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Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

As we met last year in one of our oldest Parishes, so this year we are met in one of our newest. There is a beauty and a value in that which is old, which enshrines and perpetuates memories and sentiments of the past, and inspires us to emulate the virtues and to continue the good works of our fathers. But there is value, and not value only but its proper grace and beauty also, in that which is new, in the hope and faith which push forward to new achievement, and reach after and rise to higher and better things as time goes on. The Church of God is bottomed on the old, but her look is forward, and her mission shall be accomplished only when old things are passed away and all things are become new.

I may be pardoned for a personal allusion in this connection. St. Philip's Church, Durham, is specially dear to me. This was the scene of my first efforts for the extension of the Church. I am most thankful to see in this congregation and among the members of this Convention a few of the faces which welcomed me when I came here a Deacon of a month old, in May, 1878. We had no church here and no congregation. A few faithful souls had looked and longed for the services and ministrations of the Church, and we undertook what seemed a very tremendous task. This church building and this congregation of St. Philip's was the outcome of our labors under the blessing of God. I suppose a man may be permitted to feel a joy in the work which he has been enabled to do. And it is an added joy to realize that the church which was so much too large for the congregation for which it was built, is become so inadequate for the congregation now overcrowding it.

Since our last meeting two of our brethren of the Clergy have been called to rest from their labors. July 27, 1900.

the Rev. William Shepard Pettigrew departed this life in the rectory of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway, of which Parish he had been Rector for more than twenty-two years. Mr. Pettigrew bore a name most honorably associated with the history of the Church in North Carolina. His grandfather, the Rev. Charles Pettigrew, having been for a time master of the old Edenton Academy, was, just before the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, ordained to the ministry of the Church by the Bishop of London, the last Clergyman sent by him to this province. After twenty years of faithful service he was elected Bishop of North Carolina by a Convention which met in Tarborough in May, 1794. Though circumstances prevented his consecration, he continued his services until his death in 1807. He left one child, the late Hon. Ebenezer Pettigrew, the father of our deceased brother. Mr. Pettigrew did not enter the ministry until he was in his fifty-first year. At that time he had already lived a life beyond the average length, and had been a man of the first distinction in his section, having served with ability and credit in the Convention of 1861, and enjoying in an uncommon degree the affection and respect of a wide circle of friends. He had been a man of considerable wealth, and enjoyed the deserved reputation of being a conscientious master to his large number of slaves, whom he treated with the utmost humanity, and for whose Christian nurture he was most solicitous. From his youth he was a man of singular purity and elevation of character, and a most devout and consistent Christian. Being unmarried and by the results of the war relieved of the responsibilities and burdens of temporal affairs, he was, by the influence of Bishop Atkinson, led to devote himself to the work of the ministry. In that work he labored faithfully and devotedly until his death. No one who knew him could fail to recognize the noble and beautiful qualities of his personal character, or doubt his absolute devotion to the work of his Master. He was a fine type of much that was best in the life of our country before the changes wrought by the war between the States. He entered the ministry after his character, convictions and habits were too far developed to undergo much change; but there was no more faithful and unsparing laborer than he in the ranks of our Clergy, no more indefatigable preacher, no one who adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour by a life of greater

purity, unselfishness, patience, gentleness and godly sincerity than William Shepard Pettigrew.

October 17, 1900, the Rev. Joseph Wiggins Murphy, since 1892 a resident of Washington City, though still canonically connected with this Diocese, was called from this life to a better. The association of his name with that of Mr. Pettigrew in this notice of their death, reminds us that at one time Mr. Pettigrew was a member of the Parish of St. David's, of which Mr. Murphy was rector. He was a native of Ireland, but came to this country with his father when quite young. His father, Mr. Jeremiah Murphy, was a school teacher, and taught in a number of places in the region of the Catawba and Yadkin rivers. He was one of the most faithful and useful laymen we have ever had. He was chiefly instrumental in the first establishment of the Church in Lincolnton, in Charlotte, in Lexington, and perhaps in other places. Three of his sons received Holy Orders, and all were faithful and useful men. His son Joseph, of whom we now speak, began his preparation for the ministry at the old Valle Crucis Mission. After his ordination he served in various parts of this Diocese until 1870, when he left it, and, except for a short period of service at Elizabeth City, was absent until 1881, when he returned to become rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro, which he served faithfully and effectively until totally disabled for pastoral work. During the war between the States he served efficiently as a Chaplain in the Confederate army. The Church in North Carolina has no more loyal, loving, faithful, diligent, godly priest and pastor than he was throughout his whole course. The last years of his life were tried by pain, weakness, narrow and uncertain means of support and domestic bereavement. But all trials only showed more plainly in him the reality of Christian faith, patience and love. Whenever physically able it was his joy to minister in the pulpit and at the altar. Just before his death he sent an offering out of his scanty means to our Diocesan Missions, and after his death his daughter, the loving companion of his last years, found among his papers one in which he had carefully noted down all his ministerial acts since May 1, 1900, with a direction endorsed upon it that it was to be sent to the Bishop after his death as his final report. That faithfulness to duty in what some count a little thing, marks the man. He rests in peace, and leaves to his children the priceless heritage of a GOOD NAME.

- May 1. *The Feast of St. Philip and St. James*: Annual meeting of the Board of Managers of Thompson Orphanage. In the Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, I confirmed and addressed eleven children, inmates of the Institution, and administered Holy Communion.
2. In St. Barnabas' Church, Greensboro. Baptized an infant, daughter of the Rector of the Parish.
In the evening of the same day took part in the service at the annual festival of St. Athanasius' Church, Burlington, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Murdoch, commemorative of the late Rev. William Shipp Bynum.
6. *The Third Sunday after Easter*: In Christ Church, Raleigh, preached and administered the Holy Communion.
In the evening in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, preached for the Rector, who was sick, and confirmed one person.
16. The Eighty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese: administered the Holy Communion at the opening service, and presided during the several sessions of the Convention.
17. Administered the Holy Communion in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, where the Diocesan Convention was in session. At the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, opened the meeting and made an address.
18. Administered the Holy Communion in the same church, officiated also at the several public services in connection with the Diocesan Convention, as noted in the Journal thereof.
19. Consecrated "St. Mary's Memorial Chapel, Greensboro," assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Miller, Meade and Bell, and administered the Holy Communion
20. *The Fifth Sunday after Easter*: Consecrated St. Andrew's Church, Greensboro, being assisted by Rev. Messrs. Bell, Pruden, Jones, and by Dr. Meade, who preached the sermon, and the Rector, Rev. James D. Miller, who assisted me in the administration of the Holy Communion.
24. *Holy Thursday*. In Christ Church, Raleigh, administered the Holy Communion.
27. *The Sunday after Ascension*: In the same church took part in the services and preached.
The same day said Evening Prayer in the Chapel of St. Mary's School.
29. At noon attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School, and in the afternoon the annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Augustine's Normal School.
30. Presided at the Commencement of St. Augustine's School; in the afternoon attended the annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Mary's School.

- May 31. Presided at the Commencement of St. Mary's School, and conducted the closing service in the chapel, when an address was made by the Rev. Robert W. Barnwell, of South Carolina.
- June 3. WHITSUNDAY. Having undertaken to supply the place of the Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh, during the month of June, so far as my official duties should allow, I conducted the proper services for this day, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon said Evening Prayer in the same church, and in the evening said Evening Prayer and preached in St. Saviour's Chapel.
10. TRINITY SUNDAY. In St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, I ordained to the Diaconate John Linker Saunders, the candidate being presented by the Rev. Dr. Murdoch, and the sermon preached by Archdeacon Osborne. I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector.
- In the evening, in the same church, I preached and confirmed three persons.
16. Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
17. *The First Sunday after Trinity:* In Christ Church, Raleigh, administered Holy Communion at the early service, at mid-day said the usual service and preached; in the afternoon said Evening Prayer, and in the evening at St. Saviour's Chapel said Evening Prayer and preached.
19. Meeting of Executive Committee of St. Augustine's School.
26. In the Court House at Carthage, Moore County, conducted service, assisted by Archdeacon Osborne, and preached morning and evening; administered the Holy Communion at the former service.
- In the afternoon administered the Holy Communion at a private house in the country to an aged and blind communicant of the church, long deprived of its ministrations.
27. Baptized two infants in a private house in Carthage.
- July 1. *The Third Sunday after Trinity:* In St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, having undertaken to supply services four Sundays in the absence of the Rector, conducted the usual service, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon said Evening Prayer. In the evening baptized a child at a private house.
8. *The Fourth Sunday after Trinity:* In the same church, administered the Holy Communion at 7.30 o'clock in the morning; conducted the mid-day service and preached; said Evening Prayer at 6 o'clock.
9. In the same church, married a couple.

- July 11. In St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, said Evening Prayer.
12. At a visitation to the same church, administered the Holy Communion, preached morning and afternoon, and confirmed one person.
15. *The Fifth Sunday after Trinity*: In the same church, administered the Holy Communion at 7.30 o'clock; said the appointed service and preached at 11, and said Evening Prayer at 6.
22. *The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*: In the same church, had the same three services as last Sunday. After Evening Prayer confirmed two persons.
- Aug. 18. Consecrated "The Gallaway Memorial Chapel" at Elkin, assisted by Archdeacon Osborne: preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
19. *The Tenth Sunday after Trinity*: In St. Paul's Church, Winston, the Parish being without a Rector, conducted the appointed services morning and evening: administered the Holy Communion, baptized an infant and preached twice.
25. At Huntsville, after Evening Prayer by Archdeacon Osborne, preached.
26. *The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*: At the same place conducted service morning and evening, assisted by Archdeacon Osborne, and preached twice.
30. In St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County, attended the celebration of the sixtieth Anniversary of the consecration of the church: administered the Holy Communion, and in the afternoon made an address.
31. In St. Mark's Church, Mecklenburg County, officiated morning and evening and preached.
- Sept. 1. In the same church, officiated morning and evening and preached.
2. *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*: In the same church, confirmed one person; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7. Meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
9. *The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*: Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway. Said the appointed service, preached and administered the Holy Communion.
- In the evening in Christ Church, Raleigh, confirmed one person.
13. Meeting of Executive Committee St. Augustine's School, and meeting of Executive Missionary Committee.
15. In St. John's Church, Battleboro, held service and preached morning and evening.

- Sept. 16. *The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity:* In the same church, service and sermon morning and evening; Holy Communion at former service.
17. In same church. service morning and evening; preached once.
18. In same church, service morning and evening; preached once, baptized and confirmed one person.
20. Opened "Grace School" at Lawrence, Edgecombe County.
In the evening officiated at St. Mary's Chapel, same County.
25. In Raleigh confirmed a sick person in private.
- Oct. 6. Church of the Heavenly Rest, Middleburg; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7. *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity:* St. John's Church, Williamsboro: said the appointed service; preached a sermon commemorative of the life and character of the Rev. William S. Pettigrew, for thirty years Rector of that Parish, and administered the Holy Communion.
10. In St. Augustine's Chapel, Raleigh, administered the Holy Communion at the opening of the "Conference of Church Workers Among the Colored People," and delivered an Allocution to the Clerical members of the Conference.
11. All Souls' Church, Ansonville. Preached.
12. Calvary Church, Wadesboro. Preached.
14. *The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity:* Consecrated "The Church of the Messiah," Rockingham, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Fetter, Green, Parkman, and Archdeacon Osborne: preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
In the same church, in the afternoon, confirmed two persons.
16. In St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, pronounced the blessing at a wedding.
17. St. Paul's church, Winston. Preached.
18. *St. Luke's Day:* Christ Church, Walnut Cove. Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
In the evening preached in St. Philip's Church, Germanton.
19. In the same church, administered the Holy Communion.
21. *The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity:* Consecrated "Trinity Church, Mount Airy," assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Williams and Jones; administered the Holy Communion. Preached in the same church in the evening.
28. *The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. St. Simon and St. Jude's Day:* St. Paul's Church, Louisburg. Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
In the evening preached in St. Matthias' Church.
30. St. James's Church, Kittrell. Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

- Oct. 30. In the afternoon at St. Luke's Mission for colored people in Warren County, baptized an infant, preached, and confirmed one person.
31. All Saints' Chapel, Warrenton, for colored people. Preached and confirmed one person.
- Nov. 1. *All Saints' Day*: Emmanuel Church, Warrenton. In the morning confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.
- In the evening preached, and confirmed three persons
2. St. Alban's Church, Littleton. Preached, and confirmed one person.
4. *The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity*: St. Luke's Church, Gaston. Said the appointed services, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
6. Meeting of Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
7. Meeting of Executive Committee of St. Augustine's School.
11. *The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity*: St. John's Church, Williamsboro. Said the proper services; confirmed one person; preached; administered the Holy Communion.
13. St. Peter's Church, Stovall. Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
15. St. Paul's Church, Goshen, Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- In the afternoon preached at the Mission Chapel for colored people near Satterwhite.
16. Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh. Presided at missionary meetings in the afternoon and evening, at which Bishop Partridge, of Kyoto, spoke.
18. *The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity*: St. Stephen's Church, Oxford. Confirmed and addressed thirty-two persons; preached; administered the Holy Communion.
- In the afternoon preached in the Court House to a small congregation of colored people.
- In the evening preached in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Hendersou.
21. In the same Church I officiated in connection with the meeting of the Convocation of Raleigh, made an address, and met the Woman's Auxiliary.
22. St. Athanasius' Church, Burlington. Preached; confirmed and addressed five persons.
23. In a private house at Haw River, confirmed a sick man and his sister, and administered the Holy Communion.
25. *The Sunday next before Advent*: Trinity Church, Statesville. Officiated morning and afternoon; preached; administered the Holy Communion.

- Nov. 26. St. James' Church, Iredell County. Confirmed and addressed eight persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
27. St. George's Chapel, Woodleaf. Preached; confirmed one person.
28. Administered the Holy Communion to a sick woman in private. The same day at Christ Church, Cleveland, confirmed three persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon at St. Matthew's Chapel, Rowan County, preached, and confirmed three persons. In the evening in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, preached, and confirmed six persons.
29. *Thanksgiving Day*: In the same Church. Preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening in St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, preached, confirmed and addressed three persons.
30. *St. Andrew's Day*: St. Jude's Church, Rowan County. Confirmed one person, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon met with the "Conference of Rowan Churches." and made an address. In the evening in St. Peter's Church, Salisbury, preached.
- Dec. 1. At special service in St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, confirmed one person. St. Mary's Church, Rowan County. Preached; administered the Holy Communion.
2. *The First Sunday in Advent*: Church of the Redemption, Lexington. Said the proper services; preached; administered the Holy Communion.
5. St. Mary's Church, High Point. Said Evening Prayer and preached.
6. Reidsville, St. Thomas's Church. Preached.
7. St. Cuthbert's Chapel, Proximity, Greensboro. Preached.
9. *The Second Sunday in Advent*: 11 A. M., St. Andrew's Church. Baptized one person of St. Barnabas' Parish; confirmed ten persons from the two parishes of St. Barnabas and St. Andrew's; preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening preached in St. Barnabas' Church.
16. *The Third Sunday in Advent*: St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro. Confirmed one person, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon preached in St. Mary's Church, Orange County.
23. *The Fourth Sunday in Advent*: In a public hall at Cary, said Evening Prayer and preached.
28. *Holy Innocents Day*: Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh. Administered the Holy Communion.

Dec. 30. *The Sunday after Christmas*: St. Peter's Church, Charlotte. Said the proper services morning and evening; preached twice, and administered the Holy Communion.

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Jan. 6. *The Epiphany*: St. Peter's Church, Charlotte. Said the proper service in the forenoon; preached; and administered the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon said Evening Prayer, and the Special Litany of Intercession for Missions of the Woman's Auxiliary.

7. Administered the Holy Communion in private to a sick person.

12. In Calvary Church, Tarboro, officiated with the Rector at a funeral.

13. *The First Sunday after the Epiphany*: In the same church, administered the Holy Communion at the early service, and preached at mid-day. In the afternoon in Grace Memorial Chapel, Lawrence, baptized four children and made an address.

20. *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*: St. Philip's Church, Durham. Confirmed four persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.

27. *The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*: Church of the Heavenly Rest, Middleburg. Said the appointed service, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

In the evening preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.

Feb. 13. Church of the Saviour, Jackson. Preached, and confirmed one person.

14. Grace Church, Weldon. Preached; confirmed one person.

15. St. Mark's Church, Halifax. Preached; confirmed one person.

17. *Quinquagesima Sunday*: Trinity Church, Scotland Neck. Confirmed five persons. Preached; administered the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon in Grace Memorial Chapel, Lawrence, preached; confirmed six persons.

18. St. Mary's Chapel, Edgecombe County. Confirmed two persons, preached; administered the Holy Communion.

19. Calvary Church, Tarboro. Preached, confirmed and addressed eight persons.

20. *Ash Wednesday*: In same Church, preached; confirmed sick person in private.

In the evening in St. Luke's Church, for colored people, preached; confirmed six persons, and addressed them.

21. St. Mark's Church, Wilson, for colored people, preached.

- Feb. 22. St. Timothy's Church, Wilson. Preached.
24. *The First Sunday in Lent. St. Matthias' Day:* Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount. Confirmed and addressed eighteen persons; preached; administered the Holy Communion.
In the evening in St. John's Church, Battleboro, preached; confirmed three persons.
25. Church of the Advent, Enfield. Preached.
27. St. Clement's Church, Ringwood. Preached; administered the Holy Communion.
In the evening in the Mission Chapel for colored people in Littleton, preached; confirmed three persons.
- Mar. 3. *The Second Sunday in Lent:* Christ Church, Raleigh. Preached; administered the Holy Communion.
In the evening in St. Saviour's Chapel, preached.
4. In Christ Church, Raleigh, said Evening Prayer.
7. In the same Church, preached.
10. *The Third Sunday in Lent:* Calvary Church, Wadesboro. Said the proper services morning and afternoon; administered the Holy Communion, and preached twice.
11. All Souls' Church, Ansonville. Preached.
13. At Albemarle, Stanly County, officiated morning and afternoon; baptized an adult; confirmed two persons; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
15. St. Timothy's Church, Euto. Said the Litany; confirmed one person; preached; administered the Holy Communion.
In the evening in St. Paul's Church, Monroe, took part in the service.
17. *The Fourth Sunday in Lent:* In the same church, officiated morning and afternoon; administered the Holy Communion; preached twice.
21. Christ Church, Raleigh. Preached.
24. *The Fifth Sunday in Lent:* In Christ Church, Raleigh, confirmed and addressed fifteen persons; administered the Holy Communion.
In the afternoon in the Chapel of St. Augustine's School, confirmed and addressed six persons.
In the evening at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, presided at a missionary meeting; said Litany of Intercession for Missions for the Woman's Auxiliary.
25. *The Feast of the Annunciation:* Holy Innocents' Church, Henderson. Officiated at a funeral.
27. St. Ambrose Church, Raleigh. Preached; confirmed and addressed five persons.
28. Christ Church, Raleigh. Preached.

- Mar. 31. *Palm Sunday*: Chapel of St. Mary's School. Confirmed and addressed fourteen girls, pupils of the School; preached; administered the Holy Communion.
In the evening in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, preached; confirmed and addressed eighteen persons.
- April 1. *The Monday before Easter*: In the same church, preached.
2. *Tuesday before Easter*: In the same church, preached.
3. *Wednesday before Easter*: In the same church, preached.
In the evening in St. Saviour's Chapel, preached; confirmed two persons.
4. *Thursday before Easter*: In the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, preached.
In the evening preached in Christ Church.
5. GOOD FRIDAY: Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh. Preached.
In the evening in the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, preached; confirmed three persons.
7. EASTER DAY: In the same Church, preached and administered the Holy Communion.
In the afternoon in a hall in West Durham, made an address. In the evening in St. Philip's Church, Durham, preached; confirmed five persons.
9. Meeting of Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
10. St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro. Confirmed one person; preached; administered the Holy Communion.
In the evening in St. James's Church for colored people, said Evening Prayer and preached.
11. St. Thomas' Church, Sanford. Preached; confirmed one person.
12. Emmanuel Church, Southern Pines. Preached.
13. At Morgan's Factory near Laurel Hill, said Evening Prayer; preached; confirmed one person.
14. *The First Sunday after Easter*: St. Peter's Church, Charlotte. Confirmed and addressed twenty persons; preached; administered the Holy Communion.
4 p. m., in the Church of St. Michael and All Angels for colored people, confirmed and addressed fifteen persons; immediately after this service confirmed a sick member of this Parish in private.
18. St. Paul's Church, Winston. Preached; confirmed and addressed seven persons.
19. Church of the Messiah, Mayodan. Said Evening Prayer; preached.
20. St. John's Church, Madison. Said the proper service; confirmed one person; preached; administered the Holy Communion.

- Apr. 21. *The Second Sunday after Easter*: Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville. In the forenoon preached and administered the Holy Communion.
In the evening preached; confirmed and addressed three persons.
22. Christ Church, Milton. Preached; confirmed two persons.
26. Annual Meeting of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage.
In Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin confirmed and addressed five children; administered the Holy Communion.
27. St. Mark's Church, Mecklenburg County. Preached; administered the Holy Communion.
28. *The Third Sunday after Easter*: St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.
Said the service for the day; preached; administered the Holy Communion.
In the afternoon in St. Andrew's Memorial Chapel, Charlotte, preached; confirmed three persons.
In the evening in All Saints' Church, Concord, preached.

Without the limits of the Diocese I have during the same period officiated five times, preached once, delivered three addresses and baptized one infant. I was absent from the Diocese from July 23d to August 17th, during the first ten days in attendance upon the annual Commencement and meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, at Sewanee, and the last two weeks enjoying the delightful recreation of a brief trip through the mountains of Mitchell, Watauga and Ashe counties, revisiting the scenes of former missionary experiences, and renewing the friendships of those days. September 27th I was in Lincolnton for a few hours on important business for St. Mary's School, and October 1st and 2d in Wilmington on still more important matters of the School. January 15th and 16th were occupied in a trip to Washington City attending a meeting of the Commission on Work Among the Colored People; and from February 4th to February 12th I was absent for the purpose of attending a protracted session of the Joint Commission on Amendments to the Canons of the General Convention.

The total of my services and ministrations during the year is as follows: Services, 219; sermons, 142; addresses, 26; administrations of the Holy Communion, 77; confirmations, 294; baptisms, 12; marriages, 1; funerals, 2; churches consecrated, 5. These were all within the Diocese; and to them should be added those services mentioned above performed during my absence in other Dioceses.

During the year I have made a more thorough and complete visitation of the Diocese than I had ever been able to accomplish before. I visited every Parish and organized Mission in the Diocese without a single exception. Many of them I visited more than once. In some twenty-five churches and chapels I officiated from twice to six or eight times. Every unorganized Mission or point where we have a church building or regular services I visited at least once, with the exception of Cuningham's Chapel; St. Mark's Chapel, Gulf; Moncure; Noise; St. John's, Salisbury; Smithfield, Tillery, and the Chapel of the colored Mission at Statesville. Of these we really have no congregation and maintain no services at Gulf and Moncure. I was providentially hindered from keeping appointments which I had made for Tillery, Cuningham's and the colored chapel at Statesville; and there seemed no special occasion for visiting the remaining ones in view of the more urgent demand for services at other points which seemed more important. The list of services at the beginning of the Address will also show that I held services in a number of places not included in the list of our Parishes and Missions. The most important of these places are Huntsville, Yadkin County, and the town of Albemarle, in both of which we have a number of faithful people, for whom I am hoping in the near future to make some regular provision, and who are ready to co-operate to the utmost of their power in the permanent establishment of the ministrations of the Church in those places. It may also be mentioned that new chapels have been built—one at Cooleemee Factory, in Davie County, and one in the northern part of Rowan County, chiefly by the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Murdoch.

May 27, 1900, upon the petition of a number of persons residing in the vicinity of a post-office called Euto, in Union County, I organized the Mission of "*St. Timothy's Church, Euto,*" with John S. Smith, Warden; Davidson Nance, Treasurer; and John Lemuel Smith, Clerk.

November 9, 1900, upon the petition of the members of the Mission heretofore known as the "Chapel of the Holy Cross, Littleton," I reorganized that congregation under the name of "*St. Alban's Church, Littleton,*" appointing as officers thereof Woodson L. Powell, Warden; Alexander Weddell Fetter, Treasurer; and Littleberry Vinson, Clerk.

Our losses from the ranks of the Clergy have been greater during the past year than for any previous year during my

Episcopate. Besides the two already mentioned, taken to their rest after long and faithful service, I have transferred by letters dismissory the following:

- The Rev. William Walker, Priest, June 2. to Vermont.
- The Rev. Charles L. Hoffman, Priest, September 1. to Mississippi.
- The Rev. Henry C. Parkman, Priest, December 1, to Easton.
- The Rev. Henry Hobart Barber, Priest, February 7, to Pittsburgh.
- The Rev. Frank Cecil Bayliss, Priest, February 28, to Bath and Wells, England.
- The Rev. Horace Weeks Jones, Priest, April 15. to Alabama.
- The Rev. James Daniel Miller, Priest, April 30, to Nebraska.
- The Rev. William B. Perry, Deacon, October 1, to Virginia.

We have gained the following:

- The Rev. John Linker Saunders, Deacon, June 10. by Ordination.
- The Rev. Alban Greaves, Priest, June 1, from East Carolina.
- The Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, Priest, December 1, from Maryland.
- The Rev. Francis Joyner, Priest, April 1. from East Carolina.
- The Rev. Sanders Richardson Guignard, Priest, April 15. from South Carolina.

Our numbers, therefore, stood May 1st, 1900, five less than last year, namely: One Bishop, thirty-six Priests, and eight Deacons; forty-five in all. Since May 1st I have received and accepted letters dismissory from the Bishop of Florida in favor of the Rev. Clarence Croft Leman, who has accepted the rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, and has entered upon his duties. I am also informed that the Rev. George Meredith Tolson, of Hertford, East Carolina, has accepted a call to the rectorship of Calvary Church, Wadesboro, to take effect July 1st.

The candidates for Priest's Orders are: the Rev. Royal G. Shannonhouse, Deacon; Thaddeus Ainsley Cheatham, Francis Moore Osborne and Richard Louis Bame.

The Postulants are: Oliver Stancill, Homer Leach Hoover, William Edward Callender, James Hollis Crosby, Hugh Preston Eanes and William Eanes.

The fields of labor of the Clergy remain as at our last meeting, with the following changes:

As announced at the last Convention, the Rev. Edwin A. Osborne was by the Bishop appointed Archdeacon of the Diocese, and as such has been most laborious and zealous in

his work under my direction, performing also the duties of Secretary of the Executive Missionary Committee.

The Rev. John Linker Saunders, ordained Deacon Trinity Sunday last, has been serving in St. Matthews' and St. Judes' Churches in Rowan County under the Rev. Dr. Murdoch.

The Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt became rector of St. Paul's Church, Winston, upon his transfer to this Diocese.

The Rev. Francis Joyner resides at Littleton, and has under his charge St. Alban's Church, Littleton, and also the churches at Ridgeway and at Middleburg, and St. Luke's, Gaston.

The Rev. Sanders Richardson Guignard is rector of St. Andrews' Church, Greensboro, and has charge of the Memorial Chapel of St. Mary's, Greensboro.

The Rev. Thomas Bell in April last removed from Wilson, having resigned the rectorship of St. Timothy's Church, and has become rector of St. Barnabas' Church, Greensboro, having charge also of St. Cuthbert's Chapel, Proximity.

The Rev. Alban Greaves is rector of St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, and of St. James' Church, Kittrell, and is serving most faithfully and acceptably in both places.

In July last the Rev. Gaston Battle, Deacon, gave up the charge of St. John's Church, Battleboro, and since that time has not been officiating. St. John's Church, Battleboro, I placed temporarily under the charge of the Rev. Charles Fetter, of Rocky Mount.

In February last I removed the Rev. Edward P. Green from the charge of All Souls' Church, Ansonville.

I have directed the Rev. Royal G. Shannonhouse, Deacon, to take charge of the work at St. Mark's Church, Mecklenburg County, under the direction of Archdeacon Osborne, in place of St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, beginning May 1st, 1901. St. Philip's, Mocksville, remains at present unprovided for.

It is in my heart to pay a deserved tribute of praise to the faithful and beloved brethren who, after laboring for years among us have, for one cause and another, felt that duty called them elsewhere. Of the eight whom we have lost by removal, every one was a man of real worth and of solid value in the work of the ministry. If I do not speak more particularly it is only because the number makes it impracticable for me to speak adequately of all of them; and should I particularize the excellence of one or two, I fear my personal affec-

tion might give an appearance of partial judgment which I would not willingly be guilty of. I will only say that, taken as a whole or taken severally, they are a great loss to us and a great gain to those parts of the Church which now enjoy the benefit of their faithful services.

But, while regretting the absence of those brethren whom we had come to value and love in the past, I say with equal truth and sincerity that at this moment the work of the Church in North Carolina is in a condition which I seemed hardly able to hope for a few months ago, when I was confronted with such a list of removals. Already most of the vacancies have been filled, and so filled as to give assurance that the work will go on without diminution of faith and zeal, And we have good reason to hope that the few remaining places now unoccupied will soon be suitably supplied with able and godly ministers. I believe there are not many Dioceses where the ranks of the laborers have fewer vacancies, or where a more sincere confidence and affection exists between pastors and people. For this I feel most devoutly thankful and pray God that it may long continue to be true of our Clergy and people.

While on this subject it may not be amiss to add a few words in regard to the part which the Bishop should have in the appointment of ministers to vacant churches. As I understand the Canons, all work outside the limits of Parishes in union with the Convention, is under the Bishop, who has the sole right of appointing and removing the Clergy as he shall judge best for the interests of the Church. Where a Parish is organized under our Canons and admitted into union with the Convention, the right of choosing a rector is in the Vestry of the Parish and the Bishop has no voice whatever in choosing the minister or in continuing or terminating his rectorship, except the power of refusing, for sufficient reasons, to accept letters dismissory from another Diocese, or of proceeding judicially against a minister for breach of the Canons or of his ordination vows. These two cases are plain, and there is no difficulty in understanding either case.

It often happens, however, that a Parish with the power of electing its own rector, is unable to bear the burden of his support, and must depend upon being assisted therein by an appropriation from our Diocesan Missionary Funds, or by having one or more Mission congregations put under the charge of the rector, in order that the contributions of these

congregations may supplement the salary paid by the Parish. In this case I venture to think that the Vestry should be willing to be advised by the Bishop, and should not feel that they can properly proceed to the choice of a rector for themselves until an understanding has been reached and the Bishop has agreed upon the man to be elected.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

In taking a view of the general affairs of the Diocese we naturally begin with its institutions. Of these the first in importance, and that which we have had especially upon our minds for the last few years, is St Mary's School. We of the Diocese of North Carolina took up the burden of responsibility alone in 1897. Now we have the happiness of seeing all the Bishops in the Carolinas with the Clergy and Conventions joined with us in the work. The year just passed has for those in charge of the School been a year of labor and of anxiety, but also a year of much growth, progress and bright promise for the future. As President of the Board of Trustees, I have the duty of laying before this Convention the Annual Report required by our charter to be made to the Conventions associated in its government. I will not at this time, therefore, go into the details of the School's affairs. But looking at the subject from the standpoint of our Diocesan interests, I wish in the first place to congratulate you upon the very marked degree of success which has attended our labors in this line. The debt of \$50,000, which many thought too great a burden for us to undertake, has been reduced to \$27,000, with something over \$10,000 in notes and subscriptions on hand toward its further reduction; while not much less than \$10,000 has been spent in adding to the permanent value of the property and in increasing its usefulness for the purposes of the School; and while the number of boarding pupils has increased about threefold. This is most gratifying and encouraging and confirms the faith of its friends in the future of this noble School. But at the same time this success—and it is a very great and unquestionable success—this very success brings us face to face with the necessity of doing very much more than we have yet done. We started out to pay off the debt: we must keep on until that end has been attained. But we must do more. We must enlarge our facilities for carrying on and for developing the School. At this moment it is

a very serious question how we are to accommodate the pupils who will apply for admission next September. We have every reason to anticipate a material increase in the number of applicants. We must provide for them. Not only so, but these greater numbers and the higher aims which we have set before us for the development of the School demand increased facilities for instruction in every direction. We could with advantage spend ten, fifteen, twenty thousand dollars at this very time in adding to our facilities for doing the great work which we have undertaken. May God put it into the hearts of some of our good people to come forward and provide the means of making this School all that it has the opportunity of becoming. And among other things St. Mary's needs an endowment. It is the hope of the Trustees to keep the charges at St. Mary's down to such a sum that as large a proportion of our people as possible may enjoy its benefits, but even so, there are many cases continually appealing to them, where they ought to be able to afford special opportunities to poor and worthy girls. To this end we must have scholarships endowed. A faithful layman of Raleigh has lately provided in his will that some years hence such a scholarship may be founded, in addition to the two already established by this Diocese and the one by East Carolina. May his good example encourage others to do the like!

THE THOMPSON ORPHANAGE.

Under the Rev. Walter J. Smith, Superintendent, this institution continues its beneficent work. Thirty children from this Diocese, sixteen from East Carolina, and thirteen from Asheville, make up the total of fifty-nine inmates reported to the Board of Managers at its annual meeting last month. These children are well cared for, well taught, and in the main promise to become good and useful men and women. It is now fourteen years since it was opened, and it is gratifying to learn that, tested by its fruits, it justifies the efforts which have been made for its establishment and continuance. Some who have been trained there have disappointed the hopes of their friends, but in a very large proportion of cases the lives and characters of those sent out from its walls have been and are such as to reflect honor upon this institution. One most pleasing feature of the work is that all our North Carolina Churchmen are united in its support and

management. Children from East Carolina and from Asheville are among its inmates, the Clergy and laity both unite with members of this Diocese in the management, and Churchmen from all parts of the State respond most promptly and cordially to all demands for help. A small beginning has been made towards an endowment, and the rapid growth and development of the city of Charlotte promises in the near future to add very greatly to the value of the property.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, which is in the hands of the members of the Convention, is on the whole most gratifying. The two chief funds show an unexpectedly large income. While fully appreciating the advantage of this state of things, it is not my purpose to dwell upon this part of the report. Rather I call your attention to those funds which do not make so favorable a showing. Our Canons require the Clergy of the Diocese to take annual offerings in the churches for the Diocesan Relief Fund, for the Diocesan Education Fund and for the American Church Building Fund Commission. There are in addition to these one or two offerings recommended to the Clergy by standing resolutions of the Convention. The reports of the Treasurer for some years past disclose the fact that very few of the Clergy take up these offerings, and those who do obey the Canon seem to have very little success in interesting their people in these objects of their bounty. Now in the first place I wish to say to my brethren of the Clergy that I am in urgent need of their help in the matter of these very funds, and especially I commend to their interest the Education Fund. During the past year I have had to make personal solicitations in different parts of the Diocese in order to raise the money I was obliged to have to help several deserving young men who are preparing for the ministry. I am willing to do this in an emergency, but I am sure you do not wish to reduce me to the necessity of doing this every year. And should any case of necessity arise for relieving the necessities of our old Clergy, the amount contributed annually to the Relief Fund is entirely inadequate to give any effectual help even in a single case of a superannuated Clergyman. I most earnestly ask their attention to this matter.

But to the Convention I would suggest the propriety of considering the whole question of these Canonical offerings and other offerings recommended by the Convention to the Clergy, and the appointment of a particular Sunday for each, so that

the recurrence of the appointed day might remind Priest and people alike of the object for which the Church that day asks their offerings. I would further most earnestly impress upon both Clergy and people the absolute importance of being regular and methodical in the collection and remittance of all their dues to the Church.

One thing more in this connection. Our General Convention meets in San Francisco the first Wednesday in October next. Most important matters are to come before it, and this Diocese should be ably represented, as it usually has been, in the great councils of the Church. Our Canons provide that the Treasurer shall pay the necessary expenses of the Clerical delegates attending the General Convention. Formerly the Canons directed a fixed sum to be paid to each Clerical Deputy. I suggest for the consideration of the Convention in the present case whether the Diocese is prepared to undertake the expense of four Clerical Deputies attending a two or three weeks' session of the General Convention at San Francisco. We are allowed to send not more than four Deputies. We may elect, if we please, only two, or one, or we may change the Canon and provide that a specified sum be paid each Clerical Deputy towards his expenses. I make no recommendation. I simply bring the matter before this Convention that it may receive due consideration.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The offerings for this object during the year have not been so large as we had hoped, but they have met our expenditures and have paid off a considerable part of the balance of indebtedness brought over from the year before. I think we may say the offerings have been reasonably satisfactory. There is, however, a feeling pretty general among us that we are not doing all the work which should be done. The appointment of an Archdeacon has proved a stimulus to the work of Diocesan Missions, so far as the Archdeacon has been able to cover the ground. But he has been almost wholly confined to the Western half of the Diocese. In that quarter his work has been most effective. I have found him a great help, and I believe that his work for the coming year is likely to be still more valuable. This has suggested the possible advantage of appointing another Archdeacon for the Eastern half of the Diocese, and reorganizing our Missionary work under three

Archdeacons instead of having four Convocations as heretofore. We have already an Archdeacon over the Colored work. All the work of Missions among white people being put under two Archdeacons might serve to bring the whole into a more effective condition. The Convocations are admittedly failures as Missionary agencies. The proposition will be made in this Convention, I am informed, to organize the Missionary work of the Diocese under three Archdeacons, as above indicated, and to put the duty and responsibility of attending to it upon the several Archdeaconries under the direction of the Bishop and the respective Archdeacons. I give no opinion on the point, but refer it to the consideration of the Convention. The plan has some features which commend it.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AND LAY AGENCIES.

I must mention, if only briefly, the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Daughters of the King. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is here to speak for itself—so is the Woman's Auxiliary. Not the least interesting or important features of our annual Conventions are the meetings and proceedings of these two valuable organizations of lay workers. It was thought at one time that an annual meeting of the Daughters of the King might also be held in connection with the Diocesan Convention. This, however, has proved to be impracticable. There is not time for so much in the three days of Convention. I have recently been in conference with the Diocesan Secretary of this Society, and suggested to her that it might be advisable to arrange an annual meeting of all the Chapters in North Carolina and in East Carolina together some day early in June, meeting in some convenient town, one year in this Diocese and the next in East Carolina. This proposition is now under consideration, and its adoption may prove a stimulus and encouragement to the faithful women engaged in this good work.

To the women of the Auxiliary I can only say what I have so often said before—that their assistance has become so very effective in the missionary work that no Bishop can now understand how the Church ever could have gotten on without it. I hope always to find a branch in every Parish and Mission of the Diocese. At the present time the most important matter before them is the "UNITED OFFERING" to be made at the General Convention next October. I trust that our

Diocesan Branch may be well represented both by the attendance of delegates and the generous offering which they shall make toward the work of our Missionary Bishops during the next three years.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY ENROLMENT AND OFFERING FOR
DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

In Epiphany season last I sent out to all the Clergy of the Diocese a request that they would send me at their earliest convenience complete lists of all the baptized members of the Church within their several enres, or attached to their congregations, in order that I might make a record for preservation among the archives of the Diocese of all members of the Church in this Diocese this opening year of the Twentieth Century. Such a list, if measurably full and accurate, will increase in interest and value as the years go by. Since the Canons require every Clergyman to keep such a list of his people, it should not be a very difficult or tedious matter to make a general list of the whole Diocese. And besides the future interest and value of such a record, to which I have alluded, I felt that there would be even a greater present utility in the very process of making out the local lists, and then combining them in a Diocesan list, by emphasizing both to the Clergy and the people the *personal, individual* relationship and responsibility involved in the work of the ministry for the people. Clergy and people have responded to this appeal in a manner which has convinced me that the thought of making this record was not an idle one. Indeed, I am satisfied that something of this kind was needed. The very difficulty in so many cases of securing the lists asked for revealed the fact that in most cases no accurate list of parishioners are kept by the Clergy. In the distractions of practical pastoral and missionary work the details of keeping accurate records involve more labor and difficulty than one would suppose before having tried it. But from all Parishes and Missions, with the single exception of a small congregation without a minister, I did finally secure lists more or less complete. Most of the Clergy responded most cordially and helpfully to my appeal; and I have now entered into the Register which I had made for the purpose, over 8,000 names of baptized members of the Church in the Diocese of North Carolina. But may I beg my brethren of the Clergy, and the laity as well,

for their further co-operation in the completion and perfecting of these lists? Many of the Parish lists are confessedly incomplete. In the nature of the case many inaccuracies must exist in them. May I not hope that during the rest of the year they will keep their lists of parishioners in mind, and from time to time make such additions and corrections as may serve to bring them nearer to completeness and accuracy? I may seem to some persons over particular about little things in thus dwelling upon this matter of lists of people's names; but I can not forget that our blessed Master, whom we are to represent so far as we can in the care of His work, says, THE GOOD SHEPHERD "CALLETH HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME."

For each person of all these eight thousand and over whose name had been sent me, I sent to the minister of the Parish or Mission a card enclosed in a directed envelope, requesting a special offering for the work of the Church in this Diocese this opening year of a new century. These offerings are to be brought up to this Convention by the Clergy, and presented at a special service appointed for that purpose. I now appoint for that offering the evening service Thursday, May 23d, when we are to be addressed upon the general subject of Missions by a representative of our Board of Managers of Domestic and Foreign Missions. This offering is a special offering, not to be considered as in any way interfering with our regular offerings, and to be administered by the Bishop through the Archdeacons, as in his judgment the interests of the work may demand. This has been my idea and purpose, but I should like to have an expression of the judgment of the Convention upon the best method of employing and disbursing such sums as may be received.

In speaking of our Diocesan Missions we should not forget our obligations to the general Domestic and Foreign Missionary work of the Church under the direction of our Board of Managers in New York. It shall be my purpose to encourage each Parish and congregation to give regularly to this general work. Our Sunday Schools give to it their Easter offerings; our Woman's Auxiliary contributes systematically; but each congregation, as a congregation, should give at the very least one offering each year to its treasury.

I call your attention also to the duty of all Churchmen with respect to the General Clergy Relief Fund. Some years ago the General Convention suggested that throughout the United States a tithe of the Communion Alms should be given

to this Fund. The suggestion seems to me most eminently proper. I could wish that all of our Clergy might adopt it, as I know that some have been in the habit of doing.

And now, brethren, a startling calamity which has fallen upon a large community of our brethren reminds us that we should look not on our own things merely, but also on the things of others. I need not tell you the story of the fire at Jacksonville, Florida. The particulars of that appalling event are fresh in your memory. We can not be insensible to such suffering. Shall we not do something to give practical expression to our sympathy? Some of our churches have already exerted themselves in this matter. Can not the influence of this Convention be exerted to produce a general action throughout the Diocese for the purpose of doing something in aid of our suffering brethren?

In concluding this over-long address, I feel obliged to say that I feel greatly encouraged when I survey the condition of affairs in the Diocese at large. We have still difficulties and weaknesses—but unity of action and self-denying faith will enable us to meet the demands which God's work makes upon us. Let me ask both Clergy and people to remember that the unit of Church life is the Diocese. The first thing to be looked to is that we do our duty to that. Local necessities will not let themselves be neglected. Let us all stand together in the strength of mutual sympathy and co-operation, stimulating and developing the life and power of the body, and that life and power will come back with ever-increasing strength and effectiveness in the members.

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