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OF

BISHOP JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE

BEFORE THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION  
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## ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

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*Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:*

The 24th of April, just three weeks ago, was the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of North Carolina, and of the meeting of our first Diocesan Convention. The Diocese then embraced the State of North Carolina. By the erection of the Diocese of East Carolina in 1883, and of the Missionary District of Asheville in 1895, we have become three separate organizations within the limits of our State, though still bound together by common traditions, and by ties of affection and sympathy. I deny myself the pleasure of enlarging upon the many interesting topics suggested by the completion of a century of diocesan existence, because we hope to meet in Newbern on Holy Thursday, immediately upon the adjournment of this Convention, that North Carolina, East Carolina, and Asheville may join in a common service of commemoration and thanksgiving upon this memorable occasion. I think we may truly say, "The Lord hath done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice": and may He have greater things to do with us in the years to come!

I must begin my Address by calling on you to join with me in thanking our merciful God and Saviour for the useful lives and peaceful departure of some of our dear and noble brethren, who since our last meeting have been called to their rest.

The oldest Priest of the Diocese, and in some respects the most notable, the Rev. Benjamin Swann Bronson, fell on sleep April 14, 1917, having completed his eighty-eighth year April 3d. I saw him on the 20th of March preceding, and conversed with him for perhaps an hour. Weak in body, he showed no dimness of intellectual or spiritual faculties. He spoke with entire freedom and composure of his approaching transition, expressing no reluctance to go, but hoping that he might finish out his eighty-eight years, a hope which was fulfilled. The only personal concern of which he spoke had

reference to the discharge of an obligation to a dear and valued friend, who had been very kind to him. I was able to assure him that he need feel no apprehension in the matter. All his other interest seemed to be connected with the present condition and prospects of St. Mary's School and the Thompson Orphanage. He had always felt that the interests of the Church could best be served by building up permanent institutions for Church work, and he had given much of the thought and effort of his life to such objects. He had not been successful in his own attempts, for he was singularly lacking in executive and administrative ability. He was, as we say, visionary, and in his fine inward vision forgot outward detail. But the power of vision is a marvelous power, and the real source of all worthy achievement: "Where no vision is the people perish." He saw what might be, and what ought to be; and he showed the way. He was a great source of help to me. When I followed him in Charlotte, after an interval of three years, I found St. Peter's Church in that city alive with his ideals and purposes and hopes. I tried to take up and carry out some of the designs I thus found ready to my hand. I feel that such work as I may have accomplished there was to a considerable degree by building upon his foundations. Since I have had the care of this Diocese committed to me, I have had much help of the same kind from him. His mind was a mine in which might be found much precious gold of priceless thoughts and ideas. I believe many others have consciously or unconsciously been helped by him, as I gratefully acknowledge that I have been. I believe him to have been a much more useful man than would appear from any work done by himself in its visible results. The Thompson Orphanage, developed and established by the faith and labors of the Rev. Edwin A. Osborne, sprang out of the hopes and efforts of Mr. Bronson, and is today carried on under the provisions of a deed of trust executed by him to the Trustees of the Diocese. The first hospital, as an instrumentality of Christian and charitable work, in this State, St. Peter's Hospital, Charlotte, had its origin in the same source. The Good Samaritan Hospital for Negroes, the first in the State, was the offspring of St. Peter's Hospital. But I cannot prolong this notice, only I must be allowed to record this slight tribute to our dear brother, however inadequate it may be.

It has not been my custom to dwell upon the death of the lay members of the Diocese. It would be impossible to mention all, and the difficulty of making a just discrimination must be quite apparent. But when in one year we lose from our parochial and diocesan activities John S. Henderson, William L. London, and John Cameron Buxton, it is not possible that I should fail to give some expression to that universal sense of sorrow which I know afflicts the hearts of our people of North Carolina. They were all notable men in their own individual personality; they came of distinguished ancestors who had held the highest positions both in Church and State since we have had civil and ecclesiastical institutions; they had been, each one from his early youth, earnest, active, and useful in the Church, each one the leading Churchman in his own community, and they had all served for many years in our Diocesan Convention, and repeatedly represented the Diocese in the General Convention. It would be a pleasure to me to draw out, so far as my abilities might enable me, their several characters, and to dwell upon their services to their fellows—especially the noble part they have played in our Church life. This, however, is impossible. I must content myself with this brief reference to them. In this our centennial year, they are a noble trio added to the treasures the Church in North Carolina has laid up in the eternal storehouse. While we feel the greatness of our loss, we rejoice in their goodly example: "My song shall be of mercy and judgment: unto Thee, O Lord, will I sing."

The following is a summary of my official acts in the Diocese during the year ending March 31, 1917:

- April 1. At Chapel Hill, had a conference with the Vestry of the Chapel of the Cross in regard to the calling of a rector.
2. *The Fourth Sunday in Lent.* In the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, I confirmed 4 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
  9. *The Fifth Sunday in Lent. Raleigh, visitations:*  
 11 a. m. Christ Church: Preached, and confirmed 39 persons.  
 5 p. m. Chapel of St. Mary's School: Confirmed 11 persons and made an address.
  12. Raleigh, St. Ambrose' Church, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed 9 persons.
  13. Raleigh, St. Saviour's Chapel, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed 7 persons.

- Apr. 15. Monroe, Holy Trinity Mission (for negroes), *visitation*:  
Preached, and confirmed 4 persons.
16. *Palm Sunday, visitations*:  
Monroe, St. Paul's Church: 11 a. m. Baptized an infant, confirmed 4 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Confirmed 2 sick persons in private.  
8 p. m. Charlotte, St. Martin's Church: Preached, and confirmed 10 persons.
18. Charlotte, St. Peter's Church: Officiated with the rector.
19. 10 a. m. Inspected the Thompson Orphanage.  
8 p. m. Church of the Holy Comforter, *visitation*:  
Preached, and confirmed 4 persons.
21. GOOD FRIDAY. Statesville, Trinity Church, *visitation*: Confirmed 1 person, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
22. *Easter Even.* Charlotte, St Peter's Church: 4 p. m. Baptized an infant, and said the Evening Service.
23. EASTER DAY. Charlotte, *visitations*:  
11 a. m. St. Peter's Church: Preached, confirmed 24 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.  
4 p. m. In the same church, made an address to the children.  
8 p. m. Church of St. Michael and All Angels (for negroes): preached, and confirmed 8 persons.
24. 11 a. m. Attended meeting of Executive Committee of the Thompson Orphanage.  
6 p. m. In the Church of the Holy Comforter, confirmed 3 persons.
25. *St. Mark's Day.* 10 a. m. Annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage.  
11 a. m. Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, *visitation*: Confirmed 7 children, and administered the Holy Communion.
28. Gulf, St. Mark's Church, *visitation*: Preached.
29. Pittsboro, St. James' Church (for negroes), *visitation*:  
Preached, confirmed 2 persons.
30. *The First Sunday after Easter. Visitations*:  
11 a. m. Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's Church: confirmed 1 person, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
8. p. m. Sanford: Preached, and confirmed 1 person.
- May 4. Raleigh, Christ Church: Officiated at a funeral.
7. *The Second Sunday after Easter.* Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd, *visitation*: Confirmed 29 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

- May 10. Raleigh, St. Mary's Chapel, *special visitation*: Confirmed 7 persons, and made an address.
12. Attended meeting of Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
14. Wake County, St. John's Mission, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed 5 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
15. Henderson, Church of the Holy Innocents: Officiated at a missionary meeting.
16. ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION. Henderson, Church of the Holy Innocents.  
 10 a. m. Said Morning Prayer, and called the Convention to order.  
 11 a. m. Opening service: Administered the Holy Communion.  
 4 p. m. Presided at business session.  
 8:30 p. m. Officiated at Evening Prayer and read my annual Address.
17. 7:30 a. m. In same church, administered the Holy Communion.  
 Presided in the business sessions of the Convention in the forenoon.  
 3 p. m. Officiated at a funeral near Warrenton.  
 4:30 p. m. Presided in the Convention.  
 8 p. m. In the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Innocents: Opened joint meeting of the Diocesan Convention and the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Afterwards continued the business session of the Convention.
18. Continued the business sessions of the Convention and at 4:30 p. m. conducted the closing service.
20. *The Fourth Sunday after Easter*. 7:45 a. m. In Chapel of St. Mary's School I administered the Holy Communion.  
 11 a. m. In the same Chapel, officiated at the "Commencement Sunday" service, the Rev. Mercer P. Logan, of Charleston, preaching the sermon.  
 5 p. m. In the same Chapel, made an address.  
 7:30 p. m. In Chapel of St. Augustine's School, officiated at the Evening Service.
23. St. Mary's School Commencement: Attended the Commencement exercises in the Auditorium.  
 12:30 noon. Officiated at the closing service in St. Mary's Chapel; delivered the diplomas to the graduates, and made an address.  
 3 p. m. Presided at the annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Mary's School.

- May 28. *The Fifth Sunday after Easter.* 11 a. m. Durham. St. Philip's Church: Officiated with the rector.  
5 p. m. In St. Augustine's Chapel, officiated at the Commencement Sunday service.
31. 10 a. m. Attended the Commencement at this School.  
2 p. m. Presided in the meeting of the Trustees of St. Augustine's School.
- June 1. ASCENSION DAY. Raleigh, Christ Church: Administered the Holy Communion.
2. Attended a meeting in the interest of St. Mary's School, in Christ Church Parish House. Raleigh, and made an address.
4. *The Sunday after Ascension Day.* 11 a. m. In the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, the rector being absent, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
6 p. m. In same Church, said Evening Prayer.
6. 7:30 a. m. In the Chapel of St. Mary's School, at opening of St. Mary's Conference, administered the Holy Communion. This day and the following one I attended the sessions of St. Mary's Conference.
- July 2. *The Second Sunday after Trinity.* In Calvary Church, Tarboro: Officiated morning and evening, administered the Holy Communion at the former service and preached; made an address at the evening service.  
The same day, at 4 p. m., at the mission in a schoolhouse below Macclesfield, Edgecombe County, preached, and confirmed 6 persons presented by the Lay Reader and Catechist.  
At 6 p. m., in schoolhouse near Macnair's Crossing, said a short service and made an address.
5. Raleigh: Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Raleigh.
7. Duke, St. Stephen's Church, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed 4 persons.
9. *The Third Sunday after Trinity.* 11 a. m. In Christ Church, Raleigh: Ordained Basil M. Walton to the Diaconate: preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
8 p. m. West Durham, St. Joseph's Church, *visitation*: Confirmed 7 persons, and made an address.
12. High Point, St. Mary's Church, *special visitation*: Confirmed 8 persons, and made an address.
13. Charlotte: 11 a. m. Attended a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage.  
8 p. m. St. Andrew's Chapel: Confirmed 2 persons.

- July 16. *The Fourth Sunday after Trinity. Visitations:* 11 a. m. Visited St. Mark's Church, Mecklenburg County; preached, confirmed 1 person, and administered the Holy Communion.  
8 p. m. In St. Stephen's Church, Mooresville, preached, and confirmed 1 person.
17. St. James' Church, Iredell County, *visitation:* Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
18. Walnut Cove, Christ Church, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed 1 person.
19. Mount Airy, Trinity Church, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed 2 persons.
20. Mayodan, Church of the Messiah, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed 3 persons.
21. Stoneville, Emmanuel Church, *visitation:* Preached.
22. Rockingham County, St. Andrew's Mission, *visitation:* The Rev. Wm. J. Gordon baptized 15 adults; I preached, and confirmed 16 persons.
23. *The Fifth Sunday after Trinity. Visitations:* 11 a. m. Leaksville, Church of the Epiphany: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
3 p. m. Spray, St. Luke's Church: Preached, and confirmed 5 persons.  
8:15 p. m. Reidsville, St. Thomas' Church: Preached.
30. *The Sixth Sunday after Trinity.* 11 a. m. Statesville, Trinity Church, *visitation:* Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
The destructive floods of this month made it impossible for me to carry out the arrangement I had made for a visitation of Christ Church, Cleveland, the same day.
31. In Salisbury, 3 p. m. I attended an important meeting of a Committee of the Managers of the Thompson Orphanage.  
8 p. m. Woodleaf, St. George's Chapel, *visitation:* Preached, confirmed 1 person.
- Aug. 2. Salisbury, St. Paul's Church, *visitation:* Preached.
3. 11 a. m. St. Mary's Church, Rowan County, *visitation:* Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
8 p. m. St. Matthew's Church, Rowan County, *visitation:* Preached.
6. *The Seventh Sunday after Trinity—The Feast of the Transfiguration.* Ansonville, All Souls' Church, *visitation:* Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
9. Went to Goshen, Granville County, to inspect the Thorp Family Burying Ground and give directions concerning it.

- Aug. 29. Wadesboro, at a private residence, I officiated at a marriage.
30. Raleigh, in St. Ambrose' Church, 8 p. m., attended the annual meeting of the Colored Convocation of the Diocese.
31. In the same church, 10 a. m., at the opening session of the Convocation, I administered the Holy Communion, and at 11 a. m. delivered my annual Address to the Convocation.
- 3 p. m. Presided in the business sessions.
- 8 p. m. In the same church, presided at a missionary meeting of the Convocation, and made an address.
- Sept. 1. In the same church, presided in the business sessions of the Convocation.
3. *The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.* Williamsboro, St. John's Church, *visitation*: Officiated morning and evening, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
8. 7:45 p. m. At the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, on the opening day of the Fall Term, I said prayers in the chapel (Pullen Hall), and made an address.
10. *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.* In the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, took part in the service which concluded the twenty-five years rectorship of the Rev. Dr. Pittenger.
12. Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Raleigh.
21. 9 a. m. In the Chapel of St. Mary's School, took part in the opening service of the school year, and made an address.
- 10 a. m. In the Church of the Good Shepherd, administered the Holy Communion.
22. Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
23. Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Augustine's School.
24. *The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.* In the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, I ordained Howard Stetter Hartzell to the Diaconate, and Arthur William Taylor, Edga N. LeBlanc, and Floyd Stephen Cartwright to the Priesthood, and administered the Holy Communion.
- 8 p. m. I officiated in St. Ambrose' Church.
26. Attended in Oxford a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Convention of the Diocese in regard to the legacy of Miss Lucy Thorp, and with Mr. A. C. Zollicoffer, a member of the Committee, visited and inspected the burying ground at Goshen.

- Sept. 28. 11:30 a. m. Took part in the service at the opening of the academic year of St. Augustine's School and made an address.
- Oct. 1. *The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. Visitations:*  
 11 a. m. Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Church: Confirmed 1 person, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
 3:30 p. m. Orange County, St. Mary's Church: Preached.
4. Attended a meeting of a Committee of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's School.
6. 3 p. m. In Salisbury, attended a meeting of a Committee of the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage.  
 7:30 p. m. Lexington, Grace Church, *special visitation:* Preached, and confirmed 2 persons.
8. *The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity. Visitations:*  
 At China Grove, consecrated Ascension Church, baptized an infant, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
 3:30 p. m. Cleveland, Christ Church: Confirmed 8 persons and preached.
29. *The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity. Visitations:*  
 11 a. m. Greensboro, St. Andrew's Church: Confirmed 10 persons, made an address, and administered the Holy Communion.  
 3 p. m. Officiated at a special service on opening the new Church of the Redeemer for our Colored Mission in Greensboro.
- Nov. 1. *All Saints' Day.* 8 p. m. Statesville, Trinity Church: Annual meeting of the Convocation of Charlotte; Preached.
2. Presided forenoon and afternoon in the business sessions of the Convocation.  
 8 p. m. Chapel of the Holy Cross, colored mission, *visitation:* Preached.
3. 7:30 a. m. In Trinity Church, Statesville, administered the Holy Communion.  
 7:30 p. m. Davie County, Ascension Church, *visitation:* Preached, and confirmed 1 person.
5. *The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Visitations:*  
 11 a. m. Winston, St. Paul's Church: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
 7:30 p. m. St. Stephen's Church, our colored mission in Winston: Preached, and confirmed 1 person.
7. Elkin, Galloway Memorial Chapel, *visitation:* Said Evening Prayer, baptized a child, and preached.
8. Germantown, St. Philip's Church, *visitation:* 5 p. m. Confirmed 2 persons.  
 7:30 p. m. Said Evening Prayer, and preached.

- Nov. 9. Greensboro, Holy Trinity Church, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed 10 persons.
10. Greensboro, Church of the Redeemer, our colored mission: 8 p. m. Preached, and confirmed 3 persons.
12. *The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity. Visitations:*  
 11 a. m. Concord, All Saints' Church: Said Morning Prayer, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
 7:30 p. m. Salisbury, St. Luke's Church: Preached, and confirmed 11 persons.
13. Cooleemee, Church of the Good Shepherd, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed 2 persons.
14. In the same church, at a service on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Marriage of the Rev. Simeon J. M. Brown, I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Archdeacon Hardin.
18. Littleton, St. Anna's Church, our colored mission, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed 6 persons.
19. *The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity. Visitations:*  
 11 a. m. Littleton, St. Alban's Church: Confirmed 1 person, made an address, and administered the Holy Communion.  
 7:30 p. m. Halifax, St. Mark's Church: Preached.
21. In Trinity Church, Scotland Neck: Annual meeting of the Convocation of Raleigh. 7:30 p. m. Officiated at the opening service and presided in the business session.
22. Attended the business sessions of the Convocation.  
 8 p. m. In the same church: Confirmed 10 persons, and made an address.
23. Attended the forenoon session of the Convocation.  
 8 p. m. Wilson, St. Timothy's Church: Officiated at a marriage.
24. Lawrence, Grace Memorial Chapel: Said Evening Prayer, preached, and confirmed 1 person.
26. *The Sunday next before Advent. Visitations:*  
 11 a. m. Tarboro, Calvary Church: Confirmed 32 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Confirmed 2 sick persons in private.  
 3:45 p. m. Speed, St. Mary's Church: Preached, and confirmed 4 persons.  
 7:30 p. m. Tarboro, St. Luke's Church: Preached, and confirmed 3 persons.
27. Rocky Mount, Church of the Good Shepherd, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer, and preached. After the service had a conference with the Vestry.

- Nov. 28. Rocky Mount, Holy Hope, colored mission, *visitation*:  
Preached.
30. *Thanksgiving Day*. Raleigh, in the Church of the Good Shepherd: Preached.
- Dec. 1. Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's Church: Officiated at a funeral.
3. *The First Sunday in Advent. Visitations*:  
11 a. m. Weldon, Grace Church: Confirmed 5 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
7:30 p. m. Jackson, Church of the Saviour: Preached.
4. Ringwood, St. Clement's Church, *visitation*: 3:30 p. m. Preached.
5. In Enfield. baptized a child in private.  
7:30 p. m. Enfield, Church of the Advent, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed 5 persons.
10. *The Second Sunday in Advent. Visitations*:  
11 a. m. Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's Church: Confirmed 2 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
3:30 p. m. Pittsboro, St. James' Colored Mission: Preached, confirmed 2 persons.  
8 p. m. Sanford, St. Thomas' Church: Preached.
17. *The Third Sunday in Advent. Visitations*:  
9:30 a. m. Wilson, St. Timothy's Church: Officiated at a funeral.  
11 a. m. Confirmed 20 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Before the service, confirmed a sick man in private.  
7:30 p. m. Selma, St. Gabriel's Church: Preached.
25. CHRISTMAS DAY. Raleigh, in the Church of the Good Shepherd: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
31. *The Sunday after Christmas*. Raleigh, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, I ordained a Deacon and administered the Holy Communion.
- 1917.
- Jan. 1. *Feast of the Circumcision*. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion.
3. In same church. said Morning Prayer and Litany.
6. *The Epiphany*. In the same church, administered the Holy Communion.
11. At the inauguration of Governor Bickett: Offered prayer, also gave the benediction at the close.
14. *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany. Visitations*:  
11 a. m. Roanoke Rapids, All Saints' Church: Confirmed

- 3 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- 2:30 p. m. Laid cornerstone of new church in Roanoke Rapids.
- 7:30 p. m. Weldon, Grace Church: Preached.
- Jan. 17. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Said Morning Prayer and the Litany.
19. In the same church, at a general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, administered the Holy Communion and made an address.
21. *The Third Sunday after the Epiphany.* Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross: The parish being vacant, said Morning Prayer and the ante-Communion, and preached. The evening of the same day, in West Durham, had a conference with the Diocesan Commissioner of the Pension Fund.
24. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Said Morning Prayer and the Litany.
25. *Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.* In the same church, administered the Holy Communion.
27. Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Augustine's School.
28. *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany.*  
 7:30 a. m. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion.  
 11 a. m. In the same church, officiated at the mid-day service.  
 2:30 p. m. In Christ Church, Raleigh, baptized an infant.  
 7:30 p. m. Church of the Holy Comforter, Burlington, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed 11 persons.
- Feb. 2. *Feast of the Purification.* Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion.
4. *Septuagesima Sunday.* Raleigh, 11 a. m. In the Church of the Good Shepherd, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
 3:30 p. m. In the same church, officiated at a funeral.  
 7:30 p. m. Said Evening Prayer and preached.
6. Spring Hope. St. Jude's Church, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed 3 persons.
7. Battleboro. St. John's Church, *visitation*: Said Evening Prayer, preached, and confirmed 2 persons.
11. *Seragesima Sunday.* Raleigh, in the Church of the Good Shepherd: Officiated morning and evening, and made an address on the Church Pension Fund.
18. *Quinquagesima Sunday.* Salisbury. Consecrated two churches:

- Feb. 18. 1. St. Peter's Church; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
2. St. Philip's Church, for our new mission in Salisbury. for negroes. Archdeacon Delany preached; I administered the Holy Communion.
19. Attended in Salisbury a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Charlotte.
20. Concord, All Saints' Church: Officiated at a marriage.
21. *Ash Wednesday*. Concord, Grace Church, *visitation*: Confirmed 2 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. After the service confirmed a sick child in private.
22. At the inauguration of President Riddick as President of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, I offered a prayer at the opening of the exercises and gave the Blessing at the end.
25. *The First Sunday in Lent*. 11 a. m. Southern Pines, Emmanuel Church. *visitation*: Confirmed 6 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- 8 p. m. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Said Evening Prayer and preached.
26. Smithfield, St. Paul's Church, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed 4 persons.
27. Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Raleigh.
28. 7:45 p. m. Raleigh, St. Ambrose' Church: Made an address.
- 8:30 p. m. Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Colored Convocation.
- Mar. 2. Stovall, St. Peter's Church, *visitation*: Preached.
3. Oxford, St. Cyprian's Church, colored mission, *visitation*: Preached, and confirmed 1 person.
4. *The Second Sunday in Lent*. *Visitations*: Oxford, St. Stephen's Church: 7:30 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion.
- 9:30 a. m. Confirmed sick person in private.
- 10 a. m. Confirmed 7 persons, and preached.
- 7:30 p. m. Henderson, Church of the Holy Innocents: Preached, confirmed 3 persons.
5. Henderson, St. John's Chapel, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed 6 persons.
7. Raleigh: Attended meeting of the Diocesan Apportionment Committee.
8. Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Raleigh.

- Mar. 9. Middleburg, Church of the Heavenly Rest, *visitation*: Preached, confirmed 4 persons, and made an address.
15. Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
18. *The Fourth Sunday in Lent.* Durham, *visitations*:  
 11 a. m. St. Philip's Church: Confirmed 32 persons, of whom 15 were deaf-mutes, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
 4 p. m. St. Titus' Church, our colored mission: Officiated at Evening Prayer.
19. Warrenton, Emmanuel Church, *visitation*: Confirmed 10 persons.
20. Warrenton, All Saints' colored mission: Confirmed 7 persons, made an address.
24. Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross: 7:30 p. m. Said the Litany.
25. *The Fifth Sunday in Lent; Feast of the Annunciation.* *Visitations*: 11 a. m. Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross: Confirmed 3 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.  
 7:30 p. m. West Durham, St. Joseph's Church: Confirmed 10 persons, and made an address.
28. 3 p. m. Attended meeting of Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.  
 8 p. m. Raleigh, St. Ambrose' Church, *visitation*: Preached, Confirmed 10 persons, and made an address.

My services outside the limits of the Diocese have been the following:

Besides taking part in the general services connected with the Commencement of the University of the South at Sewanee last June:

- 1916.
- June 13. 7:30 a. m. I administered the Holy Communion in All Saints' University Chapel.
22. In the Capitol at Washington I participated in the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the statue of Governor Vance, offering a prayer at the opening, and giving the Blessing at the close.
- Aug. 13. *The Eighth Sunday after Trinity.* In All Faith Church, St. Mary's County, Maryland, I took part in the service, and preached.
20. *The Ninth Sunday after Trinity.* In St. Paul's Church, Camden, Delaware: 7:30 a. m. I administered the Holy Communion.  
 6:30 p. m. Said Evening Prayer and preached.

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Jan. 31. In the Church House, Philadelphia, I delivered an address before a Church Historical Society.

I have thus officiated outside the Diocese four times, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion twice, and delivered one address.

A summary of my services within the Diocese gives a total of 185 services, 98 sermons, 25 addresses, 54 celebrations of the Holy Communion, 510 confirmations, 6 infant baptisms, 3 marriages, 4 funerals, 3 churches consecrated, 1 cornerstone laid, 3 Deacons advanced to the Priesthood, and 3 Candidates ordained Deacons.

The importance of the last mentioned services demands a fuller record of these ordinations.

*The Third Sunday after Trinity*, being June 9, 1916, in Christ Church, Raleigh, I ordained to the Diaconate, Basil Manly Walton. The Candidate was presented by Archdeacon Hughes. I preached the sermon. The Rev. Julian E. Ingle, the Rev. Milton A. Barber, and the Rev. Isaac W. Hughes assisted in the services.

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*, being the 24th day of September, 1916, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh. I ordained to the Diaconate Howard Stetter Hartzell: and advanced to the Priesthood, Arthur William Taylor, Edgar N. LeBlanc, and Floyd Stephen Cartwright. Messrs. Hartzell, Taylor, and LeBlanc were presented by Archdeacon Hughes, and Mr. Cartwright by the Rev. Julian E. Ingle. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Albert S. Cooper, of the Diocese of Hankow, China.

*The Sunday after Christmas*, December 31, 1916, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, I ordained to the Diaconate Sanford Louis Rotter. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. I. McK. Pittenger, D.D. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Burtis Hunter, D.D.

We have lost from our Clergy List since my last report:

*By death:*

Rev. Benjamin Swann Bronson, died April 14, 1917.

*By transfer to other Dioceses:*

Rev. Homer W. Starr, April 17, 1916, to South Carolina.

Rev. Albert New, September 5, 1916, to Asheville.

Rev. Henry T. Cocke, September 15, 1916, to New Jersey.

Rev. Locke W. Blackwelder, October 31, 1916, to South Carolina.

Rev. Floyd S. Cartwright, November 22, 1916, to East Carolina.

Rev. Henry C. Smith, December 18, 1916, to Arizona.

Rev. Edgar N. LeBlanc, December 18, 1916, to Asheville.

Rev. Edgar V. W. Edwards, February 23, 1917, to East Carolina.

We have gained:

*By ordination:*

Rev. Basil Manly Walton, July 9, 1916.

Rev. Howard Stetter Hartzell, September 24, 1916.

Rev. Sanford Louis Rotter, December 31, 1916.

*By transfer from other Dioceses:*

Rev. Reuben Meredith, June 20, 1916, from Southern Virginia.

Rev. Frederick Diehl, February 5, 1917, from Southern Virginia.

Rev. Charles Aylett Ashby, March 1, 1917, from East Carolina.

Rev. Richard Maynard Marshall, March 1, 1917, from South Carolina.

Having lost nine and gained seven, our total is reduced by two, and stands now, 1 Bishop, 51 Priests, and 10 Deacons—62 in all.

It should be remembered that the Rev. Edward Philip Green, whom I had deposed in 1901 for causes not affecting his moral character, and who had been for some time residing in Augusta, Georgia, was, upon the request of the Bishop of Georgia, and by due canonical procedure, restored to the exercise of his function October 31, 1916; and was the same day transferred to the Bishop of Georgia and accepted by him.

The Candidates for Holy Orders are: George C. Pollard, Arthur Myron Cochran, George H. W. Bullock, James Reginald Mallett, Roger Edgar Bunn, Theodore Stroup, and Roma Coxey Fortune.

The Postulants are: Edward Gray Joyner and Jadi Levi Martin.

The fields of labor of the Clergy are the same as last year, with the following exceptions:

The Rev. Basil M. Walton, Deacon, is serving under the direction of the Rev. Isaac W. Hughes, his special work being in St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, and St. James' Church, Kittrell.

The Rev. Howard S. Hartzell, Deacon, is serving under the Rev. William J. Gordon, in Leaksville, Spray, and adjacent missions.

The Rev. Sanford L. Rotter, Deacon, is finishing his course in the Virginia Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Reuben Meredith is Rector of Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, and has also under his care Halifax, Enfield, and Ringwood.

The Rev. Frederick Diehl is Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount, and has under his care Battleboro and the new mission of St. Jude's Church, Spring Hope.

The Rev. Dr. Pittenger, having resigned the rectorship of the Church of the Good Shepherd, after twenty-five years of faithful and efficient service, has taken charge of the missions of St. Gabriel's, Selma, and St. John's, Wake County.

The Rev. Charles A. Ashby became Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, March 1.

The Rev. R. Maynard Marshall assumed the rectorship of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, March 1.

The Rev. Lewis C. Morrison, of the Diocese of Harrisburg, has been put in charge of St. Stephen's Church, Duke, and St. Paul's Church, Smithfield, but has not as yet presented his letters dimissory.

The Rev. Phillips S. Gilman, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, has accepted a call to become rector of St. Paul's Church, Winston, and promises to take charge the first of next July. In the meantime that parish is fortunate in having the services of the Rev. A. Whitfield Cheatham.

St. Thomas' Church, Reidsville, vacant since the transfer of the Rev. Mr. LeBlanc to the District of Asheville, is being cared for at present by the Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Spray.

The Rev. Clarence G. Prosperi, Deacon, has given up the work at Concord, Mooresville, and St. James' Church, Iredell County, and is for the present assisting in the work in Rowan County, in connection with Trinity Church, Statesville.

The Rev. Lewis N. Taylor has resigned the work at Stovall, Townesville, and St. John's Church, Vance County, and April 1 assumed charge of the important work of All Saints' Mission, Roanoke Rapids, and St. Luke's Church, Northampton County, formerly under the care of the Rev. Henry C. Smith.

Under an arrangement with Archdeacon Hughes, the Rev. Frank B. Ticknor, of Southern Florida, is for the present officiating at Sanford, and also caring for St. Mark's, Gulf, and the Mission at Holly Springs, Wake County. The Rev. Harry O. Nash, of Southern Pines, desiring a charge during the heat of summer, will have charge for some months of Stovall, Townesville, and the rest of the field lately served by the Rev. Lewis N. Taylor.

The most important vacancies are High Point, Concord, and Mayodan. At the last named place Mr. J. Reginald Mallett, one of our Candidates for Orders, is very effectively serving as lay reader and catechist for the present, and I hope

within the next few months to have a resident minister in charge. At Concord and High Point earnest efforts are being made to secure permanent pastors.

On the whole the Diocese is well manned. The several important vacancies which have occurred during the year have all been supplied, and the new men who have come to us are a distinct addition to the strength of the Diocese, as well as to their several parishes.

As tedious as this formal report of the conditions of our work must necessarily be, I cannot omit to mention, with more than a passing notice, the resignation by the Rev. Dr. Pittenger of the rectorship of the Church of the Good Shepherd, after twenty-five years of faithful service and most successful administration. Not desiring to retire from active work, but feeling that the demands of the parish were a greater burden than he could well endure, he has taken charge of two missions easily accessible from Raleigh, both of which he had himself been instrumental in beginning some years ago. When he formally tendered his resignation of the parish, to take effect September 15, 1916, he could look upon the fruits of his quarter of a century rectorship, represented by one of the most beautiful churches anywhere to be found, and upon a congregation more than doubled in numbers, well organized, and zealous in all good works. We trust that the Diocese and this Convention may still enjoy the benefit of his services for some years to come.

When I come to speak of the many subjects of interest and importance which present themselves to my mind as I think of what lies before us, I hardly know how to choose those which have the strongest claim to be pressed upon your attention at this time. Our most important diocesan institution is St. Mary's School. I cannot too earnestly urge upon the clergy and people of the Diocese to unite in strong and enthusiastic and generous support of the effort now made by the Board of Trustees to provide for the more adequate support and development of our oldest, most useful, and most successful Church work. It is in every way entitled to all it asks; and I would gladly devote the whole of my space in this Address to setting forth its claims upon us, both on the ground of what it has already accomplished in its past for the Church, and for the incalculable possibilities of its future. I feel, however, that St. Mary's School will be adequately brought

to your attention in the Report of its Board of Trustees, and more especially by the Agent and Representative of the Board, the Rev. Francis M. Osborne.

The same may be said of the Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution. We shall have from its Board of Managers and from its excellent Superintendent a full report upon its work and its needs.

I feel that such space as remains to me in this Address must be devoted to one or two matters in which our diocesan affairs are very materially affected by the action of the General Convention of 1916.

#### THE PENSION FUND.

I think I need not enlarge on this subject. It has been brought so effectively to the attention of the whole Church that you all appreciate its importance. It affords a way by which the laity may make some reasonable provision for the disability of its faithful clergy and for their dependent families. But note, that it only establishes a means and a method whereby provision may be made by the laity. Unless the laity zealously use the means, and follow the method devised, nothing will be accomplished. It has sometimes been supposed, and erroneously asserted, that the method is purely selfish business, with no element of generous Christian charity, that they who pay much get much, and that they for whom only small payments are made can receive only what those small payments will provide. This is a great mistake. It does proceed on the business principle that if the people will not pay anything, or if they fail to pay the proportion assigned to them, their minister will suffer loss by reason of their failure. But it also provides that where the smallest and weakest parish pays faithfully the small assessment required, their clergyman shall receive a pension *twice as large* as the *maximum* granted to any clergyman in my experience by our old method, which simply appealed to an unregulated spirit of charity. So far as I am able to understand the system, it commends itself to my judgment as admirably adapted to meet the end proposed: but I am free to confess that, if to my individual judgment it seemed otherwise, I should hesitate to trust my individual judgment against the mature and deliberate conclusions of some of the best minds and soundest hearts in our American Church.

Our part now is to see that all our parishes, missions, Convocations, and other ecclesiastical and semi-ecclesiastical organizations, which employ the services of a clergyman, pay systematically the required assessment, that none of our deserving brethren be deprived of the benefit of this noble effort for their support and comfort. Immediately upon the going into effect of the Pension Fund system, I called together the Executive Committee of our several Convocations and had arrangements made, and immediately put into effect, for paying the proper assessments on behalf of our diocesan missionaries; and I also brought the matter to the attention of our schools and other institutions. I believe a good beginning has been made by all these diocesan organizations, and I trust that the parishes have done the same. In accordance with the terms of the Canon passed at our last Convention, I appointed a Diocesan Committee on the Pension Fund, as is recorded in our Journal of last year.

In speaking of the Pension Fund I should not fail to acknowledge the services of our own Diocesan Committee, and especially the faithful and efficient work of our Chairman, Mr. Wm. A. Erwin. Called unexpectedly to take the place of Dr. Herty, when the latter removed from the Diocese, Mr. Erwin accepted the position under very considerable disadvantages, and at great personal inconvenience. It was late in the campaign, and even then it was impossible for him to begin his work, on account of previous engagements, until some months had passed. Under these unfavorable circumstances the result achieved was much beyond my expectations, and I am most deeply gratified that the Diocese was able to do so well in this noble enterprise.

#### CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR, ETC.

An amendment to Canon 49 of the Canons of the General Convention requires all parochial reports to be made annually up to December 31, and a new Canon 50 has been enacted making the fiscal year end December 31, and requiring much greater accuracy and fulness in parochial and other accounts, with specific directions as to diocesan supervision of all accounts and the systematic auditing of the same; all which demand the serious attention of this Convention and some amendments in our diocesan Canons, and the adaptation of our methods to the provisions of these new enactments. I

shall not attempt any exposition of these new rules and methods; they will be sufficiently manifest by an examination of the Canons referred to, and a very full explanation of their purpose has been put out by the eminent layman who is understood to have been chiefly instrumental in framing them, which, in pamphlet form, has been widely circulated during the last few months. I ask the Convention to give their careful attention to this matter, that we may take such action as may be necessary to carry out in our diocesan affairs the methods prescribed by the General Convention.

I venture, however, to make one suggestion for your consideration in this connection. If our reports and accounts must all be made up from January 1 to December 31, it is to be considered whether that will not require some change in the time of holding our annual Convention. If we meet in May, accounts and reports for the year ending nearly five months previous will hardly afford an intelligible basis for our discussion and action. It is a question which should be carefully considered, and I do not advance any very confident opinion on it—but it has occurred to me that it might be an advantage to hold our Diocesan Convention during the month of February, if our financial and statistical reports are all to be made up to December 31st.

I believe that the questions raised by these changes in the Canons of the General Convention are the most important and difficult of any now before us, and I ask that the Convention give them their most careful examination and consideration.

#### A SUFFRAGAN BISHOP FOR THE NEGROES.

In common with most of our Southern Dioceses, we have for some years been pressing upon the General Convention the importance of doing something more effective for the advancement of our Church work among the negroes of the South. Our preference has been for a Racial Missionary District to include the colored clergy and congregations of contiguous Dioceses, with a negro Missionary Bishop, under provisions as to government and representation similar to those now applying to our territorial Missionary Districts. This proposed method of dealing with the negro work has been earnestly and elaborately considered and discussed for at least four General Conventions, and has been as often rejected by that body in favor of the proposal to deal with the negro work by the aid of a negro Suffragan Bishop. I am not prepared to say what

should be done by this Diocese, but I think that loyalty to our highest legislative body, and consistency with our own reiterated professions of interest in the welfare of our colored brethren, and earnestness in support of our Church work among them, require that we should at least consider seriously whether we are in a position to take up the method thus repeatedly recommended by our great national Church Council. I therefore ask this Convention to appoint a Committee of its ablest and most judicious members—clergymen and laymen—with instructions that they consider whether it be advisable and practicable, by the action of our own Diocese, or in coöperation with other Dioceses, to secure the consecration of a negro Suffragan Bishop for the work of the Church among the colored people. This Committee should be authorized to confer with any similar committees which may be appointed by neighboring Dioceses, and to report to our next Convention the result of their labors.

Other matters might be mentioned, but I must make an end. I have said nothing of the condition of the country and the many sad and solemn thoughts which must weigh upon our hearts and minds as we find ourselves again drawn into war with our Christian brethren of other lands. But our business in this Convention has no immediate connection with this condition of the country. We thank God that we have a Chief Executive who has shown that he loves peace and would willingly believe all things and endure all things, with every possible exercise of charitable construction and interpretation, rather than involve his country in the horrors of war. And we thank God also that when patience and gentleness were found unavailing to stem the tide of lawless barbarity, he has invoked the power of our country to enforce among the nations of the earth the principles of humanity and freedom. We dare not claim for ourselves any exemption from evil or error. In many respects we have great sins to repent of, and great faults needing amendment. But in regard to this present war we know that we have no selfish purpose or desires. Our participation in it is only for the purpose of resisting wrong and maintaining the rights of other nations and peoples as well as our own. And in this confidence we send forth our sons at the call of our country; and we humbly and with a clear conscience pray that the God of Truth and Righteousness may be with us, and use us to establish His reign upon earth.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.

## THE BISHOP'S ACCOUNT.

APRIL 1, 1916—MARCH 31, 1917.

## RECEIPTS.

<i>Collections during the year</i> .....	\$ 570.65
<i>Woman's Auxiliary:</i>	
Mrs. Burwell .....	\$ 78.50
Mrs. Gibble .....	4.25
Mrs. Spruill .....	10.00
Miss Hunter .....	6.55
Mrs. King .....	11.40
	110.70
<i>Special contributions:</i>	
Miss Benson .....	\$100.00
Chas. E. Johnson .....	100.00
Church of Good Shepherd, Raleigh.....	30.00
Wm. A. Erwin .....	500.00
	730.00
<i>Interest on special deposit</i> .....	87.46
	\$1,498.81

## DISBURSEMENTS.

*Diocesan Missions—White:*

Rev. Arthur W. Taylor .....	\$ 37.50
Rev. Edwin A. Osborne .....	15.00
Rev. Wm. H. Ramsaur .....	60.00
Rev. Floyd S. Cartwright .....	33.33
Grace School, Lawrence .....	50.00
	\$ 195.83

*Diocesan Missions—Colored:*

Convocation .....	\$ 75.00
Rev. Chas. H. Male .....	40.00
Rev. John E. G. Small.....	25.00
Rev. Jos. H. Hudson.....	30.00
A. Myron Cochran .....	40.00
St. Michael's School .....	200.00
	410.00

*Education Fund:*

Rev. Howard S. Hartzell .....	\$ 25.00
Roger E. Bunn .....	35.00
	60.00
Rebuilding Church of Redeemer, Greensboro.....	250.00

*Miscellaneous:*

Traveling expenses, etc., of clergy paid.....	\$ 24.21
Work on Goshen Graveyard .....	10.00
Packing and freight on books (Dr. Murdock's)....	26.20
Insurance on Church at Selma.....	36.00
Rev. Girard W. Phelps .....	20.00
	—————\$ 116.41
	\$1,032.24
By balance .....	466.57
	—————\$1,498.81

Two matters I desire to mention in connection with my accounts of money received and disbursed by me.

1. The items of interest mentioned in former accounts as received from the William Belk Co. at Sanford, belonged to a fund held by the Trustees of the Diocese for the benefit of our work at Sanford. This interest has been paid out by me for that work, and has been accounted for in a settlement made with the Rev. N. Collin Hughes, Archdeacon, in charge of the work at Sanford.

2. A balance of \$944.86 in the Raleigh Mechanics Savings Bank, of a fund originally raised for building a church at Pinehurst, was temporarily withdrawn from the bank, *upon security approved by the Trustees of the Diocese*. It has been replaced in the same bank. As a Trustee is entitled to some remuneration for administering trust funds, I thought it not improper to use the interest, while thus withdrawn, on the missionary work of the Diocese.





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