  
such a letter had been written and published in the Church  
papers. He also stated that Mr. J. K. Sass and Mr. Henry  
Trescott had responded affirmatively to the Resolution of the  
Convention at Montgomery, requesting them to act as agents of  
the Dioceses in the Confederate States, to receive and disburse  
Missionary Contributions.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Mitchell,

*Ordered*, That No. 1 of the Rules of Order be amended by striking  
out "9 o'clock" and inserting "10 o'clock."

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

## SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 17th, 1861.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Wilmer, of the Diocese of Virginia.

Present, as on yesterday, with the addition of Rev. William Sparrow, of Virginia, Rev. W. T. Leacock, of Louisiana; Rev. W. H. Clarke, of Georgia; Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Jr., of South Carolina; Rev. H. H. Hewett, of Florida; Messrs. R. H. Smith and A. J. DeRossett, of North Carolina; William E. Martin, of South Carolina, and W. C. Smedes, of Mississippi.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a certificate attesting the appointment of Rev. Richard Hines as a Clerical Deputy from the Diocese of Tennessee, who appeared and took his seat in the Convention.

Bishop Elliott, on behalf of the Committee to prepare a Constitution and Canons, reported the following draft of a

## CONSTITUTION

PROPOSED FOR THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE I. This Church shall be called "THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA."

ARTICLE II. In this Church there shall always be three orders of Ministers: Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

ARTICLE III. There shall be in this Church a Confederate Council, in which all the Provinces of this Confederation shall be represented. There shall be also Provincial Councils and Diocesan Councils.

For the purposes of representation in the Confederate Council, each State shall hereafter be designated as a Province.

ARTICLE IV. The Confederate Council of this Church shall meet on the second Wednesday of January in every third year, from the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in such place as shall be determined by the Council.

In case there shall be an epidemic disease, or other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place appointed for such meet-



7 ing, the Presiding Bishop shall have it in his power to designate  
8 another convenient place for the holding of such Council ; and  
9 special meetings may be called at other times in the manner here-  
10 after to be determined.

11 The Confederate Council shall consist of two Houses, severally  
12 designated, The House of Bishops and The House of Deputies.

13 The House of Bishops shall be composed of all Bishops of this  
14 Church, having jurisdiction within the Confederate States or the  
15 Territories thereof.

16 All the Diocesan Bishops shall have seats in the House of Bish-  
17 ops, and shall participate in its counsels, but the Diocesan Bishops  
18 of a Province shall together have but one vote, which shall be cast  
19 by the Senior Bishop of the Bishops present from the Province.

20 The House of Deputies shall always be composed of an equal  
21 clerical and lay representation from each Province. Such repre-  
22 sentation shall consist of not more than five Clergymen, and five  
23 Laymen communicants in this Church, resident in the Province, and  
24 elected by the Council thereof.

25 Before they shall proceed to business, a majority of the Provin-  
26 ces, which shall have adopted this Constitution, shall be represented  
27 in the Council. The representations from two Provinces shall be  
28 sufficient to adjourn.

29 In all business of the Council, freedom of debate shall be al-  
30 lowed.

31 Each House shall have a right to originate acts ; and, when any  
32 act shall have been passed in either House, it shall be transmitted  
33 to the other House for its consideration. No act shall have the  
34 operation of law, unless concurred in, and authenticated by both  
35 Houses.

36 When any proposed act shall have passed the House of Depu-  
37 ties, and shall be negatived by the House of Bishops, the House of  
38 Bishops shall, when requested by the House of Deputies, signify

39 to it in writing the reasons for non-concurrence, within three days  
40 after such request shall have been made.

41 In all questions, when required by the clerical or lay represen-  
42 tation from any Province, each order shall have one vote, and the  
43 majority of suffrages by Provinces shall be conclusive in each or-  
44 der: *Provided*, such majority comprehend a majority of the Prov-  
45inces represented in that order. The concurrence of both orders  
46 shall be necessary in such case to constitute a vote of the House.

47 If the Council of any Province should omit or decline to elect  
48 Clerical Deputies to the Confederate Council, or should omit or de-  
49 cline to elect Lay Deputies, or if any of those of either order  
50 elected should fail to attend, such Province shall, nevertheless, be  
51 considered as duly represented by such Deputy or Deputies as may  
52 attend, whether lay or clerical. And if, through the neglect of the  
53 Council of any of the Provinces, which shall have adopted this  
54 Constitution, no Deputy, either lay or clerical, should attend any  
55 Confederate Council, the Church in such Province, shall, neverthe-  
56 less, be bound by the acts of such Council.

ARTICLE V. There shall be held, at least once in every three  
2 years, in each Province, a Provincial Council, which shall be made  
3 up of all the Bishops having the jurisdiction within the Province,  
4 and of such representatives, clerical and lay, from the Dioceses  
5 within the Province as may be determined upon by the Provincial  
6 Council itself. If there be more than one Bishop within the Pro-  
7 vince, the senior Bishop, by consecration, shall preside in the Pro-  
8 vincial Council, and when there shall be three, or more than three  
9 Bishops, they shall form a separate house.

10 The Council of such Province shall legislate for all Dioceses  
11 within the Province, and its acts shall be of force within all the  
12 Dioceses embraced within the Province. It shall also elect the Dep-  
13 uties of the Province to the Confederate Council.

14 There shall be held annually, in each Diocese, a Diocesan Coun-

15 cil, to be composed of the Bishop or Bishops of the Diocese, and  
 16 of a lay and clerical representation from each Parish of the Dio-  
 17 cese. This council shall legislate for only Diocesan purposes.

18 But, until a Province is divided into two or more Dioceses,  
 19 there shall be no Provincial Council, and the Diocesan Council  
 20 shall perform all the functions of the Provincial Council.

ARTICLE VI. The Bishop or Bishops, in each Diocese, shall be  
 2 chosen agreeably to such rules as shall be prescribed by the Coun-  
 3 cil of that Diocese, and every Bishop of this Church shall confine  
 4 the exercise of his Episcopal office to his proper Diocese, unless  
 5 requested to perform any act of that office by the ecclesiastical au-  
 6 thority of any other Diocese.

ARTICLE VII. A new Province, formed in any of the Confed-  
 2 erate States, or in any Territory thereof, not now represented, may,  
 3 at any time hereafter, be admitted to union with, and representa-  
 4 tion in, the Confederate Council of this Church, on acceding to this  
 5 Constitution.

6 New Dioceses may be formed within the limits of any existing  
 7 Province, with the concurrent consent of the Council and Bishop  
 8 or Bishops of said Province.

9 In case a Province or Diocese shall be divided into two or more  
 10<sup>a</sup> Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Province or Diocese so divided may  
 11 elect the Diocese to which he will be attached, and shall become  
 12 the Diocesan thereof. And of the remaining Dioceses, if there be  
 13 more than one, the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the  
 14 Diocese to which he will be attached, and shall be the Diocesan  
 15 thereof; or, if there remain only one Diocese, he shall be its Dio-  
 16 cesan.

ARTICLE VIII. The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided  
 2 by the Confederate Council. The court appointed for that purpose  
 3 shall be composed of Bishops only.

4 In every Diocese, the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons

5 shall be prescribed by the Council of the Province within which  
6 the Diocese is embraced.

7 None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition,  
8 suspension, or degradation from the ministry, on any clergyman,  
9 whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

ARTICLE IX. No person shall be admitted to Holy Orders,  
2 until he shall have been examined by the Bishop and by two  
3 Presbyters, and shall have exhibited such testimonials and other  
4 requisites as the Canons in that case provided may direct.

5 Nor shall any person be ordained either Deacon or Priest,  
6 until he shall have subscribed the following<sup>d</sup> declaration, viz:

7 *"I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to*  
8 *be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation ;*  
9 *and I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrines and Worship of*  
10 *the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States."*

11 No person ordained by a foreign Bishop shall be permitted to  
12 officiate as a minister of this Church, until he shall have complied  
13 with the Canon or Canons in such case provided, and have also  
14 subscribed the aforesaid declaration.

ARTICLE X. A Book of Common Prayer, Administration of  
2 the Sacraments, and Rights and Ceremonies of the Church, Arti-  
3 cles of Religion, and a form and manner of making, ordaining  
4 and consecrating Bishops, Priests and Deacons, when established  
5 by this or a future Confederate Council, shall be used in those  
6 Provinces which shall have adopted this Constitution. No alter-  
7 ation or addition shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer,  
8 or other offices of the Church, or the Articles of Religion, unless  
9 the same shall be proposed in one Confederate Council, and by a  
10 resolution thereof made known to the Council of every Province,  
11 and adopted at the subsequent Confederate Council.

ARTICLE XI. Bishops for foreign countries may, on due ap-  
2 plication therefrom, be consecrated, with the approbation of a ma-



3 jority of the Bishops of this Church, signified in writing to the  
4 Presiding Bishop; he thereupon taking order for the same, and  
5 they being satisfied that the person designated for the office has  
6 been duly chosen and is properly qualified.

7 The Order for such Consecration shall be conformed, as nearly  
8 as may be in the judgment of the Bishops, to the one used in  
9 this Church.

10 Bishops, so consecrated, shall not be eligible to the office of  
11 Diocesan or Assistant Bishop in any Diocese in the Confederate  
12 States, nor be entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops, nor ex-  
13 ercise any authority in the said States.

ARTICLE XII. Any alteration in this Constitution shall be  
2 originated in the Confederate Council. When adopted in one  
3 Confederate Council by a majority of the House of Bishops and  
4 by a majority of the House of Deputies, said deputies voting by  
5 Provinces and orders, such alteration shall be made known to the  
6 several Provincial Councils, and, if agreed to by two-thirds of  
7 them, shall be ratified in the ensuing Confederate Council.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, Mr. Phillip Williams, of Vir-  
ginia, and Mr. R. H. Smith, of North Carolina, were added to  
the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the Convention then adjourned  
till to-morrow morning.

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THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

COLUMBIA, Oct. 18th, 1861.

Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Hines, of the Dio-  
cese of Tennessee.

The Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev., the  
Bishop of Tennessee.

On the call of the roll, Mr. W. C. Smedes, Lay Deputy from  
the Diocese of Mississippi, not before present, appeared and  
took his seat in Convention.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and confirmed.

Bishop Otey yielded the chair to the Rt. Rev. President—Bishop Meade.

Bishop Elliott read a communication from Mr. J. K. Sass, of Charleston, S. C., stating the amount of contributions in his hands, as agent for Domestic Missions in the Dioceses of the Confederate States.

The proposed Constitution reported by the Committee was then taken up, to be considered article by article.

Rev. Mr. Hines moved that Article I. be amended by striking out the words "Protestant Episcopal," and inserting the words "Reformed Catholic."

The motion was seconded, and, pending the discussion of it, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning.

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FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

COLUMBIA, Oct. 19, 1861.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Clarke, of the Diocese of Georgia.

The Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President.

Mr. W. H. Battle, Lay Deputy from the Diocese of North Carolina, not before present, answered to the call of his name and took his seat in the Convention.

A certificate was read by the Secretary, attesting the appointment by the Bishop of South Carolina, of Mr. J. K. Sass, as a Lay Deputy in the place of Edward McCready, Sr., not in attendance.

The Secretary announced the proffer, by sundry Rail Road officers, to the members of the Convention, on the exhibition of a certificate of their membership signed by the Secretary of the Convention, return tickets free of charge over the Roads by which they came to the Convention, and to which they then paid full fare.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Williams,

*Resolved*, That on and after Monday next, the Convention will take a recess from 3 o'clock, P. M. till 7 P. M.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wilmer,

*Ordered*, That during the further discussion of Art. I. of the Constitution, no member be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, and that the question be put as early as 1 o'clock this P. M.

Leave was granted to Rev. Mr. Trapier to absent himself from the Convention from 1½ o'clock this P. M. till Monday.

At 1 o'clock the Rt. Rev. President declared the time arrived for taking the vote on the amendment offered by the Rev. Mr. Hines to Art. I. of the proposed Constitution.

The Diocese of Georgia called for the vote by Dioceses and Orders, and it was taken accordingly with the following result :

*Bishops*—Ayes 3, Nays 7.

*Clergy*—Dioceses represented, 9—Ayes 2, Nays 7.

*Laity*— “ “ 6—Nays 5, Divided 1.

BISHOPS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

The Rt. Reverend Jas. H. Otey, W. M. Green, Thomas Atkinson—*Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERGY.

*Tennessee*.—Rev. Richard Hines—*Aye*.

*Florida*.—Rev. Mr. Hewitt—*Aye*.

BISHOPS VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

The Right Reverend Wm. Meade, Stephen Elliott, John Johns, F. H. Rutledge, T. F. Davis, Alex. Gregg, H. C. Lay—*Nay*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE,

CLERGY,

*Virginia*.—Rev. Messrs. R. H. Wilmer, Wm. Sparrow, J. Peterkin—*Nay*.

*Louisiana*.—Rev. W. T. Leacock.—*Nay*.

*Georgia*.—Rev. Messrs. W. C. Williams, W. H. Clarke, H. K. Rees—*Nay*.

*Mississippi*.—Rev. W. C. Crane—*Nay*.

*South Carolina*.—Rev. Messrs. C. C. Pinckney, P. Trapier—*Nay*.

*North Carolina*.—Rev. Messrs. R. S. Mason, F. M. Hubbard, M. A. Curtis—*Nay*.

*Alabama*.—Rev. Messrs. J. M. Mitchell, H. N. Pierce—*Nay*.

LAITY.

*Virginia*.—Phillip Williams, R. H. Cunningham—*Nay*.

*Georgia*.—L. N. Whittle—*Nay*.

*South Carolina.*—R. W. F. Allston, W. E. Martin, J. K. Sass—*Nay*.

*North Carolina.*—W. H. Battle, R. H. Smith, A. J. DeRosset—*Nay*.

*Alabama.*—Jno. D. Phelan—*Nay*.

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*Florida.*—Jno. Beard—*Aye*.—G. R. Fairbanks—*Nay*.

So the amendment was lost.

The consideration of the Art., as reported, being resumed, the Committee, by leave, amended it so as to read:

“This Church, retaining the name, ‘Protestant Episcopal,’ shall be known as the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.”

Mr. Phelan moved to strike out all after the words “Article 1.” and insert as follows: “This Church shall be called the Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America.”

The vote being taken by Dioceses and Orders, the Secretary reported the result as follows:

*Bishops*—Ayes 2, Nays 7.

*Clergy.*—Dioceses represented, 9—Ayes 2, Nays 7.

*Laity.*— “ “ 6—Aye 1, Nays 4.

Divided, 1.

BISHOPS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Right Rev. J. H. Otey, Rt. Rev. W. M. Green.

DIOCESSES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERGY.

*Tennessee.*—Rev. R. Hines—*Aye*.

*Florida.*—Rev. H. H. Hewitt—*Aye*.

LAITY.

*Alabama.*—Mr. Phelan—*Aye*.

BISHOPS VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, Rt. Rev. S. Elliott, Rt. Rev. J. Johns, Rt. Rev. F. H. Rutledge, Rt. Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, Rt. Rev. Alex. Gregg, Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay—*Nay*.

DIOCESSES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERGY.

*Virginia.*—Rev. R. H. Wilmer, Rev. W. Sparrow, Rev. Joshua Peterkin—*Nay*.

*Louisiana.*—Rev. W. T. Leacock—*Nay*.

*Georgia.*—Rev. W. C. Williams, Rev. W. C. Clarke, Rev. H. K. Rees—*Nay*.

*Mississippi.*—Rev. W. C. Crane—*Nay*.

*North Carolina.*—Rev. R. S. Mason, Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Rev. M. A. Curtis—*Nay*.

*South Carolina.*—Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Rev. P. Trapier—*Nay*.

*Alabama.*—Rev. J. M. Mitchell, Rev. H. N. Pierce—*Nay*.

LAITY.

*Virginia.*—P. Williams, R. H. Cunningham—*Nay*.

*Georgia.*—L. N. Whittle—*Nay*.

*North Carolina.*—W. H. Battle, R. H. Smith, A. J. De-Rosset—*Nay*.

*South Carolina.*—R. F. W. Allston, W. E. Martin, J. K. Sass—*Nay*.

DIVIDED.

*Florida.*—John Beard—*Aye*.—G. R. Fairbanks—*Nay*.

The President declared the amendment lost.

The Article, as amended by the Committee, was then adopted by the following vote, to wit:

Of the Episcopal Order—Ayes 5, Nays 3.

Of the Clerical Order—Dioceses represented, 9—Ayes 7, Nays 2.

Of the Laity—Dioceses represented, 6—Ayes 4, Nays 1, Divided 1.

BISHPS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Right Rev. Wm. Meade, Right Rev. Stephen Elliott, Right Rev. John Johns, Right Rev. F. H. Rutledge, Right Rev. T. F. Davis, Right Rev. Alexander Gregg, Right Rev. Henry C. Lay—*Aye*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERGY.

*Virginia.*—Rev. R. H. Wilmer, Rev. Wm. Sparrow, Rev. Joshua Peterkin—*Aye*.

*Louisiana.*—Rev. W. T. Leacock—*Aye*.

*Georgia.*—Rev. W. C. Williams, Rev. W. H. Clarke, Rev. H. K. Rees—*Aye*.

*Mississippi.*—Rev. W. C. Crane—*Aye*.

*North Carolina.*—Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Rev. M. A. Curtis—*Aye*. Rev. R. S. Mason—*Nay*.



*South Carolina.*—Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Rev. P. Trapier—*Aye.*

*Alabama.*—Rev. J. M. Mitchell, Rev. H. N. Pierce—*Aye.*

## LAITY.

*Virginia.*—P. Williams, R. H. Cunningham—*Aye.*

*Georgia.*—L. N. Whittle—*Aye.*

*North Carolina.*—W. H. Battle, R. H. Smith, A. J. De-Rosset—*Aye.*

*South Carolina.*—R. F. W. Allston, W. E. Martin, J. K. Sass—*Aye.*

## BISHOPS VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

Right Rev. James H. Otey, Right Rev. Wm. M. Green, Right Rev. Thomas Atkinson—*Nay.*

## DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

## CLERGY.

*Tennessee.*—Rev. Richard Hines—*Nay.*

*Florida.*—Rev. H. H. Hewitt—*Nay.*

## LAITY.

*Alabama.*—John D. Phelan—*Nay.*

## DIVIDED.

*Florida.*—G. R. Fairbanks—*Nay.* John Beard—*Aye.*

On motion of Rev. Mr. Williams, ARTICLE II. was laid on the table for the present.

Rev. Mr. Crane moved that ARTICLE III. be adopted. Mr. Phelan seconded the motion, and the Convention adjourned till Monday morning.

## FIFTH DAY'S SESSION.

COLUMBIA, Oct. 21, 1861.

Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, of the Diocese of N. C.

Convention was called to order by the Right Rev., the Bishop of Tennessee.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and confirmed.

The Right Rev. President took the Chair.

Leave was granted to the Right Rev. H. C. Lay, and the

Rev. W. H. Clarke to record their votes on the three propositions relative to ARTICLE I. voted on, last Saturday.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Hubbard, the Secretary was ordered to return the thanks of the Convention to the several Rail Road companies which had proffered the members of the Convention return tickets free of charge.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. W. E. Martin, of South Carolina, and to Mr. L. N. Whittle, of Georgia.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain and report the probable expenses of this and the preceding Conventions, and to apportion the same upon the respective Dioceses represented therein.

The Right Rev. President appointed on the committee, Messrs. Fairbanks, Allston and Phelan.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Va.,

*Ordered*, That all speeches in the Convention be henceforth restricted to fifteen minutes.

The Convention having resumed the consideration of the proposed Constitution, Rev. Mr. Williams moved to strike out of second line of ARTICLE III. the word "Provinces" and insert the word "Dioceses."

The motion was seconded, and the Diocese of Mississippi called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Of the Episcopal Order—Ayes 5, Nays 3.

Of the Clerical Order—Dioceses represented 9—Ayes 2, Nays 5. Divided 2.

Of the Laity—Dioceses represented 5—Ayes 2, Nays 2. Divided 1.

#### BISHOPS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Right Rev. Wm. Meade, Right Rev. James H. Otey, Right Rev. John Johns, Right Rev. F. H. Rutledge, Right Rev. Alex. Gregg, *Aye*.

#### DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

##### LAITY.

*Virginia*.—Rev. R. H. Wilmer, Rev. Wm. Sparrow, Rev. J. Peterkin, *Aye*.

*Florida*.—Rev. H. H. Hewitt, *Aye*.

##### LAITY.

*Virginia*.—P. Williams, R. H. Cunningham, *Aye*.

*North Carolina.*—W. H. Battle, R. H. Smith, *Aye.* A. J. DeRosset, *Nay.*

## DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

## CLERGY.

*Louisiana.*—Rev. W. T. Leacock, *Nay.*

*Tennessee.*—Rev. Richard Hines, *Nay.*

*Georgia.*—Rev. W. H. Clarke, Rev. H. K. Rees, *Nay.* Rev. W. C. Williams, *Aye.*

*Mississippi.*—Rev. W. C. Crane, *Nay.*

*Alabama.*—Rev. J. M. Mitchell, Rev. H. N. Pierce, *Nay.*

## LAITY.

*Florida.*—John Beard, G. R. Fairbanks, *Nay.*

*Alabama.*—John D. Phelan, *Nay.*

## DIOCESES DIVIDED.

## CLERGY.

*North Carolina.*—Rev. R. S. Mason, *Aye.* Rev. F. M. Hubbard, *Nay.*

*South Carolina.*—Rev. C. C. Pinckney, *Aye.* Rev. P. J. Shand, *Nay.*

## LAITY.

*South Carolina.*—R. F. W. Allston, *Aye.* J. K. Sass, *Nay.*

Mr. Allston moved to strike out the word "Provinces" and insert the word "States." Lost.

Bishop Atkinson moved to strike out the word "Confederate" before "Council" in the first line, and insert the word "National." Seconded.

Mr. Smith moved to amend the amendment by substituting the word "General" for the word "National", which motion was lost.

The amendment was also lost.

Convention took a recess till 7 o'clock, P. M.

## EVENING SESSION.

Convention resumed its session at 7 P. M.—Bishop Otey in the chair.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Cunningham.

Rev. Mr. Trapier returned and resumed his seat in the Convention.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, ARTICLE III. of the proposed Constitution was laid on the table till to-morrow.

ARTICLE IV. then coming up for consideration, on motion of



Bishop Gregg, the word "January" in the 2d line was stricken out and the word "November" inserted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wilmer, the word "sixty-three" in the 3d line was stricken out and the word "sixty-two" inserted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Trapier, the words "shall have it in his power to" in the 7th line, were stricken out and the word "may" was inserted.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Va., the first clause of Article IV. was amended so as to read, as follows :

"The Confederate Council of this Church shall meet on the second Wednesday of November, in the year of our Lord 1862, at \_\_\_\_\_, and on the same day in every third year thereafter, at such place as shall be determined by the Council;"

And the 1st and 2d clauses of Art. IV., thus amended, were adopted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Mason, the words "severally designated", in the 11th and 12th lines, were stricken out; and the 3d clause of Art. IV., thus amended, was adopted.

On motion, the 4th clause (13th, 14th, 15th lines) was adopted.

On motion, the 5th clause (16th, 17th, 18th 19th lines) was laid on the table for the present.

Leave was granted to the Committee to alter the 20th and 21st lines, so as to read as follows: "Each Province shall be entitled to an equal representation, Clerical and Lay, in the House of Deputies.

On motion, the 6th and 7th clauses (from the 20th to the 28th lines inclusive) were laid on the table for the present.

On motion, the 8th clause (29th, 30th lines) was adopted.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, the 9th and 10th clauses (from the 31st to the 40th lines inclusive) were considered jointly.

Mr. Fairbanks moved to strike out the 10th clause (36, 37, 38, 39, 40th lines.)

The Dioceses of Tennessee and Florida called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

The Secretary reported the vote as follows:

Of the Episcopal Order—Aye 1, Nays 5.

Of the Clerical Order—Dioceses represented—8. Ayes 3—Nays 5.

Of the Laity—Dioceses represented—5. Aye 1—Nays 3. Divided 1.

BISHOPS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Right Rev. Wm. M. Green—Aye.

## DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

## CLERGY.

*Tennessee.*—Rev. Mr. Hines—Aye.

*Georgia.*—Rev. Messrs. Williams, Clarke, Rees—Aye.

*Florida.*—Rev. Mr. Hewitt—Aye.

## LAITY.

*Alabama.*—Mr. Phelan—Aye.

## BISHOPS VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

Right Rev. J. H. Otey, Right Rev. S. Elliott, Right Rev. J. Johns, Right Rev. T. Atkinson, Right Rev. A. Gregg—Nay.

## DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

## CLERGY.

*Virginia.*—Rev. Messrs. Wilmer, Sparrow and Peterkin—Nay.

*Mississippi.*—Rev. Mr. Crane—Nay.

*South Carolina.*—Rev. Messrs. Shand, Pinckney, and Trapier—Nay.

*North Carolina.*—Rev. Messrs. Mason and Hubbard—Nay.

*Alabama.*—Rev. Messrs. Mitchell and Pierce—Nay.

## LAITY.

*Virginia.*—Messrs. Williams and Cunningham—Nay.

*South Carolina.*—Messrs. Allston and Sass—Nay.

*North Carolina.*—Messrs. Battle and Smith—Nay. Mr. De Rosset—Aye.

## DIVIDED.

*Florida.*—Mr. Fairbanks—Aye. Mr. Beard—Nay.

The President declared the amendment lost.

Rev. Mr. Trapier moved to amend the 10th clause of Art. IV. by adding after the word "made" in the 40th line, the words, "in failure whereof the said act shall become a law."

The motion was seconded, and the Bishop of Mississippi called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders.

The Secretary reported the vote as follows:

Of the Episcopal Order—Nays 6.

Of the Clergy—Dioceses represented 8—Ayes 1—Nays 7.

Of the Laity—Dioceses represented 5—Ayes 1—Nays 3. Divided 1.

## DIOCESES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

## CLERGY.

*South Carolina.*—Rev. Messrs. Shand and Trapier—Aye.  
Rev. Mr. Pinckney—Nay.

## LAITY.

*Virginia.*—Messrs. Williams and Cunningham—Aye.

## BISHOPS VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

Right Rev. J. H. Otey, Right Rev. S. Elliott, Right Rev. J. Johns, Right Rev. W. M. Green, Right Rev. Thos. Atkinson, Right Rev. A. Gregg—Nay.

## DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

## CLERGY.

*Virginia.*—Rev. Messrs. Wilmer and Peterkin—Nay. Rev. Mr. Sparrow—Aye.

*Tennessee.*—Rev. Mr. Harris—Nay.

*Georgia.*—Rev. Messrs. Williams, Clarke, Rees—Nay.

*Mississippi.*—Rev. Mr. Crane—Nay.

*Florida.*—Rev. Mr. Hewitt—Nay.

*North Carolina.*—Rev. Messrs. Mason and Hubbard—Nay.

## LAITY.

*Florida.*—Messrs. Fairbanks and Beard—Nay.

*North Carolina.*—Messrs. Battle, Smith, DeRosset—Nay.

*Alabama.*—Mr. Phelan—Nay.

## DIVIDED.

*South Carolina.*—Mr. Allston—Aye. Mr. Sass—Nay.

So the amendment was lost.

The 9th and 10th clauses of Art. IV. were then, on motion of Bishop Elliott, adopted.

## SIXTH DAY'S SESSION.

COLUMBIA, OCT. 22, 1861.

Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Rees of the Diocese of Georgia.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop of Tennessee. The minutes were read, and, after amendment, confirmed.

The Secretary read the following petition, to wit:

The delegation to this Convention, from the Diocese of Alabama, beg leave respectfully to petition the Convention to determine what, if any, provision can be made by this Convention for the consecration of Bishops before the ratification, by the Diocesan Conventions in the Confederate States, of any Constitution or Canons adopted by this Convention.

(Signed)

JNO. M. MITCHELL.

H. N. PIERCE.

JNO. D. PHELAN.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, the petition was referred to a committee consisting of the three senior Bishops present in this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Pinekney,

*Resolved*, That this Convention will adjourn finally on or before Friday next, the 25th inst.

The Convention having resumed the consideration of Art. IV. of the proposed Constitution, on motion of the Bishop of Georgia, the 11th and 12th clauses (from the 41st to the 56th lines inclusive) were adopted.

On motion of the same, the 5th clause (lines 16, 17, 18, 19) was taken from the table; and, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Hines, the whole clause was stricken out.

The 6th and 7th clauses (from the 20th to the 28th lines inclusive) were then taken from the table, and Bishop Elliott moved to amend the first member of the 6th clause, as altered by the committee on yesterday, to wit: "Each Province shall be entitled to an equal representation, clerical and lay, in the House of Deputies"—by striking out the word "Province" and inserting the word "Diocese."

Rev. Mr. Pierce moved to amend the amendment by substituting the word "State" for the word "Diocese." Lost: Ayes 16—Nays 17.

Bishop Elliott moved to lay his amendment on the table for the present, in order to take up Art. III. Lost.

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, the Diocese of Tennessee called for a vote by Dioceses and Orders; which resulted as follows:

Of the Episcopal Order—Ayes 6, Nays 2.

Of the Clergy—Dioceses represented, 9—Ayes 6, Nays 2, Divided 1.

Of the Laity—Dioceses represented, 4—Ayes 3, Divided 1.

BISHOPS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Right Rev. J. H. Otey, Right Rev. J. Johns, Right Rev. F. H. Rutledge, Right Rev. Tho's Atkinson, Right Rev. Alexander Gregg, Right Rev. H. C. Lay—*Aye*.

DIOCESSES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

CLERGY.

*Virginia*.—Rev. Messrs. Wilmer, Sparrow and Peterkin—*Aye*.

*Tennessee*.—Rev. Mr. Hines—*Aye*.



*Louisiana.*—Rev. Mr. Leacock—*Aye*

*Florida.*—Rev Mr. Hewitt—*Aye*.

*South Carolina.*—Rev. Messrs. Pinckney and Trapier—*Aye*.  
Rev. Mr. Shand—*Nay*.

*North Carolina.*—Rev. Messrs. Mason and Curtis—*Aye*.  
Rev. Mr. Hubbard—*Nay*.

LAITY.

*Virginia.*—Mr. Williams—*Aye*.

*Florida.*—Messrs. Beard and Fairbanks—*Aye*.

*North Carolina.*—Messrs. Battle, Smith and DeRosset—*Aye*.

DIVIDED.

*South Carolina.*—Mr. Sass—*Aye*. Mr. Allston—*Nay*.

BISHOPS VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

Right Rev. Stephen Elliott, Right Rev. W. M. Green—*Nay*.

DIOCESES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

CLERGY.

*Mississippi.*—Rev. Mr. Crane—*Nay*.

*Virginia.*—Rev. Messrs. Clarke and Rees—*Nay*. Rev. Mr. Williams—*Aye*.

DIVIDED.

*Alabama.*—Rev. Mr. Pierce—*Nay*. Rev. Mr. Mitchell—*Aye*.  
So the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Battle, the word “five” wherever it occurs in the 22d line, was stricken out, and the word “three” inserted.

On motion of the same, the word “Province” in the 23d line was stricken out, and the word “Diocese” inserted.

The sixth clause, thus amended, was then adopted.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, the word “Provinces” in the 25th line, and also in the 27th line, was stricken out, and the word “Dioceses” inserted.

On motion of the same, the word “Province” in the 42d line, was stricken out, and the word “Diocese” inserted.

On motion of the same, the word “Provinces” in the 28th line, and also in the 44th line, was stricken out, and the word “Dioceses” inserted; the word “Province” in the 47th line, and in the 50th line, and also in the 55th line, was stricken out, and the word “Diocese” inserted; and in the 53d line, the word “Provinces” was stricken out, and the word “Dioceses” inserted.

Mr. Battle moved to fill the blank in Art. IV. left for the naming of the place where the Council shall first be held; and

Huntsville, Alabama; Richmond, Virginia; and Augusta, Georgia; having been put in nomination, the Convention, voting *viva voce*, decided to fill the blank with the words "Augusta, Georgia."

On motion of the Bishop of Georgia, Art. IV., so amended, was adopted.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, Article III. of the proposed Constitution was then taken from the table.

Mr. DeRosset moved to amend the 1st and 2d lines so as to read: "There shall be in this Church a Council, in which all the Dioceses of the Confederate States shall be represented."

Rev. Mr. Pinckney moved to amend the amendment by inserting the word "General" before the word "Council." Lost.

The amendment offered by Mr. DeRosset was adopted.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, the word "shall" in the third line, was stricken out, and the word "may" inserted.

On motion of the same, the 4th and 5th lines were stricken out; and Art. III., thus amended, was adopted.

Convention took a recess till 7 o'clock, P. M.

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EVENING SESSION.

Bishop Otey in the Chair.

On motion of Bishop Gregg, the President added the Rev. Mr. Clarke, of Ga., and Mr. J. K. Sass, of S. C., to the Committee on Missions.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, the vote by which Art. IV. of the proposed Constitution was adopted, was reconsidered.

On motion of the same, the word "Confederate," in the 1st line, in the 11th line, in the 48th line, and in the 55th line, was stricken out.

On motion, the words "the Council of," in the 47th line, were stricken out.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Pierce, the words "of the Council" after the word "neglect," in the 52d line, were stricken out.

On motion of Bishop Gregg, the word "any," in the 54th line, was stricken out, and the word "the" inserted.

On motion, the words "of the Dioceses," in the 45th line, were stricken out, and the word "Diocese" was inserted.

On motion of Mr. Beard, the word "therefrom" was inserted after the word "Deputy," in the 54th line.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, Art. IV., thus amended, was adopted.

Art. V., then coming up for consideration, on motion of the Bishop of Georgia, all after the words "Article V." to the word "shall," in the 2d line, was stricken out, and the following words—"Whenever any one of the Confederate States shall contain more than one Diocese, said State may constitute an ecclesiastical Province, in which a Provincial Council may be held, at least once in every three years, which Provincial Council"—were inserted.

On motion of the same, the word "Diocesan" was substituted for the word "Provincial" in the 5th line, and the word "thereof" for the word "itself" in the 6th line; and the first clause of Art. V., thus amended, was adopted.

Bishop Elliott moved to strike out the whole of the clause, (lines 10, 11, 12, 13,) and insert the following: "Whenever such Council shall legislate, its acts shall be of force within all the Dioceses embraced within the Province."

Bishop Atkinson moved to amend so as to read, "the legislative acts of the Provincial Council shall be of force within all the Dioceses embraced within the Council." Lost.

Bishop Elliott's amendment was adopted. The second clause, thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Williams moved to add to the third clause of Art. V., the words—"but its legislation shall not conflict with that of the Provincial Council of which it may form a part." Lost.

The third clause (lines 14, 15, 16, 17,) was adopted.

On motion of the Bishop of Georgia, the fourth clause of Art. V. (lines 15, 19, 20) was stricken out.

On motion of the same, the first clause of Art. V., was reconsidered, and amended by inserting between the word "may" and the word "constitute," the following words, "with the consent of all the Dioceses in said State," and the clause, thus amended, was adopted.

On motion of the same, Art. V., as amended, was adopted; and the Convention adjourned till to-morrow.

## SEVENTH DAY'S SESSION.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 23, 1861.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Crane, of the Diocese of Mississippi.

Convention was called to order by Bishop Otey. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Missions made a report, which, on motion of Rev. Mr. Trapier, was laid on the table for the present.

The Convention having resumed the consideration of the proposed Constitution, on motion of the Bishop of Georgia, all between the words "Article VI." and the word "and," in the 3d line, was stricken out, and the following inserted, to wit: "The Bishop, or Bishops, in each Diocese, shall be chosen by the Council of that Diocese agreeably to such rules as it shall prescribe."

Art. VI., as thus amended, was adopted.

On motion, the word "Province," in the 1st line of Article VII. was stricken out, and the word "Confederate," in the 4th line, was stricken out.

On motion of Bishop Atkinson, the second clause of Art. VII., was amended so as to read: "A new Diocese may be formed within the limits of any existing Diocese with the consent of its Council and the Bishop or Bishops thereof, or if there be no Bishop, of the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof; and a new Diocese may be formed within the limits of two or more Dioceses with the like consent."

On motion of Bishop Johns, the third clause of Art. VII. was amended so as to read: "In case a Diocese shall be divided into two or more Dioceses, the Dioceesan of the Diocese so divided may elect the Diocese over which he will preside, and shall become the Dioceesan thereof. And the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the Diocese to which he will be attached, and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be its Dioceesan."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, the following words were added to the first clause of Article VII., after the word "Constitution" in the 5th line, to wit: "*Provided*, there were at the time of organizing, and are at the time of making appli-



cation for admission, at least six officiating Presbyters within such Diocese regularly settled in a Parish or Church."

On motion of Mr. Williams, the following words were added to the second clause of Art. VII., to wit: "*Provided* no such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than — self-supporting Parishes, or less than — Presbyters, who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a Parish or Congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than — self-supporting Parishes, or less than — Presbyters who have been residing therein, and settled, and qualified, as above mentioned: *Provided*, that no city shall form more than one Diocese."

Mr. Williams moved to fill the first blank in the amendment just adopted, with the word "fifteen." Lost. On motion of Rev. Mr. Hines, the blank was filled with the word "ten."

On motion of Rev. Mr. Pinckney, the second blank was filled with the word "ten."

On motion of Mr. Williams, the third blank was filled with the word "fifteen."

The fourth blank was also filled with the word "fifteen."

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wilmer, Art. VII., thus amended, was adopted.

Convention took a recess till 7 o'clock, P. M.

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· EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by Bishop Elliott, at whose request, the Bishop of Florida took the Chair.

Convention resumed the consideration of the proposed Constitution.

On motion of the Bishop of Ga., the word "Confederate," in the 2d line of Art. VIII., was stricken out, and the first clause, so amended, was adopted.

On motion of the same, the word "Province," in the 5th line of Art. VIII., was stricken out, and the word "Diocese" inserted; and the words "within which the Diocese is embraced," in the 5th and 6th lines, were stricken out; and the second clause, thus amended, was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Mitchell, the third clause of Article VIII., was adopted without amendment.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, Article VIII., thus amended, was adopted.

The first clause of Art. IX., was adopted without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the words "in America," were added after the word "States," in the 10th line; and the 2d clause, (lines 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,) so amended, was adopted.

The third clause was adopted without amendment, and Art. IX., thus amended, was adopted.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, the word "Confederate," in the 5th, in the 9th, and in the 11th lines of Article X., was stricken out; the word "Provinces," in the 6th line, was stricken out, and the word "Dioceses" inserted, and the word "Province," in the 10th line, was stricken out, and the word "Diocese" inserted.

On motion of Mr. Allston, the words "approved by a majority of the Diocesan Councils," were inserted after the word "Diocese," in the 10th line.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the words, "this or a future," in the 5th line, were stricken out, and the word "the" was inserted.

Article X., thus amended, was adopted.

Article XI. was adopted without amendment.

On motion, the word "Confederate," in the 2d line, and also in the 7th line of Article XII., was stricken out.

The word "Provinces," in the 5th line, was stricken out, and the word "Dioceses" inserted; and the word "Provincial," in the 6th line, was stricken out, and the word "Diocesan" inserted.

Mr. Phelan moved to amend by striking out the words "shall be," in the 7th line, and inserting the word "and," and by adding after the word "Council," in the same line, the words: "the same shall be a part of this Constitution.

Mr. Williams moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the words "Art. XII.," and inserting the following:

"Any alteration in this Constitution shall originate in the Council. When adopted in one Council, it shall be made known to the several Diocesan Councils, and if agreed to by a majority of them, and ratified by the ensuing Council, it shall be a part of the Constitution. Lost.

Mr. Williams moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "two-thirds," in the 6th line, and inserting the word "majority." Lost.

Mr. Phelan's amendment was then adopted.

Convention then adopted Art. XII., thus amended.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, Art. II. was taken from the table, and on motion of Bishop Atkinson, the whole of said Article was stricken out.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wilmer, the vote by which Article III. was adopted, was re-considered.

Rev. Mr. Wilmer moved to insert the word "General" before the word "Council" in the 1st line of said Article.

Mr. Battle moved to lay the amendment on the table. Lost.

The words "Confederate," "Triennial," and "National" having been severally suggested as substitutes for the word "General," the Convention, by a *viva voce* vote, on the second call of the Roll, elected the word "General;" and the amendment of Rev. Mr. Wilmer was adopted, and Article III., thus amended, was adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to prefix the word "General" to the word "Council," wherever in the Constitution it may be necessary to make said Constitution accord with the action thus taken on Article III.

On motion of Mr. DeRosset, the vote by which Article X. was adopted, was re-considered.

Mr. DeRosset moved to amend said Article by striking out all after the words "shall be" in the 9th line, and inserting the following: "adopted in one General Council by a majority of the House of Bishops and by a majority of the House of Deputies, said Deputies voting by Dioceses and Orders, agreed to by two-thirds of the several Diocesan Councils, and ratified by the subsequent General Council." Lost.

On motion, Article X. was adopted.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, the proposed Constitution was referred to the Secretary with instructions to prepare a manuscript copy of the same, as amended by the Convention, and to lay the same before the Convention to-morrow morning for its final action.

On motion, Convention adjourned till to-morrow.

## EIGHTH DAY'S SESSION.

COLUMBIA, Oct. 24, 1861.

Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Pinckney, of the Diocese of S. C.

Bishop Otey called the Convention to order, and at his request Bishop Rutledge took the Chair.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and confirmed.

On motion of Bishop Gregg, the Report of the Committee on Missions was taken from the table and re-committed to the Committee.

On motion of the Bishop of Ga., the Secretary read his manuscript copy of the proposed Constitution as amended by the Convention.

The Secretary, by general consent, was allowed to strike out all of the 2d line of Article III.

Mr. Williams moved to re-consider the vote by which Article V. was adopted. Lost.

On motion of Bishop Elliott, the caption of the proposed Constitution was adopted and prefixed to the same, as follows :

CONSTITUTION  
PROPOSED FOR  
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN THE  
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

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ARTICLE I. This Church, retaining the name of Protestant Episcopal, shall be known as the "PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA."

ART. II. There shall be in this Church a General Council. There may be also Provincial Councils and Diocesan Councils.

ART. III. The General Council of this Church shall meet on the second Wednesday in November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, at Augusta, Ga., and on the same day in every third year thereafter, in such place as shall be determined by the Council.

In case there shall be an epidemic disease, or other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place appointed for such meeting, the Presiding Bishop may designate another convenient place for the holding of such Council, and special meetings may be called at other times, in the manner hereafter to be determined.

The General Council shall consist of two Houses—the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies.

The House of Bishops shall be composed of all the Bishops of this Church having jurisdiction within the Confederate States or the Territories thereof.

Each Diocese shall be entitled to an equal representation—clerical and lay—in the House of Deputies. Such representation shall consist of not more than three Clergymen and three Laymen, communicants in this Church, resident in the Diocese, and elected by the Council thereof.

Before they shall proceed to business, a majority of the Dio-



ceses, which shall have adopted this Constitution, shall be represented in the Council. The representations from two Dioceses shall be sufficient to adjourn.

In all business of the Council, freedom of debate shall be allowed.

Each House shall have a right to originate acts; and, when any act shall have been passed in either House, it shall be transmitted to the other House for its consideration. No act shall have the operation of law, unless concurred in and authenticated by both Houses.

When any proposed act shall have passed the House of Deputies, and shall be negatived by the House of Bishops, the House of Bishops shall, when requested by the House of Deputies, signify to it in writing the reasons for non-concurrence, within three days after such request shall have been made.

In all questions, when required by the clerical or lay representation from any Diocese, each order shall have one vote, and the majority of suffrages by Dioceses, shall be conclusive in each order; provided such majority comprehend a majority of the Dioceses represented in that order. The concurrence of both orders shall be necessary in such case to constitute a vote of the House.

If any Diocese should omit or decline to elect Clerical Deputies to the General Council, or should omit or decline to elect Lay Deputies, or if any of those of either order elected should fail to attend, such Diocese shall, nevertheless, be considered as duly represented by such Deputy or Deputies as may attend, whether lay or clerical. And if, through the neglect of any Diocese, which shall have adopted this Constitution, no Deputy threfrom, either lay or clerical, should attend the Council, the Church in such Diocese shall, nevertheless, be bound by the acts of such Council.

ART. IV. Whenever any one of the Confederate States shall contain more than one Diocese, said State may, with the consent of all the Dioceses in said State, constitute an Ecclesiastical Province, in which a Provincial Council may be held at least once in every three years, which Council shall be made up of all the Bishops having jurisdiction within the Province, and of such representatives, clerical and lay, from the Dioceses within the Province as may be determined, upon by the Diocesan Councils thereof.

If there be more than one Bishop within the Province, the senior Bishop, by consecration, shall preside in the Provincial Council, and when there shall be three, or more than three Bishops, they shall form a separate House.

Whenever such Council shall legislate, its acts shall be of force within all the Dioceses embraced within the Province.

ART. V. There shall be held annually, in each Diocese, a Diocesan Council, to be composed of the Bishop or Bishops of the Diocese, and of a lay and clerical representation from each Parish of the Diocese. This Council shall legislate for only Diocesan purposes.

ART. VI. The Bishop or Bishops, in each Diocese, shall be chosen by the Council of that Diocese, agreeably to such rules as it may prescribe; and every Bishop of this Church shall confine the exercise of his Episcopal office to his proper Diocese, unless requested to perform any act of that office by the ecclesiastical authority of another Diocese.

ART. VII. A new Diocese, formed in any of the Confederate States, or in any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted to union with, and representation in, the General Council of this Church, on acceding to this Constitution: *Provided*, there were, at the time of organizing, and are, at the time of making application for admission, at least six officiating Presbyters within such Diocese, regularly settled in a Parish or Church.

A new Diocese may be formed within the limits of any existing Diocese, with the consent of its Council and the Bishop or Bishops thereof, or, if there be no Bishop, of the Ecclesiastical authority thereof; and a new Diocese may be formed within the limits of two or more Dioceses, with the like consent: *Provided*, that no such new Diocese shall be formed, which shall contain less than ten self-supporting Parishes, or less than ten Presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a Parish or Congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop; nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than fifteen self-supporting Parishes, or less than fifteen Presbyters who have been residing therein, and settled, and qualified as above-men-

tioned: *Provided*, that no city shall form more than one Diocese.

In case a Diocese shall be divided into two or more Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese so divided may elect the Diocese over which he will preside, and shall become the Diocesan thereof. And the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the Diocese to which he will be attached; and, if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

ART. VIII. The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Council. The Court appointed for that purpose shall be composed of Bishops only.

In every Diocese, the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons shall be prescribed by the Council of the Diocese.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

ART. IX. No person shall be admitted to Holy Orders, until he shall have been examined by the Bishop and by two Presbyters, and shall have exhibited such testimonials and other requisites as the Canons in that case provided may direct.

Nor shall any person be ordained either Deacon or Priest, until he shall have subscribed the following declaration, viz:

*“I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrines and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America.”*

No person ordained by a foreign Bishop shall be permitted to officiate as a Minister of this Church, until he shall have complied with the Canon or Canons in such case provided, and have also subscribed the aforesaid declaration.

ART. X. A Book of Common Prayer, Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, Articles of Religion, and a form and manner of making, ordaining and consecrating Bishops, Priests and Deacons, when established by the General Council, shall be used in those Dioceses which shall have adopted this Constitution. No alteration or addition shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer, or other offices of the Church, or the Articles of Religion, unless the same shall be proposed in one General Council, and by a



resolution thereof made known to the Council of every Diocese, approved by a majority of Diocesan Councils, and adopted at the subsequent General Council.

ART. XI. Bishops for foreign countries may, on due application therefrom, be consecrated, with the approbation of a majority of the Bishops of this Church, signified in writing to the Presiding Bishop; he thereupon taking order for the same, and they being satisfied that the person designated for the office has been duly chosen and is properly qualified.

The order for such Consecration shall be conformed, as nearly as may be, in the judgment of the Bishops, to the one used in this Church.

Bishops, so consecrated, shall not be eligible to the office of Diocesan or Assistant Bishop in any Diocese in the Confederate States, nor be entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops, nor exercise any authority in the said States.

ART. XII. Any alteration in this Constitution shall be originated in the General Council. When adopted in one General Council, by a majority of the House of Bishops and by a majority of the House of Deputies, said Deputies voting by Dioceses and Orders, such alteration shall be made known to the several Diocesan Councils, and, if agreed to by two-thirds of them, and ratified in the ensuing General Council, the same shall be a part of this Constitution.

On motion of Bishop Elliott,

*Resolved*, That the Constitution proposed by the Committee of nine appointed at Montgomery, with its amendments as submitted to the Convention this morning by its engrossing officer, be adopted as the proposed Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America.

2. That this Constitution be printed and that a copy of it be sent to each of the Secretaries of the Diocesan Conventions within the Confederate States, with the request that it be laid before their respective Conventions for consideration and ratification.

3. That each Convention, when it shall have ratified the Constitution, is requested to elect three Clerical and three Lay Deputies to the General Council to be held in Augusta, Ga., on the second Wednesday of November, 1862.

4. That when the Conventions of all the Dioceses within the Confederate States shall have had an opportunity of acting upon this Constitution, if seven or more of them shall have adopted it, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the Union of those Dioceses to be complete and the Constitution to be of force over said Dioceses so adopting it.

Bishop Otey resumed the Chair.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Trapier,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Constitution and Canons be instructed to print, in pamphlet, the said Constitution and Revised Canons, and to send to the Secretary of each Diocesan Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church now in the Confederate States, or which may be so before the first meeting of the General Council, two copies of the pamphlet for every clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in their respective Dioceses.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wilmer,

*Resolved*, That this Convention recommend to the several Dioceses within the Confederate States, until more permanent action can be taken, the provisional adoption of the body of Canons known as the "Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," so far as they are not in conflict with the political relations of the Confederate States, and do not interfere with the necessities of our condition.

Bishop Gregg, in behalf of the Committee on Missions, offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, to wit:

*Resolved* 1. That this Convention renew the recommendation made by the Convention at Montgomery in July last, for the support of our Missionary Work, Foreign and Domestic.

2. That until further provision shall have been made, the general domestic fund in the Confederate States be distributed among the Bishops, for their respective fields, according to the ratio of appropriation made by the Domestic Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States for the present year.

Convention took a recess till 7 o'clock, P. M.

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EVENING SESSION.

Convention resumed its session at 7 o'clock, P. M.—Bishop Johns in the Chair.

The Secretary read a certificate attesting the appointment of Rev. J. W. Rogers a Deputy to this Convention from the Diocese of Tennessee; and the Rev. Mr. Rogers appeared and took his seat.

The Committee to which was referred the petition of the delegation from the Diocese of Alabama, made the following Report:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of the deputation from the Diocese of Alabama, asking counsel and direction in the trying circumstances in which the Church in that State finds itself placed, have had the same under careful consideration. While sympathizing very sincerely with the

Church in Alabama, and with our whole Communion in that dispensation of Divine Providence, which, within the year past, has called its venerated and beloved Bishop from his earthly labors to the reward of his Faith and works in a better world, we have, within the same period, been called, as now, to mourn over and lament the afflictions and trials which war has brought upon our country. All the Confederate States, by the goodness of God, possess the privilege of Episcopal supervision, except Alabama. The ordinary course of canonical proceedings for the election and consecration of a Bishop has been stopped by the interruption of all intercourse between the Northern and Southern States in the late Federal Union. This interruption, however, of social and ecclesiastical intercourse between brethren of the same communion, however much to be regretted, has been occasioned by circumstances, over which the Church in its ecclesiastical organization has had no control, and it is still highly desirable and earnestly wished that the "unity of the Spirit" be preserved by us all "in the bond of peace," and that that same spirit of love and peace which our Lord so earnestly inculcated in his first followers be cultivated and cherished among us.

While, therefore, we propose no change in the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church in the organization which has existed among us for eighty years past, we think that no alterations should be made in our forms and offices, further than shall be found indispensable in consequence of the political changes which force them upon us.

We would therefore advise, that the Diocese of Alabama proceed under such regulations as have heretofore existed and still exist in the Diocese for the election of a Bishop, and, as the canons now prepared for the government of the Church in the Confederate States require, to lay the evidences of election before the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses in the Confederate States, which shall be transmitted to the Senior Bishop in the same, who shall take order for the consecration of the Bishop elect according to the usages and canons of the Church.

(Signed.)

WM. MEADE,  
JAS. H. OTEY,  
STEPHEN ELLIOTT.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks,

*Resolved*, That 1,500 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed, under the direction of the Secretary, and that he be authorized to draw on the different Dioceses for their proportion of the expenses of this Convention; and that the Secretary forward to each deputy to this Convention one copy, to each Bishop five copies, and to each clergyman in the Confederate States two copies of the same.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That this Convention approves of the changes, that have been recommended by the Bishops in the Liturgy of the Church, made necessary by the political changes of the country.

On motion of Bishop Gregg,

*Resolved*, That the Report made by the committee, "appointed to draft a plan for carrying on the Missionary operations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States," be printed as a part of the Journal and laid over for consideration at the meeting of the General Council in November, 1862, to wit:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee appointed "to draft a plan for carrying on the missionary operations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States," have given to the subject their earnest consideration, and respectfully submit the following report:

The missionary work of the Church, though second to no other in importance, is yet surrounded by peculiar difficulties, and involves in some of its essential features, as well as practical details, a diversity of opinion which will doubtless continue more or less to prevail.

The pressure of imperfection will not cease to be felt in every effort of this kind for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. It has been painfully experienced, heretofore, in the acknowledged fact that our missionary contributions have not been made according to the high standard of the Gospel, "If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth."

This state of things, though chiefly attributable to a lack of the missionary spirit in the great mass of the Church, has doubtless resulted, in part, from the manner in which the work has hitherto been carried on by the cumbersome and expensive machinery of a Board of Missions, with local committees and various salaried officers—a system which appears to have been as ineffective in its results as it was a departure from the true



principles of missionary action. And, though we may fail in any plan that shall be adopted to attain a full measure of success—and will surely fail unless a missionary spirit is generally diffused among our people—something must be done and that speedily, for the “field is the world,” and “the harvest is ripe.”

To reach, therefore, the end in view, the Committee respectfully suggest the adoption of the following resolutions, as embodying the most feasible plan for carrying on the necessary work :

*Resolved*, That the House of Bishops shall so far have control of the general missionary work of the Church, as to designate and establish missionary stations in foreign countries, arrange missionary districts in States or Territories at home, not organized into Dioceses, arrange the boundaries of their jurisdictions, and provide regulations and instructions for their guidance ; and, with the concurrence of the House of Deputies, appoint the Bishops, it being understood, however, that each missionary Bishop, foreign or domestic, shall have, as far as may be consistent with the foregoing provisions, the direction of all missionary operations within his own Diocese or district, and in every case the appointment of the missionaries under him.

2. *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops shall fix the ratio of distribution among the Dioceses, districts or foreign stations, respectively, which are to be provided for, and the salaries of the missionary Bishops, leaving to every individual the liberty of making specific offerings.

3. *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops shall appoint two Treasurers in Charleston, South Carolina, to receive and distribute, respectively, the foreign and domestic fund—the said Treasurers to cause to be published from time to time, all missionary receipts and expenditures, and to make an annual report to the House of Bishops, retaining of funds in their hands a certain per centage, to be fixed by the House of Bishops, for defraying all necessary expenses.

4. *Resolved*, That each Bishop, for whose Diocese or district missionary appropriations may be made, shall report annually, and also at any meeting of the General Council of the Church, to the House of Bishops.

5. *Resolved*, That the Clergy be earnestly requested, as far as may be practicable, to adopt the system of monthly offerings in their respective churches or congregations.

ALEX. GREGG, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Va.,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for the diligent and satisfactory manner in which they have performed their duties.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wilmer,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered



to the Rectors and congregations of the churches in Columbia, and to the citizens of the same, for their generous hospitality.

Mr. Fairbanks, on behalf of the Committee on expenses, made the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

The Committee appointed to ascertain the expenses of this Convention and the preceding Convention and apportion the same, report, that they estimate the expenses of the present Convention for printing at the sum of Four Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars, and that the sum of Eighty Dollars remains unpaid on account of the expenses of the preceding Convention. They have therefore apportioned the expenses as follows, upon the basis of an assessment based upon the number of Clergy in each Diocese, and have added to the apportionment, made for the expenses of this Convention, the sum necessary to meet the amount still due for expenses of the former Convention, upon such Dioceses as are in arrears for the same. The assessment is as follows:

Virginia.....	\$120 00
North Carolina.....	50 00
South Carolina.....	77 00
Georgia.....	30 00
Florida, (arrears \$10).....	19 00
Alabama.....	30 00
Mississippi, (arrears \$20).....	53 00
Louisiana, (arrears \$20).....	56 00
Texas, (arrears \$10).....	24 00
Tennessee, (arrears \$20).....	44 00

G. R. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Clarke,

*Resolved*, That the present circumstances of our country call for redoubled efforts for the extension of the Church, and that the Rectors of all our Parishes be requested to endeavor to excite a true missionary spirit among our people.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wilmer,

*Resolved*, That this Convention in view of the present circumstances of the country, recognize with peculiar solemnity the duty of the Church towards the people of the African race within our borders, and earnestly urges upon the ministry and laymen of the Church increased effort for the spiritual improvement of this people.

After the singing of the Gloria in Excelsis, and the offering of Prayers by the Rt. Rev. President, the Convention, on motion of Bishop Atkinson, adjourned *sine die*.

WM. MEADE, Bp. of Virginia,  
and Presiding Bishop.

Attest—JNO. M. MITCHELL,  
Secretary.



## RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION IN MONTGOMERY AND ENDORSED  
AT THE ADJOURNED CONVENTION IN COLUMBIA.

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*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, of the Confederate States, to remit for the present, their contributions for Domestic Missions, to J. K. Sass, Esq., President of the Bank of Charleston, S. C., who shall distribute, *pro rata*, among the present Missionaries of the Domestic Board, in the Confederate States, the amount contributed for general purposes, and send to their destination the amounts contributed for special purposes.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Dioceses of the Confederate States, especially to sustain the missions in the South Western Missionary District, and in Texas and Florida; and to provide for the support of the Episcopate in the jurisdictions of Texas and the South West.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Bishops, Clergy and Laity, of the Confederate States, to remit their contributions for Foreign Missions, to Mr. Henry Trescott, of Charleston, S. C., who shall remit the amount to our Foreign Missionaries. All contributors to Foreign Missions are requested to specify the Missions to which they desire their contributions to be sent.







P. O. ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP.  
RIGHT REV. WM. MEADE, D. D.,  
MILLWOOD, VA.

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AGENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MR. HENRY TRESCOTT,

CHARLESTON, S. C.

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The first General Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America will meet in Augusta, Ga., the second Wednesday of November, 1862.