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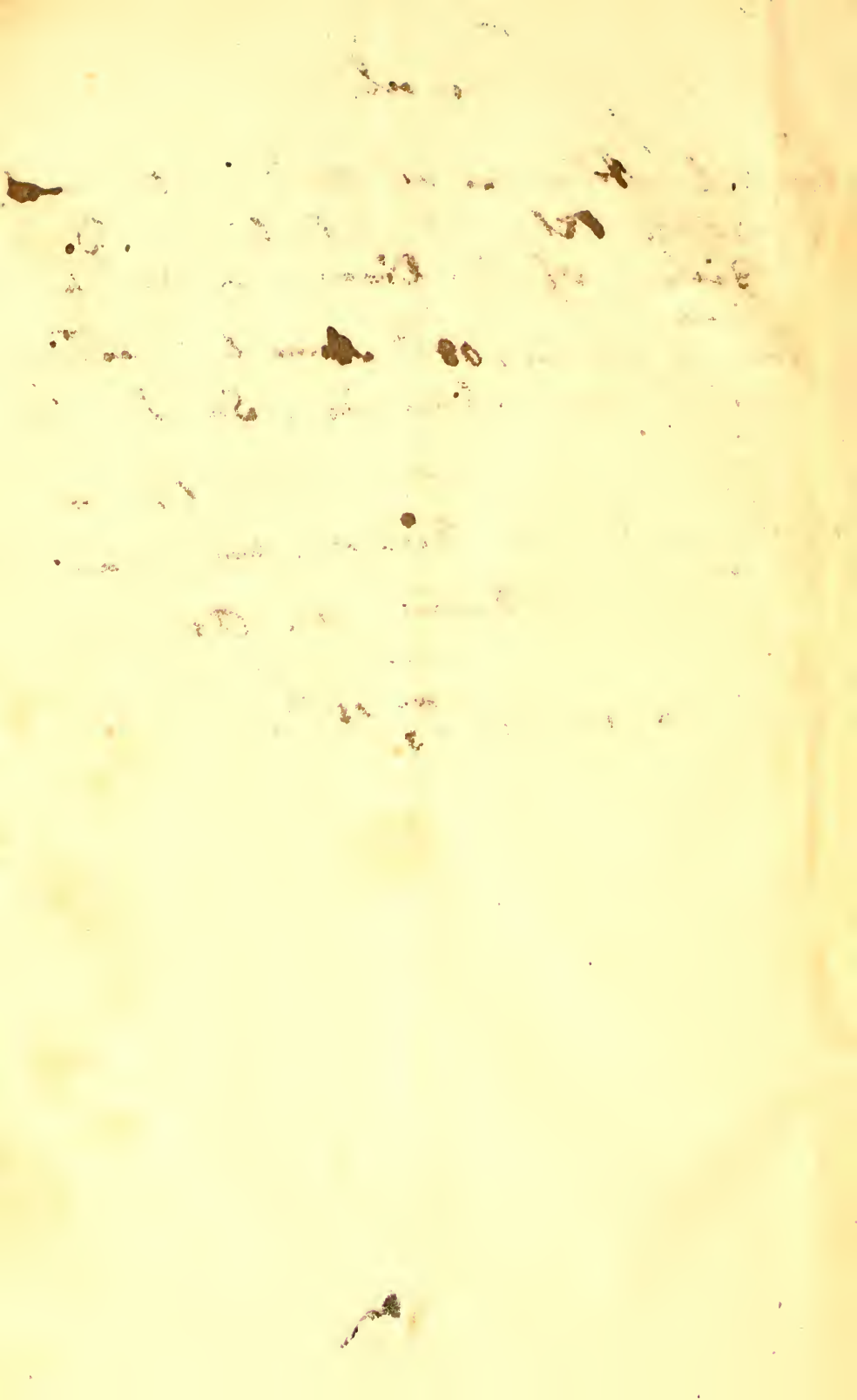
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Annual Address of the Right Reverend,
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Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina
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ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

In welcoming you to this one hundred and eighth annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina, I have to note the absence of one of the oldest of our Clergy, who since our last meeting has been called to a higher sphere in the fellowship of Christ's Church, the Rev. Isaac McKendree Pittenger, D.D., for twenty-five years Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, from 1892 to 1916. He was a devoted pastor, a diligent preacher, an enterprising administrator, given to hospitality, and loyal to the Church and to its teachings. He won a high place in the affections of his people, and left behind a noble monument to perpetuate the memory of his rectorship, in the stately and beautiful Church of the Good Shepherd, which humanly speaking would never have been built in its fair and harmonious proportions but for his large vision and consecrated enthusiasm. Well on in middle life when he came to this Diocese, he soon became thoroughly identified with both our social and our church life, and for many years received the fullest confidence of the Diocese, and served in the most important positions within the gift of this Convention.

Having completed twenty-five years of faithful and effective service as Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, he resigned that parish in the autumn of the year 1916, and for a year or two undertook missionary work in the vicinity of Raleigh, having no desire or purpose to retire from the exercise of his ministry. But his parochial labors had been more exhausting than either he or his Bishop realized, and after about two years of this irregular service, often interrupted by ill health and physical weakness, he was compelled to

retire from active work. He had many friends in the Diocese, and left a noble monument to his memory in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.

There has passed from us since our last meeting another of our brethren, a layman, long one of the most important and zealous members of the Convention, and for thirty-eight consecutive years unfailing in his attendance, the late Charles E. Johnson, of Christ Church, Raleigh. For thirty-four years, from 1884 to 1918, he was our faithful and efficient Treasurer, and for thirty-two years one of the Trustees of the Diocese. He had been my friend from early manhood, a friendship which had in a manner come down to us from those who had gone before. Our official connection, combining with our personal relations, made him one of my most intimate associates for the last thirty years of his life, and I cannot but be deeply affected by his departure from us. He was to me a kind, considerate and unfailing friend, a wise and judicious counsellor both in matters personal and official. He was not only our faithful and efficient Treasurer for thirty-four years, but during all the years of his service in this Convention, unprecedented, so far as I remember in length of continued and unbroken attendance, he was concerned in every matter affecting the interests of the Diocese. There was nothing of importance in which his judgment and experience were not helpful. As a Trustee of St. Mary's School he gave much time and thought to that greatest of our Diocesan enterprises, having served on its Board of Trustees, as a member of the Executive Committee, from its incorporation in 1897 until his death. Of the important place he occupied in the community and the positions of trust and responsibility he so successfully filled, I will not speak. I can only refer thus briefly to his services to the Church and Convention. He was a devoted son of the Diocese of North Carolina.

1923.

My official acts and services during the year were as follows:

- Jan. 16. In the Church of the Holy Trinity, Greensboro, the parish being vacant, I baptized an infant.
17. Charlotte: 10 a. m. Presided at the annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution.
4 p. m. Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Charlotte.
18. Meeting of the Diocesan Executive Committee in St. Martin's Church, Charlotte.
10:30 a. m. I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Bishop Penick.
4:15 p. m. Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Charlotte.
23. Warrenton, Emmanuel Church. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONVOCATION OF RALEIGH.
7:30 p. m. Said evening prayer, assisted by Archdeacon Bethea; Bishop Penick preached.
24. Meeting of the Convocation continued throughout the day.
9:30 a. m. I administered the Holy Communion; officiated at the evening service.
9:30 p. m. Conference with the vestry and congregation of Emmanuel Church.
25. *Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.*
9:30 a. m. In the same church administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Bishop Penick. Attended the closing session of the Convocation.
26. After conference in Raleigh with Bishop Penick and Bishop Delany, I requested Bishop Penick to take the general supervision of the work of our Colored Convocation, and he very kindly consented to do so.
- Feb. 4. *Sexagesima Sunday.* Raleigh.
11 a. m. Church of the Good Shepherd: I administered the Holy Communion.
5 p. m. In the Chapel of St. Mary's School, officiated with the rector.

- Feb. 6. Monroe. St. Paul's Church. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONVOCATION OF CHARLOTTE.
7:30 p. m. Officiated with other clergy at evening prayer. Bishop Penick preached.
7. In the same church attended the services and sessions of the Convocation and officiated at evening prayer.
8. In the same church attended the closing service and sessions of the Convocation.
9. 8 p. m. Raleigh. Attended a conference of the ministers of the city to oppose the enactment by the General Assembly of the State of a law making insanity a ground for a divorce *a vinculo matrimonii*.
11. *Quinquagesima Sunday*. Henderson. *Visitations*.
11 a. m. Church of the Holy Innocents. Preached, confirmed and addressed 8 persons and administered the Holy Communion.
2:30 p. m. In St. John's Chapel, preached and confirmed 2 persons.
14. *Ash Wednesday* and the three following days, the 15th, 16th and 17th in St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, at 7:30 p. m. the Priest in charge being temporarily disabled, I said the evening prayer and preached. On the evening of the 17th I confirmed and addressed 8 persons.
16. In St. Matthias' Church, Louisburg, at 11:30 a. m., said morning prayer and preached.
18. *The first Sunday in Lent*. *Visitations*.
Kittrell, St. James's Church. Confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.
21. In St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro, officiated at a funeral.
8 p. m. Raleigh. Church of the Good Shepherd: preached.
25. *The Second Sunday in Lent*. *Visitations*.
11 a. m. Durham. St. Phillip's Church. Confirmed 16 persons, preached and administered the Holy Communion.
4:15 p. m. In same parish confirmed in private a sick woman and two other members of her family.
28. Raleigh. Church of the Good Shepherd. 8 p. m. preached.
- March 4. *Third Sunday in Lent*. *Visitations*.
11 a. m. Littleton. St. Alban's Church. Preached and administered the Holy Communion.

- March 4. 4 p. m. Ringwood. St. Clement's Church. Preached and confirmed one person.
7. Raleigh. Church of the Good Shepherd. 8. p. m. Preached.
11. *The Fourth Sunday in Lent. Visitations.*
 11 a. m. Pittsboro. St. Bartholomew's Church. Confirmed 2 persons, preached and administered the Holy Communion.
 4:30 p. m. In Sanford. Confirmed a sick woman in private.
 7:30 p. m. Sanford. St. Thomas's Church. Preached.
14. Raleigh. Church of the Good Shepherd. 8 p. m. Preached.
15. Durham. St. Phillip's Church. 8 p. m. Preached and confirmed 4 persons.
18. *Fifth Sunday in Lent. Visitations.*
 11 a. m. Chapel Hill. Chapel of the Cross. Preached and administered the Holy Communion.
 3:30 p. m. Had a conference with the Vestry concerning proposed new church.
 7:45 p. m. In same church, preached and confirmed and addressed 9 persons.
19. In the same church. 5 p. m. Preached.
20. In the same church. 5 p. m. Preached.
21. Raleigh. Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Raleigh.
22. Raleigh. Chapel of St. Augustine's School. 6:15 p. m. Made an address.
25. *Palm Sunday. Raleigh. Visitations.*
 11 a. m. Chapel of St. Mary's School. The Rector being ill I preached and administered the Holy Communion.
 5 p. m. In same chapel said evening service.
 8 p. m. Church of the Good Shepherd. Preached and confirmed 8 persons.
30. *Good Friday. Raleigh.*
 10:30 a. m. Church of the Good Shepherd. Officiated with the Rector in the services for the day.
- April 1. *Easter Day. Visitations.*
 11 a. m. Warrenton. Emmanuel Church. Morning prayer and Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. John H. Crosby, Rector. I confirmed one person and preached.

- April
1. 3:30 p. m. Ridgeway. Church of the Good-Shepherd.
The Rector being absent I said evening prayer and preached.
 2. *Easter Monday.* Middleburg. *Visitation.*
7:30 p. m. Preached and confirmed 3 persons.
 7. Charlotte, St. Peter's Church: Officiated at a marriage.
 8. *The Sunday after Easter.* *Visitation.*
Southern Pines, Emmanuel Church: Preached and confirmed 5 persons.
 9. Visited the State institution known as Samarcand, in Moore County. Conferred with the Superintendent and made an address in the Assembly Hall.
 11. Raleigh, Christ Church. *Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.*
7:30 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion; attended the business sessions during the day, and officiated at the evening service.
 12. Northampton County, St. Luke's Church. *Visitation.*
8 p. m. Preached and confirmed 2 persons.
 13. Roanoke Rapids, All Saint's Church. *Visitation.*
8 p. m. Preached; confirmed 15 persons.
 15. *The Second Sunday after Easter.* *Visitations.*
11 a. m. Jackson Church of the Saviour: Administered the Holy Communion and preached.
7:30 p. m. Weldon, Grace Church: Preached and confirmed 9 persons.
 17. Chapel Hill. In company with Bishop Penick and representatives of other Christian Communions in this State had Conference with President Chase upon the subject of the systematic study of the Holy Scriptures in the State University.
 19. Tarboro: Assisted by the Rev. Bertram, E. Brown and the Rev. Saml. W. Hale, I laid the cornerstone of the Cheshire Memorial Parish House of Calvary Church, named in honor of the former Rector of that parish, and made an address.
 22. *The Third Sunday after Easter.* *Visitation.*
Raleigh, Christ Church: Confirmed 18 persons; preached and administered Holy Communion.
 27. 6 p. m. Tarboro, Calvary Church. Confirmed 11 persons.
8 p. m. Macclesfield. *Visitation.* Preached, made an address and confirmed 3 persons.

- April 29. *The Fourth Sunday after Easter. Visitation.*
 11 a. m. Raleigh, St. Saviours Church: Confirmed 21 persons, preached and administered the Holy Communion.
- May 1. Raleigh: Confirmed sick man in private.
3. Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
6. *The Fifth Sunday after Easter. Raleigh*
 11 a. m. Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion.
8. THE 107TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA. Oxford, St. Stephen's Church.
 7:30 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion.
 10 a. m. Called the Convention to order.
 11 a. m. Officiated at the opening service, assisted by Bishop Penick and the other clergy of the Diocese; presided during the business session of the Convention, officiated at the evening service and delivered my Annual Address to the Convention.
9. 7:30 a. m. Oxford, St. Cyprian's Church: Administered the Holy Communion.
 9:30 a. m. In St. Stephen's Church; Officiated at morning prayer, presided in the business sessions during the day, and officiated at the closing service.
10. ASCENSION DAY.
 Oxford, St. Stephen's Church: Administered the Holy Communion.
14. Raleigh, In St. Augustine's Chapel: Officiated at a funeral.
16. Raleigh. Attended meeting of the Standing Committee.
20. WHITSUNDAY.
 Durham, St. Philip's Church.
 7:30 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion.
 11 a. m. Officiated with the Rector, Rev. Sidney S. Bost, at morning prayer and made an address in reference to the completion by the Rector of twenty-five years' service in that parish. Dr. John H. Manning also spoke on behalf of the congregation.
 5 p. m. Raleigh, Chapel of St. Mary's School. *Visitation.* Confirmed 3 persons and preached.
27. TRINITY SUNDAY. Raleigh.
 7:50 a. m. St. Mary's Chapel: Administered the Holy Communion.

- May 27. 11 a. m. In the same place: Officiated with the Rev. Warren W. Way at morning prayer. The commencement sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Kirkman G. Finlay, D.D.
- 5 p. m. Chapel of St. Augustine's School: Officiated at evening prayer. The commencement sermon was preached by the Rev. John W. Herritage.
8. p. m. Church of the Good Shepherd: Officiated with the Rector at evening prayer.
29. Raleigh. 11 a. m. Attended the Commencement exercises of St. Mary's School, and officiated at the closing service in the Chapel, and delivered the diplomas to the graduates.
- 3 p. m. Presided in the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of St. Mary's School.
30. Raleigh. 10 a. m. Presided in the Commencement exercises of St. Augustine's School.
- 2:30 p. m. Presided at the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of St. Augustine's School.
- June 5. Wilson. St. Timothy's Church: Officiated at a wedding.
19. Raleigh: Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
23. Edgecombe County, St. Wilfrid's Mission:
8:15 p. m. *Visitation*. Baptized 3 children and confirmed 3 persons.
24. *The Fourth Sunday after Trinity. St. John Baptist Day.*
7.30 a. m. Tarboro, Calvary Church: Administered the Holy Communion.
- 11 a. m. Edgecombe County, St. Ann's Mission: Blessed and opened for service the Chapel "St. Ann in the Oaks"; made an address, and confirmed 4 persons.
- 8:15 p. m. Old Sparta, St. Ignatius Chapel: I baptized 4 children, and confirmed 3 persons, and preached.
- July 8. *The Sixth Sunday after Trinity. Visitations.*
11:30 a. m. Cunningham Chapel, Person County: Preached and administered the Holy Communion.
- 8 p. m. Roxboro, in public hall: Preached.
10. Leaksville Church of the Epiphany: Preached, confirmed and addressed 2 persons.
11. Stoneville, Church of the Messiah: Preached and confirmed 6 persons.

- July 13. Mecklenburg, St. Mark's Church: 8 p. m. Officiated at evening prayer.
15. *The Seventh Sunday after Trinity.*
 11 a. m. In the same church: Officiated with Bishop Pénick at his visitation.
 7:30 p. m. Salisbury, St. Paul's Church: Said evening prayer and preached.
17. Conference in Durham with the Rector and Warden of Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, and Mr. Wm. A. Erwin in regard to plans for new church at Chapel Hill.
- Aug. 12. *The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.* Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd, the Rector absent.
 7:30 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion.
 11 a. m. Said morning prayer and the Litany and preached.
 6 p. m. Said evening prayer.
19. *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.* Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd. In the absence of the Rector administered the Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. and at 11 a. m. said morning prayer and preached.
- Sept. 1. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLORED CONVOCATION. Charlotte, Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
 7:30 p. m. Officiated with Bishop Delany and other clergy at the opening service, and made an address.
2. *The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
 9 a. m. Charlotte, Church of the Holy Comforter: Confirmed one person.
 10 a. m. Church of St. Michael and All Angels: Officiated at the services with Bishop Delaney, and again at the evening service, and at the latter made an address.
5. Raleigh: Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
19. Raleigh: Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Raleigh.
20. Greensboro: Attended meeting of the Diocesan Executive Committee.
27. Raleigh, St. Augustine's School: Officiated at opening service of the new school year, and made an address.
30. *The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. Visitations.*
 11 a. m. Williansboro, St. John's Church: Preached and administered the Holy Communion.

- 7:30 p. m. Townesville, Holy Trinity Church: Preached.
- Oct. 4. Scotland Neck: Conference with a committee of the Vestry in regard to the erection of a Parish House.
5. 7:30 p. m. Spring Hope, St. Jude's Church. *Visitation*. Preached and confirmed 2 persons.
7. *The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity. Visitations.*
11 a. m. Enfield, Church of the Advent: Preached, confirmed 4 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
- 7:30 p. m. Battleboro, St. John's Church: Preached.
8. Raleigh: 4 p. m. Attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and made an address.
10. Northampton County, St. Luke's Church: Attended a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Edgecombe District, including Edgecombe, Halifax, Northampton, Nash and Wilson; and administered the Holy Communion at the opening service.
13. Raleigh, Christ Church: Officiated at a funeral.
14. *The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Visitations.*
11 a. m. Duke, St. Stephen's Church: Consecrated the new church building, made an address, confirmed 6 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
7:30 p. m. Smithfield, St. Paul's Church: Preached.
21. *The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity. Visitations.*
11 a. m. Hillsboro, St. Matthews' Church: Preached and administered the Holy Communion.
4 p. m. Orange County, St. Mary's Church: Preached and confirmed one person.
28. *The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity. Visitations.*
10 a. m. Warrenton, Emmanuel Church: Had a conference with the Vestry.
11 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. John H. Crosby; preached and confirmed 4 persons.
7:30 p. m. West Durham, St. Joseph's Church: Preached, confirmed and addressed 7 persons.
30. Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross: Attended a Diocesan Conference on Social Service, and administered the Holy Communion at the opening of the meeting, 10:45 a. m.
31. Jackson, Church of the Saviour: 7:30 p. m. Said evening prayer and preached.

- Nov. 4. *The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity. Visitations.*
 11 a. m. Tarboro, Calvary Church: Preached and confirmed 4 persons.
 3:30 p. m. Edgecombe County, St. Matthew's Church: Dedicated a bell; confirmed 8 persons, and made an address.
11. *The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.*
 8 a. m. Charlotte, St. Martin's Church: Administered the Holy Communion.
 11 a. m. In the same church: Said morning prayer and preached.
 3:30 p. m. Mecklenburg County, St. Mark's Church: Said evening prayer and preached.
18. *The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity. Raleigh.*
 3:30 p. m. In the Church of the Good Shepherd: Said evening prayer and baptized an infant.
21. Raleigh: Attended a meeting of the Executive' Committee of St. Augustine's School.
22. Scotland Neck, Trinity Church: Officiated at a marriage.
25. *The Sunday next before Advent. Visitations.*
 11 a. m. Oxford, St. Stephen's Church: Preached, confirmed 7 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
 7 p. m. Stovall, St. Peter's Church: Preached.
- Dec. 2. *The First Sunday in Advent. Visitations.*
 11 a. m. Halifax, St. Mark's Church: Preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.
 7:30 p. m. Scotland Neck, Trinity Church: Confirmed 17 persons.
5. Edgecombe County, St. Wilifrid's Mission: 8 p. m. Confirmed 3 persons, and made an address.
6. Old Sparta, St. Ignatius' Church: 8 p. m. Made an address, and confirmed 4 persons.
7. Edgecombe County, St. Matthew's Church: 8 p. m. Baptized an adult, confirmed 6 persons, and made an address.
8. Wilson: Confirmed a sick woman in private.
9. *The Second Sunday in Advent. Visitations.*
 11 a. m. Wilson, St. Timothy's Church: Preached, confirmed 17 persons and administered the Holy Communion.
 7:30 p. m. Rocky Mount, Church of the Good Shepherd: Preached and confirmed 5 persons.

- Dec. 12. Raleigh: Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Raleigh.
16. *The Third Sunday in Advent.* Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: 11 a. m. Ordained a Deacon, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
23. *The Fourth Sunday in Advent. Visitations.*
 11 a. m. Warrenton, Emmanuel Church: Inducted the Rev. Belford Northrup DeFoe Wagner; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
 7:30 p. m. Roanoke Rapids, All Saints' Church: Preached, and confirmed 10 persons.
25. CHRISTMAS DAY. Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion.
30. *The Sunday after Christmas.* Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Preached.
31. Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Church: Officiated at a funeral.

One or two of the above-mentioned services demand a somewhat fuller detail.

October 14th, being the *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*, I consecrated the new St. Stephen's Church, Duke, built to replace the building destroyed by fire a year ago. The Rev. Sidney S. Bost preached the sermon, the Petition for Consecration was read by Mr. Edwin A. Bost, representing the congregation, and the Sentence of Consecration by Archdeacon Bethea.

December 16th, being the *Third Sunday in Advent*, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, I ordained to the Diaconate Clarence Oliver Pardo. The candidate was presented by the Rev. N. Collin Hughes, D.D. I preached the sermon. I was assisted in the services by Archdeacon Bethea and the Rev. Henry G. Lane, Rector of the parish. I delivered to the newly ordained Deacon a license to preach.

It will be seen by the preceding account of the year's services, that I have officiated on 135 occasions, have administered the Holy Communion 40 times; have delivered 64 sermons, and 19 addresses; have baptized 9 infants, and 1 adult; have confirmed 281, and have officiated at 29 marriages and 4 funerals; have ordained one Deacon and consecrated one Church.

Including the confirmations reported by Bishop Penick and by Bishop Delaney, the whole number for the year 1923 is 722. Bishop Delaney's report shows also one ordination to the Diaconate, so that the total of ordinations in the Diocese during 1923 is two.

I officiated beyond the bounds of the Diocese:

- April 18. In St. Paul's Church, Edenton, I officiated with the Rev. Dr. Drane, Rector and Bishop Darst, at a marriage.

- May 24. In St. James' Church, Wilmington: Officiated with other clergymen, at the funeral of my friend and parishoner, the late Hon. Platt D. Walker, one of the Judges of our Supreme Court.
- June 10. In Hartford, Connecticut, officiated at an open air service on the Campus of Trinity College, in connection with the Centenary of the foundation of this college, my Alma Mater.
17. *The Third Sunday after Trinity.*
In the Church of the Epiphany, Renssalaer, N. Y., I administered the Holy Communion at the early service, and assisted at the 11 a. m. service and preached.
27. In St. Paul's Church Norfolk, participated in the services commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the Rt. Rev. Beverley D. Tucker, D.D., Bishop of Southern Virginia.
- July 29. *The Ninth Sunday after Trinity.*
Administered the Holy Communion in a private house in All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County, Md., with the consent of the Rector of the Parish, for the benefit of the aged and infirm members of the household.
- Aug. 5. In All Faith Church, St. Mary's County, Diocese of Washington, in the absence of the Rector, said morning prayer, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
6. In same parish again administered the Holy Communion in a private house for the benefit of aged and infirm members of the household.
26. *The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
In the Chapel at Valle Crucis, Diocese of Western North Carolina, preached and administered the Holy Communion, being assisted in the services by Archdeacon Hardin and the Rev. James Preston Burke, Priest in charge.
- Sept. 9. *The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
In the Church of the Resurrection, Little Switzerland, Diocese of Western North Carolina, at 11 a. m., said morning prayer, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon held an informal service with the neighboring mountain people, and made an address.
12. Morganton, Grace Church, in same Diocese, preached the sermon at the service in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Edmund N. Joyner.

- Oct. 22. In St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga, attended the meeting of the Provincial Synod of the Fourth Province, the Province of Sewanee, on this and the two following days, and participated in proceedings and services of the Synod.
- Nov. 8. Calvary Church, Henderson County, Diocese of Western North Carolina: Officiated at a marriage.
- 14 and 15. Attended the special meeting of the House of Bishops in St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas, Texas, and participated in the services incident thereto.
- Services outside the Diocese, 11: Administered the Holy Communion 5 times, preached 4 times, made one address, officiated at two marriages and at one funeral.

We have lost from the Diocese since the Convention of 1923 the following clergymen:

The Rev. Isaac McKendree Pittinger, died November 7th.

By transfer to other Dioceses:

The Rev. James Preston Burke, June 1st to Western North Carolina.

The Rev. William E. Allen, Jr., Aug. 1st to Texas.

The Rev. Thomas N. Lawrence, Oct. 27th to Washington.

The Rev. Charles F. Westman, Nov. 1st to Massachusetts.

The Rev. John Hartley, Dec. 5th to East Carolina.

The Rev. Joseph D. C. Wilson, Dec. 31st to Atlanta.

We have gained by Letters Dimissory from other Dioceses.

The Rev. Joseph Hoyle Hudson (*colored*) Priest, June 20th from West Virginia.

The Rev. Charles P. Holbrook, Priest, Sept 27th from Southern Virginia.

The Rev. Joseph Theodore McDuffie, (*colored*) Priest, from Southern Virginia.

The Rev. Kenneth Leigh Houlder, Priest, Nov. 21st from Cuba.

The Rev. Charles Baker Scovil, Priest, Nov. 23d from Los Angeles.

The Rev. Aaron Burtis Hunter, D.D., Priest, Dec. 10th from "Churches in Europe."

The Rev. Belford Northrup DeFoe Wagner, Priest, Dec. 18th from Virginia.

The Rev. Royal Graham Shannonhouse, Priest, Jan. 30th, 1924 from Georgia.

The Rev. George M. Manley, Priest, March 6th from Western North Carolina.

The Rev. Clarence Edward Buxton, *Pirest*, March 31st from South West Virginia.

The following changes have taken place in the fields of labor of the clergy.

The Rev. John H. Crosby in October resigned the rectorship of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, and the charge of Ridgeway and Littleton, and has been placed in charge of All Saints, Hamlet, and St. David's Church, Laurinburg.

The Rev. Sam'l. W. Hale has resigned his work as assistant to the Rev. Bertram E. Brown of Calvary Church, Tarboro, and is at present pursuing his studies in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. John F. Hamaker, after resigning Calvary Church, Wadesboro and accepting work in the Porter Military Academy in Charleston, S. C., has resumed the rectorship of the parish at Wadesboro.

The Rev. Howard S. Hartzell has resigned charge of All Saints, Hamlet, and confines himself to the Church of the Messiah, Rockingham.

The Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, ordained to the Diaconate December 16th, is officiating under the direction of Archdeacon Bethea in Edgecombe County at Macclesfield, and also has charge of St. Inatius Mission, Old Sparta.

The Rev. Charles B. Scoville received from the Diocese of Los Angeles, has become Rector of All Saints Church, Concord, and is also secretary of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education, giving much of his time to this important work.

The Rev. Joseph H. Hudson has been put in charge of our colored congregation of the Church of the Redeemer in Greensboro, and also does mission work in High Point.

The Rev. Joseph T. McDuffie is in charge of St. Stephen's colored congregation in Winston-Salem.

The Rev. Charles P. Holbrook has become Rector of Emmanuel Church, Southern Pines, and visits also Pine Bluff and the State Institution at Samarcand. At the request of Bishop Darst he also gives regular ministrations at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium across the line in Hoke County.

The Rev. Kenneth L. Houlder has under his charge St. Paul's and St. Peter's churches in Salisbury.

The Rev. Belford N. DeFoe Wagner has become Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, and has charge also of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway and St. Albion's, Littleton.

The Rev. Royal G. Shannonhouse has become Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro, and serves also St. Thomas' Church, Sanford.

The Rev. Geo. M. Manley has charge of St. Stephen's Church, Duke and St. Paul's, Smithfield.

The Rev. Clarence E. Baxton is Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Greensboro.

The Rev. Harry O. Nash, having resigned St. Andrew's, Greensboro, has been sent by our Missionary Department to a hard missionary field in Mexico where he is working with his accustomed zeal and self-sacrifice. He desires, however, to preserve his connection with this Diocese, and I am sure we feel it an honor and a happiness to have his name on our roll; and trust we may all remember him and his devoted family in our prayers.

The Rev. A. Burtis Hunter, D.D., has given up his work in our American churches in Europe, and having retired from active service, has desired to return to his canonical connection with this Diocese, though residing in East Orange, N. J. I believe all who remember him during his long and able service among us, rejoice to have renewed even this connection, and it would be a very great happiness to us all if Dr. Hunter and his noble wife could resume their residence in the Diocese.

The candidates for Orders in the Diocese at the present time are:

George Crummell Polard and Leister Foulk Kent.

The Postulants are:

William Arthur Lillycrop, Henry Cornelius Hester, Daniel Webster Allen, Andrew Dallam Millstead, Worth Bagley Wicker, John Burch Woodruff, Alfred Edwin Mennell.

In speaking of the condition of the Diocese I must first of all congratulate the Diocese and myself as your Bishop, upon the happy results of our action in providing a Bishop Co-adjutor for the work. Every interest of the Church has felt the benefit of his earnest spirit and his devoted and well-directed labors. To me he is a true helper, both in taking upon himself so great a part of the visitation of parishes and missions, and also in the inward confidence and assurance I find in knowing that he so effectually supplies any lack of service occasioned by my increasing years. He al-

ready receives from both clergy and people that full confidence, affection, and coöperation which have made my own thirty years as your Bishop so blessed to myself and so fruitful of results in the life of the Diocese.

I must also say a word as to the happy development of the work of the Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution. The upward movement in its life, which began a few years ago under Mr. Smith, has received a very distinct stimulus and a notable expansion under the administration of the Rev. Mr. Wheeler. He has clear and comprehensive views of what an institution should be; and its Board of Managers, and its friends generally throughout the Diocese, recognize, and are responsive to, his enlarged and generous schemes of advanced work, both in its material equipment and its internal administration.

I could say much, did time allow, of St. Mary's School, which was never more prosperous in its material condition and appointments, and which seems gradually, if slowly, to be gathering the elements of permanent stability and healthy development and expansion. The report of its Trustees and the presence of its faithful Rector with us, will afford further and more particular information of its condition.

I must mention also St. Augustine's School, which is not a diocesan institution, but which is necessarily most intimately and vitally connected with our work for our large and prosperous and increasingly intelligent negro population. St. Augustine's School is on the eve of a very considerable development of its work and enlargement of its scope. By the generosity of its friends, and the very liberal assistance of the General Education Board, a new building for administration offices and for lecture halls and class rooms, to cost eighty thousand dollars, is now under contract and in process of erection. This building will not only afford ample room for the convenient and effective administration of its business and the better instruction of its classes, but by releasing space now used for those purposes, will very

considerably increase its capacity to receive in larger numbers that very intelligent and important class of young colored men and women who are seeking to take advantage of its intellectual training and its Christian nurture. The Rev. Mr. Goold, Principal of the school, is proving in ever increasing measure a worthy successor of the Rev. Dr. Hunter, to whom the beginning of this development of the work is largely due.

One further reference I cannot deny myself to these material accessories of the Church's work and visible evidences of its growth and power. An inexperienced and untrained Deacon I was sent by my Bishop straight from my ordination to take charge of the church at Chapel Hill in May, 1878, the first resident minister after the revival of the University in 1875. A small body of students, a handful of village people, and three or four members of the faculty of the University, welcomed me, bore with my faults and deficiencies, and held up my feeble hands. The beautiful, but at that time rather shabby-looking, church built chiefly by the exertions of the Rev. Wm. Mercer Green, afterwards Bishop of Mississippi, was our place of worship, as it has continued to be our parish church in Chapel Hill up to the present time. You will pardon these personal recollections, which must always color my feelings towards this my first parish. You are all familiar with the present condition of our State University. It numbers more than two thousand students and I know not how many hundred professors, tutors and instructors of one kind and another. In its relation to the history, the education, the present life and the vital interests of the people of the whole State, I do not believe it has its like among the institutions of learning in the United States; and it promises increasing expansion in numbers and influence in the near future. And the little Chapel of the Cross of Bishop Green's day is still our only church at this great University of North Carolina.



But a wider prospect opens before this important parish, even as a new era has come to the University. There is now rising by the side of this older building, to be joined with it by an ample Parish-House and by the stone arches of a beautiful cloister, as they will ever be joined in holy associations and in useful work, the stately walls of a stone church, to meet the increased congregations, and, when completed, to be one of the most beautiful churches in the State of North Carolina. The great work so worthily planned and so sorely needed, is the generous and wise provision of Mr. William A. Erwin of St. Philip's church, Durham; and with my cordial sympathy and approval he wishes to have it stand as a memorial to his maternal grandfather, the late Dr. Wm. R. Holt, of Lexington, a graduate of the University, a distinguished and eminently useful citizen, and one of the leading laymen of this Diocese, and a member of this Convention in the early days of our diocesan life. Such an act does not need to be heralded with many words; but I cannot refrain from saying that, in my judgment, no more important or more necessary work for the Church or the University has marked this day of many noble and generous gifts for the Church and for the State.

I do not feel that I can conclude this address without a word of counsel in regard to the recent discussions arising out of the brief Pastoral Letter put forth by the House of Bishops at their meeting in Dallas last November.

At that meeting a Memorial signed by many eminent laymen of the Church in different parts of the country, was presented to the Bishops, asking their counsel as to the obligation of the Articles of Faith set forth in the Creed; whether Christians were required to believe the statements contained in the Creed. To this the Bishops replied, in effect, that the members of the Church should accept with heart and mind the statements which they utter with their lips in the solemn service of God. This is the true intent and meaning of the

Dallas Pastoral Letter. It was drawn up by a committee to whom the memorial had been referred; it was reported to and read in the House of Bishops; and it was then adopted by the House without one dissenting voice. I believe that this plain answer to a plain question has been received with satisfaction by a vast majority of our clergy and laity. What they confess with their mouth they believe in their heart. The whole Church would have been inexpressibly shocked had they been told that they need not believe what they had been required to profess in their Baptism and to repeat in almost every service.

Some prominent clergymen, however, who have not been backward in setting forth their own opinions, have seemed much distressed that the Bishops of the Church should venture to express a judgment upon a question put to them concerning Christian truth and duty. They have declared publicly from their pulpits and through the press their strong dissent from the Bishops' Pastoral; and in some cases have not hesitated to say that therein the Bishops had shown themselves both presumptuous and ignorant. The Article in the Creed which has been specially called in question is that which asserts the Virgin Birth of our Lord, with sometimes an insinuation also against the fact of our Lord's Resurrection.

It is not denied that these Articles of the Creed are part of the Doctrine of Christ, "*as this Church hath received the same,*" which every Priest at his ordination is pledged to accept and to teach; nor is it denied that they may be "*concluded and proved by the Scripture,*" as the Scriptures are received and read in the Church.

It is pointed out that there was no statement of the Virgin Birth in the Nicene Creed until the Council of Calcedon, 450 A.D. It is not, however, denied that in the period of the great Councils, belief in the Virgin Birth was universal amongst Christians; and there is evidence that in the simpler baptismal confession, the Virgin Birth was asserted from the

earliest times. The heresies which vexed the Eastern Church, and which were dealt with at Nicæa, Constantino-ple, and Chalcedon, all had relation to our Lord's divine nature. Though the Virgin Birth is not specifically mentioned in the Creed as put forth by the Councils before that of Calcedon, I think no one can read the terms in which all those Councils set forth our Lord's divine nature, and the fact of His Incarnation, and fail to recognize that they assume that miraculous Birth which was the common belief of all Christians.

But it is frankly and honestly stated by the objectors to the Bishops' Pastoral, that their difficulty does not relate to the statement as to the Virgin Birth alone, but to the whole attitude of the Bishops towards the acceptance of the Creed and the obligation to believe its several articles. Their contention, so far as I can understand it, is that the scientifically trained mind of the present day cannot accept the statements of the Creed or of the Scriptures; and that being thus out of harmony with the general laws and principles recognized by the most advanced modern thought, the Christian tradition, the Creeds of the Church, and the Scriptures of the New Testament, must be revised and readjusted to meet the advance of human knowledge, and the present habit of the scientifically trained intellect.

Now I am but ill qualified to discuss these questions in any minuteness of detail. Yet there are some simple principles which give my mind and my heart courage and assurance in the face of all such contentions and assaults upon the "Faith once delivered to the Saints."

I am quite aware that science, dealing with this material Universe, can recognize only general and immutable laws and the adamant chain of cause and effect. But there is something in life above material forces and natural laws. The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ professes to come from above. He presents himself to us as the Revealer of heavenly

life and truth; and I accept Him as such; and thus accepting Him, I refuse to recognize the authority of science, or to respect the scientifically trained intelligence, when it undertakes to extend its authority into the spiritual realm, and to tell me what to believe and what not to believe about my Lord and my God. Science does not know God with any renewing and saving knowledge. It knows God, if it knows Him at all, only in the earthquake, the wind and the fire, not in the still small voice of the Spirit. It assumes, and it rightly assumes for its purposes, the eternity, backward and forward, of the Universe and its existing laws. It knows nothing of creation, it knows only methods and processes of evolution and growth. Whether frankly materialistic, or recognizing mind as the foundation of matter, it must limit its view to the existing Universe and its established order. It has no eyes to see, and no understanding to measure any facts or values other than these. Science is true and reliable, and in a manner sacred, within its own sphere. But Christianity is the revelation of truth lying back of all present material existence, and comes to us from Him Who exists in Himself, before, above and beyond this Universe; Who made it and can destroy it. Our Lord and Master is the Revealer of a Life above the knowledge of the wise. That the scientific mind—*as scientific*—should not know Him or the things of His Kingdom, is what always has been and always must be. He tells us, "Except ye become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." He says that His Father hath "hidden these things from the wise and prudent and hath revealed them unto babes." St. Paul tells us that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto Him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." The old Gnostic was just as sure of himself as is modern science; and was just as incapable of estimating spiritual forces and values. Science knows nothing about God, in the Christian

conception of God, nothing about goodness or love, or freedom, nothing of sin or pardon, of grace and redemption. When the scientific mind has reduced Christian truth to the terms of its own knowledge, and has coördinated Christian doctrine with its scientific theories, then the life and power of Christianity will have vanished. Science has no finality; it changes from day to day. The Church has at one time and another tried to ally itself with this system of philosophy, or with that theory of science, and always to its loss and discredit. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, Who was born of the Virgin, suffered and died for me; rose again from the dead, and ascended into Heaven, and shall judge the quick and the dead. It is all beyond my comprehension. The Virgin Birth is about the simplest and least incomprehensible statement of them all. But science knows nothing about any of them. It cannot prove or disprove one of them. In their full significance and value I cannot understand them. But I believe them. My heart and my mind rest secure and satisfied upon them. I know them; and I feel confident that they shall endure beyond any present known principle or theory of human science. They are eternal verities. Science is of today; possibly, and only possibly, of tomorrow also; but not forever.

“O, Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust; avoiding profane and vain babblings and oppositions of science—*Knosis*, knowledge, falsely so called which some professing have erred concerning the Faith.”

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE,

Bishop.

May, 1924.

THE BISHOP'S ACCOUNT, 1923

[This account does not include moneys merely passing through his hands to a designated person or object.]

RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand January 1.....	\$ 359.80
Collections at Visitations.....	433.25
Through J. Renwick Wilkes, <i>Treas.</i>	
From the Woman's Auxiliary.....	\$ 156.86
For Colored Work	230.57
Henderson Sunday School	12.00
Henderson Church Service League.....	3.42
	402.85
From Henry A. London, <i>Treas.</i> , Hall Fund	1,281.63
From sale of Ford car	300.00
American Church Building Fund Commission.....	1,000.00
Borrowed from the Bank	1,093.92
To balance by error in " <i>Specials</i> ".....	.50
	\$4,871.95

DISBURSEMENTS:

DIOCESAN MISSIONS, *White*:

Balance on Ford Car	\$ 47.30
Rev. Clarence O. Pardo	150.00
Newett Webb, Catechist	25.00
Rev. Basil M. Walton	50.00
Rev. Henry D. C. Mazyek	50.00
	\$322.30

DIOCESAN MISSIONS, *Colored*:

Transferred to Bishop Penick	350.00
Education Fund—Books for candidates.....	27.15

BUILDINGS, ETC.:

Lot in Macclesfield	300.00
Rectory	2,806.08
	3,106.08

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT:

On account sickness Rev. John H. Crosby.....	25.00
On account sickness N. Collin Hughes.....	100.00
Chapel at Samarcand	50.00
Insurance on Mission property	30.63
Repairing house in Milton	23.35
Hymnals for Missions	22.10
Erroneous payment refunded	12.00
	263.08
Paid on account of note in bank	400.00
Balance on hand December 31st.....	403.34
	\$4,871.95

I still owe to the Bank \$700.00 on account of the money borrowed as in above account.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, *Bishop.*

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