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TO THE
CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE
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ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

This Ninety-third Annual Convention of the Diocese, assembling in one of the oldest parishes of the Diocese, finds the old parish full of new life and vigor, and abounding in zeal and good works.

Since our last annual meeting two of our faithful Clergy have been called to their rest after labor. I mention first the Rev. Charles Fetter, because he was one of the persons upon whom I laid hands in my first ordination. The last injunction given me by my honored predecessor, to whom I was then Coadjutor, was that I should not fail to carry out an engagement he had made for an ordination, which his sickness prevented him from fulfilling. Before the day came he had been called away from the Diocese which he had served so faithfully and so well. It was a satisfaction to me that I could begin my administration by the performance of a service laid upon me by Bishop Lyman, and so, in accordance with his appointment, on St. Thomas's Day, December 21st, 1893, in St. Andrew's Church, Greensboro, I ordained to the Diaconate Frederick and Charles Fetter. So far as I am able to judge, I have never laid my hands in ordination upon a more honest, pious, faithful, and devoted servant of God and of his fellow-man than Charles Fetter. For a little while he went from us to serve in other Dioceses; but his heart was always with us, and it brought him back to us. He came back with a good hope and prospect of years of useful labor, but within the first year he was called away. I know of no man who was more entirely trusted and beloved as a man and as a minister of God by all who knew him.

We have also lost the Rev. John Henry Mingo Pollard, for more than ten years Archdeacon in charge of the work among the colored people of the Diocese. He was a native of Virginia, and was ordained in that State, serving in Norfolk, and then in Charleston, S. C., before coming to us in January, 1898. He was a man of real ability, of sound judgment, of tact, of a singularly well-balanced character; a good preacher, and one who commanded the respect of all. In South Caro-

lina he was centre, so to speak, of the most excited contest ever carried on in that Diocese, and during it all he so bore himself that those most opposed to him recognized the propriety and dignity of his conduct. During the ten years of his service in this Diocese I gave him my full confidence in all matters connected with his important work, and I always felt that he gave to me and to the Diocese his best efforts in behalf of the trust committed to him. His annual reports to this Convention always commanded our interest and sympathy; and an address which he made at the Missionary Council in Washington in 1903 upon the Church work among the Negroes of the South, was declared by one of the most distinguished clergymen of our Church to be the best report of Church work made to that Convention.

My services during the year have been as follows:

- May 3. *The Second Sunday after Easter*: In West Durham I consecrated the Memorial Church of St. Joseph, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. At half past three in the afternoon I made an address to the Sunday School; and at four o'clock in the same Church I confirmed five persons, and made an address.
5. I officiated at Evening Prayer in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.
 6. The ninety-second annual Convention of the Diocese met in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh. At the opening service I administered the Holy Communion, and presided at the business sessions during the day.
 7. Presided at the sessions of the Convention, and officiated at the evening service.
 8. 7:30 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion: 10 a. m. Opened the annual meeting of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary and made an address. Presided in the meetings of the Convention, and at the closing service at 8:30 p. m.
 9. At a special visitation to the Chapel of St. Augustine's School: Confirmed four persons, and made an address.
 10. *The Third Sunday after Easter*, in the same chapel made an address.
- Aug. 28. In Littleton, St. Anna's Church: Presided in the annual meeting of our Colored Convocation; officiated at the evening service, and made an address; also made an address to the colored branch of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary.
29. Presided at the meetings of the Colored Convocation.
 30. *The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*, in the same church: Confirmed eight persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

- Sept. 4. Raleigh, Christ Church: Officiated at a funeral.
6. *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*, in the same church: Officiated in the absence of the rector; read the Encyclical Letter of the Lambeth Conference (with some omissions), and administered the Holy Communion.
13. *The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*. In the same church, the rector being absent: 8 a. m., administered the Holy Communion. 11 a. m. Preached.
14. Had conference with the rector, and with vestrymen of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.
17. In the Chapel of St. Mary's School: At the opening service of the school year made an address.
18. Scotland Neck, Trinity Church: After Evening Prayer, preached.
19. In the same church: Said Evening Prayer, and made an address.
20. *The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*, in the same church, 11 a. m. Said the service for the day, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. 7:45 p. m., said Evening Prayer, preached, and confirmed one person.
27. *The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*, Wadesboro, Calvary Church, 11 a. m. Officiated at the funeral of the rector of the Parish. 4 p. m., made an address.
30. Burlington, St. Athanasius Church: Confirmed one person, and made an address.
- Oct. 1. Milton, Christ Church, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer, and preached.
2. Cuningham Chapel, *visitation*:. Said Morning Prayer, preached; confirmed one person.
4. *The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*, 11 a. m. Reidsville, St. Thomas's Church, *visitation*: Preached, administered the Holy Communion.
- 7:30 p. m. Leaksville, Church of the Epiphany, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed four persons.
6. Stoneville, Emmanuel Church, *visitation*: Preached.
7. Mayodan, Church of the Messiah, *visitation*: 4 p. m. Attended a meeting of the Junior Auxiliary. 8 p. m. Preached, and confirmed twenty-seven persons.
8. Confirmed two sick persons in private in Mayodan. 8 p. m. Madison, St. John's Church, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed three persons, two of whom were from Mayodan.
9. Walnut Cove, Christ Church, *visitation*: Preached, gave my approval to a proposal to remove the church building to a more convenient location.

11. *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*, Greensboro, 7:30 a. m. St. Andrew's Church, *visitation*: Administered the Holy Communion. In the same church at 11 a. m. I preached, confirmed seven persons, and made an address. -
8 p. m. St. Barnabas' Church, *visitation*: Confirmed ten persons, and made an address.
12. High Point, St. Mary's Church, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed six persons.
13. Statesville, Trinity Church, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed one person.
14. Salisbury, St. Luke's Church: Made an address to Chapter of "Daughters of the King."
15. Being the fifteenth anniversary of my consecration, in the Chapel of St. Augustine's School, I inducted into the office of Archdeacon of the Colored Convocation of the Diocese the Rev. Henry B. Delany, and made an address.
17. Had a conference with the vestry of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.
18. *The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*, 11 a. m. Williamsboro, St. John's Church, *visitation*: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7:30 p. m. Middleburg, Church of the Heavenly Rest, *visitation*: Preached.
19. Warren County, St. Luke's Church, *visitation*: Preached.
20. Ridgeway, Church of the Good Shepherd, *visitation*: 11 a. m. Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
8 p. m. Warrenton, All Saint's Chapel, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed four persons.
21. Warrenton, Emmanuel Church, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed ten persons, and made an address.
23. Gaston, St. Luke's Church, *visitation*: Said Morning Prayer, preached, and confirmed two persons.
7:30 p. m. Roanoke Rapids, All Saint's Chapel, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer, and preached.
25. *The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*, Weldon, Grace Church, *visitation*: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7:30 p. m. Scotland Neck, Trinity Church, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer, preached, and confirmed one person.
27. Speed, St. Mary's Church, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer, and preached.
28. *Feast of St. Simon and Jude*, Tarborough, Calvary Church: Annual meeting of the Convocation of Raleigh; preached, and administered the Holy Communion. I presided in the business meetings of the Convocation, and 7:30 p. m. officiated at the evening service.

29. 7:30 a. m. In the same church: Administered the Holy Communion; officiated at Morning and Evening Prayer, and presided in the business sessions of the convocation.
30. Spring Hope, in public hall: Preached, confirmed four persons, and made an address.
- Nov. 1. *The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, All Saint's Day*, Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
3. Attended meeting of Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
5. Charlotte, Church of the Holy Comforter: Annual meeting of the Convocation of Charlotte. Administered the Holy Communion at the opening service; presided in the business meetings. 3 p. m. Confirmed one person from St. Peter's Church.
- 8 p. m. Chapel of Hope, *visitation*: Confirmed seven persons, and made an address.
6. In the Church of the Holy Comforter: Presided in the meetings of the Convocation.
- 5:30 p. m. Confirmed in private, a sick woman and her husband, of St. Peter's Church.
- 8 p. m. In St. Peter's Church: Confirmed four persons, and made an address.
7. Iredell County, St. James's Church, *visitation*: Confirmed six persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
8. *The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity*, II a. m. Cleveland, Christ Church, *visitation*: Confirmed one person, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- 3:30 p. m. Woodleaf, St. George's Chapel, *visitation*: Preached.
- 7:30 p. m. Cooleemee, Church of the Good Shepherd, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed seven persons, and made an address.
9. Mocksville, St. Philip's Church, *visitation*: Preached.
11. Davie County, at the residence of Mr. Peter W. Hairston: Baptized an infant, and at the same place in the evening preached, and confirmed two persons.
12. Chestnut Hill, St. Paul's Church, *visitation*: Preached.
13. Rowan County, St. Matthew's Chapel, *visitation*: Preached.
15. *The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity*, Salisbury, St. Luke's Church, *visitation*: Confirmed seventeen persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- 7:30 p. m. Lexington, Grace Church, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed three persons.
17. Raleigh, attended meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.

22. *The Sunday next before Advent*, Burlington, St. Athanasius' Church, *visitation*: Confirmed three persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7:30 p. m. Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Church, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed three persons, and made an address.
24. Raleigh, attended a meeting of the Trustees of St. Mary's School.
25. Raleigh, Christ Church: Officiated at a funeral, and the same day at the interment in Calvary Church yard, Tarborough.
28. Oxford, St. Cyprian's Chapel, *visitation*: Confirmed seven persons, and made an address.
29. *The First Sunday in Advent*, Oxford, St. Stephen's Church, *visitation*: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
4 p. m. Satterwhite, St. Simeon's Church, for negroes; I confirmed four persons.
30. *St. Andrew's Day*, Goshen, St. Paul's Church, *visitation*: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion; confirmed a member of this congregation in private.
- Dec. 3. Stovall, St. Peter's Church, *visitation*: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
8 p. m. Raleigh, Christ Church: I inducted the Rev. N. Collin Hughes into the office of Archdeacon of the Convocation of Raleigh, and made an address.
6. *The Second Sunday in Advent*, Wadesboro, Calvary Church, *visitation*: Confirmed nine persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7 p. m. Ansonville, All Soul's Church, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer, and preached.
8. Had a conference with the vestry of Calvary Church, Wadesboro.
9. In the Presbyterian Church in Hamlet I said Evening Prayer, and preached.
13. *The Third Sunday in Advent*, 11 a. m. Laurel Hill: In the Factory Chapel I said Morning Prayer, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
3:30 p. m. Laurinburg, St. David's Church, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer, and preached.
20. *The Fourth Sunday in Advent*, Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Preached.
3:30 p. m. In the same church: Officiated at a funeral.
7:30 p. m. In the same church: In the absence of the rector, said Evening Prayer, and preached.
25. CHRISTMAS DAY, Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: The rector being absent, I took the service for the day, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

26. *St. Stephen's Day*. In the same church: Administered the Holy Communion.
27. *The Sunday after Christmas, St. John's Day*. In the same church: Took the service for the day, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7:30 p. m. In St. Saviour's Chapel: Confirmed one person.
28. *Holy Innocent's Day*, Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion.

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- Jan. 17. *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*, Henderson, Church of the Holy Innocents: The Parish being vacant I took the service for the day, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
19. In the University Chapel at Chapel Hill: I officiated at the Lee's Birthday Memorial exercises.
24. *The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*, 3:30 p. m. Selma: Preached in the new church just built there.
7:30 p. m. Smithfield, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed four persons.
31. *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*, Tarborough, Calvary Church: The Parish being vacant, I took the service for the day, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Feb. 2. *Feast of the Purification*, Chapel of St. Mary's School: Took the service at the request of the rector.
6. Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
7. *Septuagesima Sunday*, Durham, St. Philip's Church, *visitation*: 11 a. m. Confirmed six persons; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7:30 p. m. Preached again in the same church.
3:30 p. m. West Durham, St. Joseph's Church, *visitation*: Confirmed twelve persons, and made an address.
8. In Raleigh: Confirmed a sick girl in private.
21. *Quinquagesima Sunday*, Rocky Mount, Church of the Good Shepherd: Preached in the forenoon and in the evening.
24. *Ash Wednesday, St. Mathias' Day*, Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's Church: I took the service for the day, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
28. *The First Sunday in Lent*, 11 a. m. Southern Pines, Emmanuel Church, *visitation*: Said the service for the day, and preached.
4:30 p. m. Pinehurst: Preached in the Chapel.
- Mar. 1. Sanford, St. Thomas's Church, *visitation*: Preached.
2. Duke, St. Stephen's Church, *visitation*: Preached.
3. In same church: Preached, confirmed fourteen persons, and made an address.

4. Battleboro, St. John's Church, *visitation*: Preached.
 5. Ringwood, St. Clement's Church, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer, and preached.
 7. *The Second Sunday in Lent*, 11 a. m. Enfield, Church of the Advent, *visitation*: The Parish being vacant, I took the service for the day, confirmed two persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7:30 p. m. Halifax, St. Mark's Church, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer, preached, and confirmed one person.
 12. Scotland Neck, Trinity Church, *visitation*: 8 p. m. Preached.
 13. In the same church: 11 a. m. Said Morning Prayer, and preached. 8 p. m. Said Evening Prayer and preached.
 14. *The Third Sunday in Lent*. In the same church: 11 a. m. Took the service for the day, preached, and administered the Holy Communion; and at 8 p. m. preached, confirmed eight persons, and made an address.
 16. Had a conference with Archdeacon Hughes and the Clergy of Wake and its vicinity.
 19. Visited Chapel Hill, and conferred with the rector of the Chapel of the Cross.
 21. *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*, Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Church: Officiated at a funeral.
 24. Raleigh, St. Ambrose's Church, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed six persons (colored), and made an address.
 25. Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Augustine School.
 26. Wilson, St. Timothy's Church: Preached.
 27. In the same church: Preached in the forenoon and again in the evening.
 28. *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*, Wilson, St. Timothy's Church, *visitation*: 11 a. m. Confirmed thirteen persons, and addressed them; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
8 p. m. Wilson, St. Mark's Church, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed one person.
 31. Raleigh, St. Saviour's Chapel, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed six persons, and made an address.
- April 2. Raleigh, St. Augustine's Chapel, *visitation*: Confirmed fourteen pupils of the school, and made an address.
3. Raleigh, laid the corner stone of the new buildings of St. Mary's School, assisted by the rector of the school and others of the clergy, made an address.
 4. *Palm Sunday*, 11 a. m. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd, *visitation*: Confirmed thirteen persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

- 5 p. m. Chapel of St. Mary's School, *visitation*: Confirmed nine persons, eight being pupils of the school, and made an address.
- 8 p. m. Raleigh, Christ Church, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed fifteen persons, and addressed them.
5. Jackson, Church of the Saviour, *visitation*:.. 8 p. m. Preached, and confirmed one person.
6. 7 a. m. In the same church: Administered the Holy Communion, and at 8 p. m. preached.
7. Rocky Mount, Church of the Good Shepherd, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed ten persons, and made an address.
8. Tarborough, St. Luke's Church, *visitation*: Confirmed three colored children, and made an address.
9. GOOD FRIDAY, Lawrence, Grace Memorial Chapel, *visitation*: Said the appointed services for the day, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- 8 p. m. Tarborough, Calvary Church, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed twenty-one persons, and made an address.
16. Mayodan, Church of the Messiah: *Special visitation*, being the second during the year covered by this report. Preached and confirmed ten persons, making, with the thirty-one confirmed last October, forty-one persons in all in this church.
18. *The First Sunday after Easter*, Winston, St. Paul's Church: *Visitation*. Preached morning and evening, and at the former service confirmed thirteen persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I preached in the mission chapel for Colored people in North Winston, near the Schlater School.
19. Mount Airy, Trinity Church, *visitation*: Took part in the service and preached.
20. Elkin, Galloway Memorial Chapel, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer and preached.
21. Germanton, St. Philip's Church, *visitation*: I said Evening Prayer, and preached.
22. Concord, All Saints' Church, *visitation*: Preached.
24. Mecklenburg County, St. Mark's Church, *visitation*: Confirmed five persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Also in the presence of the congregation and of Arehdeacon Osborne received the Rev. Robt. Percy Eubanks, and certified to the people that he had been canonically restored to the exercise of his priestly function, and committed to him the charge of that mission.
25. *The Second Sunday after Easter*, and *St. Mark's Day*, 11 a. m. Charlotte, St. Peter's Church, *visitation*: Confirmed twenty-nine persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

- 4 p. m. St. Michael and All Angels' Church, for negroes, *visitation*: Confirmed six persons, and made an address.
- 8 p. m. St. Martin's Chapel, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed ten persons.
26. Visited and inspected St. Michael's Parochial and Industrial School, and the Good Samaritan Hospital.
27. 11 a. m. Attended annual meeting in Charlotte of the Federation of Thompson Orphanage Guilds.
- 3:30 p. m. Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Charlotte.
- 8 p. m. Seversville, St. Andrew's Chapel, *visitation*: Confirmed two persons, and made an address.
28. The Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution. 10 a. m. Annual meeting of the Board of Managers.
- 11 a. m. Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, *visitation*: Confirmed seven pupils of the institution, and administered the Holy Communion.
- 8:15 p. m. Visited St. Paul's Church, Monroe, and preached.
30. Made a special visitation to St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro, preached, and confirmed six persons.

During the year I have officiated within the Diocese at 158 services; have celebrated the Holy Communion 41 times; preached 104 sermons; delivered 38 addresses; confirmed 433 persons; baptized one infant, and officiated at 5 funerals.

May 3, 1908, being the Second Sunday after Easter, I consecrated the beautiful stone chapel of St. Joseph's, West Durham, built by Mr. William A. Erwin as a memorial of his parents, the late Joseph J. Erwin and Elvira Holt, his wife, of Morganton. The Petition for Consecration was read by the donor, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Sidney S. Bost. I had the pleasure of preaching the sermon myself.

During the year covered by this report I officiated a number of times beyond the limits of the Diocese. May 17th and 24th, *the Fourth and Fifth Sunday after Easter*, on board the Steamship *Merion*, between Philadelphia and Liverpool, I joined with the Bishops of Pittsburg and of Lexington in conducting divine service in the dining saloon of the steamer for the benefit of the passengers. Returning on the Steamer *Kensington* by way of the St. Lawrence and Montreal, August 16th and 23d, being the *Ninth and Tenth Sundays after Trinity*, I celebrated the Holy Communion at an early hour both days, and during the forenoon read Morning Prayer in the saloon, preaching also upon the first day named.

June 7th, *Whitsun Day*, being in the County of Somerset, England, with my friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jeudwine, formerly of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, at the request of the Rector of the parish, I administered the Holy Communion in the Church of Stocklinch Magdalen at 8 o'clock, and at 11 o'clock preached and administered the Holy Communion in the same

parish in the Church of Stocklinch Ottersay. At six o'clock in the evening of the same day, I preached in the neighboring parish church of Whitelackington.

June 21st, the *First Sunday after Trinity*, in London, I preached and administered the Holy Communion in St. Philip's Church, Kensington, Earl's Court Road; and the following Sunday, in Chatham, at the request of the Bishop of Rochester, preached in the forenoon on board His Majesty's Training Ship *Acheron*, and at 6 o'clock in the evening in the Garrison Church.

July 5th I preached in the parish church of Mitchem in Surrey; Sunday, July 12th, in St. Andrew's Church, Watford; and Sunday, July 26th, officiated twice and preached in the ancient church of All Hallows, Whitechurch, Hants.

June 10th, at the request of the Bishop of Durham, I presided and made an address at a large public meeting in the town hall of Darlington.

I had also the privilege of taking part with many other Bishops, English, American and Colonial, in important and interesting services in the Cathedral Churches of Hereford, Durham, Winchester, Rochester, St. Alban's, Canterbury, St. Paul's, and in Westminster Abbey.

EASTER DAY, 1909, I had the pleasure of joining in the services of the day with the Rev. Dr. Drane, of Edenton, both in the old colonial church of St. Paul's and in St. John's Church for colored people.

The total of these services outside the Diocese is twenty-five: I preached eleven times, made two addresses, and administered the Holy Communion six times.

We have lost from our Clergy List during the year

Rev. Jno. H. M. Pollard, died Aug. 2, 1908.

Rev. Charles Fetter, died Sept. 26, 1908.

I have given Letters Dimissory to

Rev. Richard R. Phelps, to Virginia, May 12, 1908.

Rev. George M. Tolson, to Virginia, Nov. 10, 1908.

Rev. Frederick H. Harding, to South Carolina, Nov. 11, 1908.

Rev. Aldred A. Pruden, to Washington, March 22, 1909.

Rev. Alexander Galt, to Maryland, April 26, 1909.

I have received by Letters Dimissory

Rev. N. Collin Hughes, from East Carolina, Nov. 10, 1908.

Rev. Richard W. Hogue, from East Carolina, Nov. 11, 1908.

Rev. Robt. Percy Eubanks, from Iowa, March 18, 1909.

Rev. Bertram E. Brown, from Alabama, April 10, 1909.

There is therefore a loss of two in our total number of Clergy as compared with last year. Since our last meeting

several of the ablest and most faithful of our brethren have felt obliged by the unavoidable conditions of advancing years to resign that pastoral work in which they had been engaged with so much happiness to themselves as well as profit to their people. The Rev. Julian E. Ingle has resigned the charge of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson; the Rev. Wm. H. Meade, D.D., the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill; the Rev. Girard W. Phelps, Trinity Church, Scotland Neck; and the Rev. Henry T. Gregory, Emmanuel Church, Southern Pines. These brethren have not at all abandoned the exercise of their holy function, but have been for much of their time, since resigning their parishes, usefully employed in assisting their brethren, or in ministering as they were able in vacant cures. We trust that we may long enjoy the benefit of their counsel and cooperation in the work of the Church.

The fields of labor of the Clergy remain substantially the same as last year with the following exceptions:

The Rev. Henry B. Delaury has resigned his position as Vice-Principal and teacher in St. Augustine School, and at my earnest request accepted with the beginning of October, 1908, the important work of Archdeacon over our colored congregations and missions.

The Rev. John H. Crosby since last July has been an assistant minister in Christ Church parish, Raleigh, with special charge of the important and interesting work of St. Saviour's Chapel, and the Mission House recently erected by the parish in the vicinity of St. Saviour's Chapel.

The Rev. N. Collin Hughes, received from the Diocese of East Carolina, has become Archdeacon of Raleigh, succeeding the Rev. George M. Tolson. The Rev. Richard W. Hogue, received from the same Diocese, assumed on the first of November the rectorship of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, upon the resignation of Dr. Meade; and in February last the Rev. Bertram E. Brown, received from the Diocese of Alabama, became rector of Calvary Church, Tarboro, which the Rev. Fred'k. H. Harding had resigned the preceding November.

The Rev. Robert Percy Eubanks, was transferred to me by the Bishop of Iowa in March. He had been for nearly three years serving St. Mark's Church, Mecklenburg County,

as a layman, under my commission authorizing him to act as Catechist. Upon his restoration to the ministry, and his transfer to me, at the earnest request of Archdeacon Osborne, as well as of the people of St. Mark's, I have formally committed that congregation to his charge, and propose to assign him other work in the neighboring county of Iredell. Mr. Eubanks also serves St. Andrew's Chapel, Seversville, in the suburbs of Charlotte.

The Rev. William Walker, and the Rev. Francis W. R. Arthurs, though not resident within the Diocese are doing good and faithful service in other Dioceses, with my consent, and under circumstances which in my judgment justify me in my approval of their course.

The candidates for Orders are: George C. Pollard, James K. Satterthwaite, Robert J. Johnson, and Cyprian Porter Willcox. The Postulants are Henry Alpheus Willey, and Walter Lee Loflin.

I feel that I should say something of those great meetings held in London in June and July last, which the generous kindness of my friends in the Diocese enabled me to attend and to enjoy. Yet I hardly know how to say even a little without occupying too much of the time of the Convention.

The Pan-Anglican Congress was the most remarkable religious gathering of recent times. Bishops, clergymen, laymen and women from every part of the Anglican communion, which is almost equivalent to saying from every part of the inhabited earth, made the meeting most truly representative of the whole Church; while immense numbers, in addition to the six thousand delegates and members, not only manifested the widespread interest felt in the proceedings of the Congress, but, by their devout attendance and intelligent interest in the discussions, added greatly to the moral influence of the great meeting. Distributed in eight sections, it discussed during ten days almost every kind of Church work in its spiritual, intellectual and practical aspects. The discussions were conducted by those specially qualified to speak with intelligence and authority upon the several topics; but, in addition to the appointed speakers and leaders, opportunity was given, so far as the time allowed, for the free expression of views by any member or delegate who desired to speak. It was reported that the cards of admission issued showed that over twelve thousand persons attended daily the

proceedings of the Congress; and the capacity of the halls was taxed to accommodate the immense throngs.

The Congress held its sessions during the height of the social and parliamentary season, and the questions then pending in the imperial parliament were of the most exciting character. But in the daily secular press of London, the proceedings of the Congress held the first place; and the public mind seemed, as it were, startled and amazed at the greatness of the Church now for the first time displayed in its world-wide extension, and in its intellectual and moral power. The *London Times* thus expressed editorially this sentiment: "Suddenly the English Church has felt both the variety of its interests and its power to deal with them. Suddenly it has impressed a too often indifferent public with the vigor of its purpose and the greatness of its possibilities. * * * The sense of strength has come with the sense of the variety of the Anglican fellowship produced by the presence of Christians from many lands. * * * The Church at home is sometimes reproached for being too parochial, but the Congress is bringing into it the glory and the honor of the nations."

Our Diocese was represented in the Congress by the full number of delegates, appointed by the Bishop: Rev. Messrs. Osborne, Hunter, and Bost, of the Clergy, and Maj. Wm. A. Smith, Mr. David Y. Cooper, and Miss Kate Cheshire, Secretary of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, who was appointed in the place of the Hon. John S. Henderson, when I found that he would not be able to attend. Other persons from the Diocese were also present, who had procured members' tickets under the rules of the Congress. Our "*Men's Thank Offering*" prevented our American Dioceses from taking any adequate part in the great "Thank Offering" in St. Paul's Cathedral, June 24th, but I had the satisfaction of presenting and laying upon the altar a small sum contributed by a few members of the Diocese present in London at the time.

The Lambeth Conference, coming just after the great Pan-Anglican Congress, made perhaps on that account less public impression both in England and in America than the previous gatherings of the Bishops of our Communion in the same place. Its proceedings were interesting, and doubtless of importance in the life of the great Body which it repre-

sented. Since we are by our history no less than by our principles, fully committed against organic and formal union of external authority and administration among the great national Churches making up the Anglican Communion, there is all the greater need for such informal gatherings and conferences as may give us unity of sympathy and common efforts in our common cause. And in the fuller, freer and more deliberate discussions of the Conference many of the questions raised and debated in the Congress *grow towards* their eventual solution. But after all it is in the new life and zeal generated by these great meetings, and in the mutual love and sympathy which they arouse and exercise, that their chief value lies; and by this zeal, devotion, sympathy and love, all parts of the widely spread Communion are helped and set forward in their work.

In this connection, and concluding what I have to say on this subject, I call your attention, and I put it through you before all the people of the Diocese, to the message of the two English Archbishops to their people. It is a message which may well come to us all. Referring to the great hopes and high ideals of missionary activity created and set forth in those great meetings of June and July, 1908, it calls on us all not to let those hopes and aspirations be forgotten, but to make them the basis of practical advance all along the line of missionary endeavor. And the practical suggestions of that message, I shall make my own; and I can do no better than to lay them down here as an appeal to you and all our people.

“In order that the cause of Missions may in the corporate life of the Church hold that place for which we plead,

(1) We desire specially to call upon its members to take up with renewed earnestness the observance of the day of intercession and thanksgiving for the work of the Church throughout the world;

(2) We ask the Clergy to make instruction in the history and progress of Missions a regular part of their ministry of teaching, and to use every effort to arouse and inform the intelligence of their people as well as to win the help of their offerings and prayers

(3) With whatever authority belongs to our office we plead that every single parish and congregation in the land should provide not only opportunities for enabling the manifest call

of Christ to His Church at this time to be heard, but also some permanent organization by which the response to that call may be made strong and stable."

And this brings us into the very midst of our own Diocesan duties and responsibilities. We wish to develop and strengthen the Church throughout the Diocese in all its parishes and missions, and in all its departments and enterprises. And the only means of growth and development is work. When the Church does its proper work it grows and strengthens just in proportion as it works along the lines of its real work—the work it was commissioned and sent to do. And the work which it was sent to do is not the work of building for itself beautiful churches, or providing costly ornaments or rejoicing in grand functions of worship. These all have their place in the life of the Church, and in their place we may enjoy them, and thank God that we may have them. But I say that the proper work of the Church is in none of these activities. The proper work of the Church is never doing something for itself. It is the bringing of the power of God to bear upon that which is not yet subdued to His obedience. Our personal devotions are largely for the purpose of completing the work of self-conquest; the worship of the congregation is for exercising the spiritual life of the people, but also for extending that life; and the very purpose for which the Church is organized in a visible kingdom, is that it may bear its witness to the world.

OUR GENERAL WORK.

The first duty of the Church then is to its aggressive work. The first duty of the individual and of the parishes to the missionary work. This is a simple truth. I ask you that you apply it in the life of all the congregations of this Diocese. Remember that your real work and your first duty is to be going out in Christian life and power to others. First you must do your part by the general work of the Church as represented in our great national council, "The General Convention." We have cause to be proud that this Diocese has never failed to respond to the demands made for the support of our Foreign and Domestic Missions. Since the first adoption of the plan of apportioning to the several Dioceses their proper part of the burden of this general work this

Diocese has never, so far, failed to contribute something more than the amount asked of us. I trust that we may always be able to say as much. But I can not fail to observe that for two years past some of our parishes, and they among the strongest in the Diocese, have failed to come up to their proportion of this fund, and our proper contribution has been made up by the generosity of weaker congregations who have given more than had been asked. Let me remind you that this work has the very first claim on you; and it seems to me that no rector or vestry ought to be willing to let this small demand go unanswered. I will add that this contribution to our general Foreign and Domestic Missionary work should not be turned over to the parish treasurer to be provided for out of the general contributions of the parish, but should be raised by special effort, and by a specific appeal to the people. I say this without the least doubt because the Church has said so. Our Diocese has made it a law of our diocesan life that a Sunday collection shall be taken every year for this cause. And the purpose of this canonical requirement is that at least once a year the great cause of our general missionary work shall be brought before the people. These public offerings are intended to be educational and disciplinary. There are Christians, strange as the statement may sound, who do not believe in the obligation of this general Foreign and Domestic Missionary Work; there are others more numerous, who are ignorant about this work. The requirement of a Sunday offering for this purpose is intended to develop the loyalty of the one class, and to inform the ignorance of the other, by calling all to the support of what the Church is doing. Whatever our private opinions may be, no rightly constituted man can refuse to support the work of the Church, when he realizes that through its constituted authorities and by those instrumentalities in which he takes his part and exerts his influence, the honor of the Church is pledged to the faithful prosecution of that work. So our Sundays for Missionary offerings should be in all our parishes a sort of field-day for calling on the tribes of our Israel to come up with heart and hand to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

OUR DIOCESAN WORK.

I wish to say first of all that there is much earnest, a good and effective work going on in the Diocese. Our larger parishes are in several notable cases engaging in local missionary work with zeal, liberality and success. In other parishes, not reckoned among the strong ones, great endeavors and self-sacrificing labors are establishing the Church upon a more solid and commanding position than it has had in the past. In our missions proper we have many signs of growth and strength. Locally and congregationally we have much evidence of activity and progress. But I am obliged to say that there is not the same zeal or liberality in the support by our congregations of the diocesan missionary work carried on by our several Convocations. In many cases both the Clergy and people of our parishes seem strangely indifferent to the claims of any work outside their own limits. At this time a number of our strongest parishes are one or two quarters in arrears in their very moderate apportionments for our diocesan missionary work. And in too many cases they seem quite content that it should be so, and manifest no eagerness to correct this very discreditable state of matters when it is called to their attention. And I am afraid the Clergy are even more ready to make excuses and to put off this responsibility than their people are. I feel obliged to say that no congregation which can afford the comforts and elegancies of accommodation for themselves and for their rector ought to be willing to be one day in arrears to our diocesan missionary work; and that no clergyman whose own salary is fully paid when due should be willing to let one quarter go by without seeing also that his parish has done its part by his poorer and more dependent brethren. No liberality of a congregation towards itself, its own necessities and conveniences, can at all excuse its neglect of its duty to others. On the contrary do not expensive music and ornaments and richness of parochial appointments become in a measure a discredit to a congregation which is habitually indifferent to those obligations which lie outside its own bounds? This is becoming a very serious question with us. In all our Convocations we must face the necessity of curtailing our work, instead of extending it, unless our parishes rise to a higher sense of their responsibility; and to the Clergy I ap-

peal, as to the leaders of the people, that they should see to it that there is a revival of missionary interest and liberality among us.

A few years ago I called the attention of the laymen of the Diocese to the importance of some systematic, organized co-operation on the part of our men in the missionary work; and upon lines laid out by this Convention a beginning was made for such co-operation; but it has been allowed to fall through. I ask the attention of this Convention to the whole subject of our diocesan missionary work.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have a report from a committee appointed at the last Convention for the better organization and more effective work of our Sunday Schools. I shall not undertake to make any suggestions upon this subject, since I am satisfied that it is better for the Clergy and laity more immediately engaged in the work to discuss and elaborate their own methods. But I must repeat what I have said in several former addresses as to my deep sense of the very great importance of the work, and the urgency of its present demand upon our attention and our best efforts. We are not doing what we should be doing in this part of our work. The increased interest and growing success in some of our parishes, and more especially in some of our missions, encourage me to hope that we are taking hold upon it with a determined purpose of making more of our Sunday Schools than we have of late been doing. I am hopeful of some real advance in our methods and efficiency from the work of the able and zealous committee who have the matter in charge.

There are some minor matters of detail to which I feel that I must ask your attention.

The Missionary Council of the Fourth Department, to which this Diocese belongs, called the "Missionary Council of Sewanee," will meet, God willing, in Montgomery, Alabama, the 16th of November next. The Archdeacons and Secretaries of our several Convocations are *ex officio* members of this Council, but this Convention is also entitled to elect three clerical and three lay members. It is also desirable that the Convention should provide in some way for the payment of our proportional part of the expenses of the Council. I ask your attention to this matter.

For some years past it has been evident to those concerned in the administration of the affairs of the General Theological Seminary, that very radical changes have become necessary in its organization and government. But the vested rights of some of our older Dioceses make it impossible to effect the necessary readjustments without the consent of those Dioceses. This Diocese possesses the right of electing one Trustee of that institution, and other Dioceses have similar rights to elect one, two, or more trustees. It is necessary, before anything important can be effected in the proposed reorganization that these rights should be surrendered. I propose to this Convention that we surrender our right to choose one of the trustees, and thus, so far as lies in our power, free the hands of the Committee of the General Convention having the matter in charge, to recommend such changes as the interests of the Church and the Seminary may demand.

I must add one word of a personal nature. I can not ordinarily make special mention of the faithful men and women of the Diocese as they are year by year called to their rest and their reward after their labors for God and His Church. I can not mention all, and I should not know how to choose among them. But during the past year we have lost from our laborers in the Diocese one who bore a very special relation to this Convention. It is not because of the close personal bond of confidence and affection between us that I mention here the name of John Wilkes; it is because his connection with our annual Convention seems to require that I should do so. For more than fifty years he had served among us. I believe there has been for several years no lay member of this Convention who was not by a good many years his junior in service. Only the Rev. Messrs. Hilliard and Bronson among the Clergy remain of those who were members of the Convention when he entered it. I shall not attempt to say all that I think and feel about that good man and faithful servant of Christ and His cause. For all the years of my rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, he was my Senior Warden, as he had been for many years before my time. There was never a Senior Warden who had more definite and positive opinions of parochial business, nor one more free to express them. We did not always agree. I am glad we did not. I could not have known him as I did if we had not had the experi-

ence of differing in opinion. But I say with deliberation and with a sincere desire to be exact and just, that I have never known a man who more honestly strove to lead a godly life, or whose heart was more open to the demand of every human relationship. He looked not on his own things but also on the things of others. So far as I was able to judge he was, considered in relation to all the different classes and interests of the community, the best and most useful man in that community. And certainly the Diocese of North Carolina never had a more loyal and devoted son, nor its Bishop a more unfailing and generous friend.

I could say no less in such a case, and I will not allow myself to say more.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE,
Bishop of North Carolina.

THE BISHOP'S ACCOUNT.

DIOCESAN FUNDS IN HIS HANDS.

RECEIPTS.

Collections from parishes, etc.....		\$549.90
Received from the Woman's Auxiliary:		
From Mrs. Blair	\$303.01	
From Mrs. Rawlings	8.00	
From Mrs. Bennett	2.00	
From Mrs. King	9.00	325.01
Special Fund for Educating Woman Missionary:		
From Mrs. Blair	4.00	
From Mrs. Rawlings	5.55	9.55
Rev. R. Percy Eubanks, loan repaid.....		50.00
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		\$934.46

DISBURSEMENTS.

Diocesan Missions, *White*:

Rev. Oliver J. Whildin, Missionary to Deaf Mutes	\$50.00	
Rev. W. L. Mellichampe.....	50.00	
Rev. John C. Horton	25.00	
To Convocation of Charlotte	50.00	
To Convocation of Raleigh	40.00	
Rev. Francis M. Osborne, for missions in Charlotte	45.00	\$260.00

Diocesan Missions, *Colored*:

Rev. James E. King	72.50	
Rev. Primus P. Alston.....	25.00	
James K. Satterwhite	25.00	
Robert J. Johnson	25.00	
Treasurer of Convocation	50.00	197.50

Education Fund:

Foster N. Cox	\$100.00	
Henry C. Smith	100.00	200.00
Paid out Special Fund for Educating Mis- sionary		235.00

Miscellaneous:

Rev. Girard W. Phelps	50.00	
Rectory at Chapel Hill.....	100.00	
Printing	4.50	154.50

Total Receipts	\$934.46	\$1,047.00
To Balance	112.54	1,047.00
Deficit May 1st, 1908.....		\$245.96
Deficit May 1st, 1909		112.54
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Total Deficit		\$358.50

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