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ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

We meet for our Annual Convention in the Capital City of our State, and in one of our oldest parishes, whose stately and beautiful buildings give fit expression to the earnest and loyal devotion of its rector and congregation to the best traditions of the Church, and to their zealous activity in making its present and its future worthy of the past.

We meet one week later than the date fixed by the last Convention. Our Board of Missions met last week in New York in one of the most important sessions of the year. Being a member of the Board, and feeling that its business has an all but supreme demand upon its members, I consulted the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and they concurred with me in thinking that, under the circumstances of the case, I might properly exercise the discretion allowed me of changing the time of our meeting, so as to enable me to attend the meeting of the Board.

We cannot at this time fail in some measure to recall the amazing changes which have passed over the face of human affairs since our last Convention, changes whose ultimate results are far beyond our power even to conjecture, but the immediate effect of which we must acknowledge with devout and humble thanks to Him, in Whose hand are all corners of the earth, and Whose loving kindnesses fail not. When we last met in Annual Convention the great world war in which we were engaged, and in whose bloody encounters our American soldiers were just beginning to be involved, had reached its most disastrous and perilous stage for our Allies and for ourselves. For months every important contest had been against us, and what seemed to be an irresistible tide of conquest and of destruction was ready to sweep the British armies into the English Channel, and to overwhelm all French resistance to the advance upon Paris. It seemed that the contest might be decided against us before we should be able to throw our soldiers, with their fresh courage and enthusiasm, into the scale of battle. This was the situation when we returned to our homes from our meeting in Salisbury. At that fateful moment our President called upon us to unite in

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humble prayer to God for His blessing upon us and upon our armies as we entered into the stupendous struggle. Thursday, May 30, throughout the United States, in prayer and fasting, we humbled ourselves before God, and implored His pardon for our many sins and His blessing upon our efforts to maintain truth and justice and the cause of the helpless.

We may not presumptuously interpret divine providences. Our short sight can look but a little way into God's designs. But we should not fail to thank Him when He manifestly answers our prayers. And who, that remembers June and July, 1918, can ever forget the peril and the deliverance, the first faint light of reviving hope after the fear, as the thin line bent and then held, and held, and then bent again, but refused to break; and at last, almost beyond belief, the great advance was halted, July 15, *and was held!* And then July 18, French, British, Americans, our own among the first, bore back the great and arrogant hosts of the invader with steady, unvarying, ever increasing success, which suffered no pause or check—so much more than we had dared to hope—until in absolute subjection and surrender he yielded up the victory! Today we have our own again in peace; with us, to strive still for truth and right on earth, or with us, in the surer possession of the life above.

We prayed that God would give success to our cause and victory to our arms; and He gave us more, much more, than we had dared even to hope for; and the price we paid in the blood of our sons was amazingly less than we could have expected. And I cannot refuse to connect the two things together. I add the great things of the year, 1918, coming so soon after our day of fasting and prayer, to those great things of which we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, of the noble works which God did in their days and in the old time before them.

God still rules the world. It is only in this confidence that we dare face the future and the many strange and startling conditions which have so suddenly developed out of the great victory for which we give thanks. We asked for it, and He gave it to us. May He help us with wisdom and strength to face and to solve the possibly greater difficulties and dangers which now confront our country and the world.

During the past year and up to the present month we have lost by removal to the world beyond, two of our brethren of the clergy, one in the fullness of years, the other in the vigor of early maturity and in the very midst of his zealous service, only beginning, as it seemed, to enter upon his most fruitful endeavors.

The Rev. Girard William Phelps was by ordination, as well as in years, the oldest minister of the Diocese, having been born (in Hyde County, I think), July 14, 1832, and having been ordained Deacon by Bishop Atkinson in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, December 14, 1863. He was advanced to the Priesthood by the same Bishop in Christ Church, Raleigh, May 23, 1869. From January, 1864, until the end of the Confederate War he served as chaplain of the Seventeenth N. C. Infantry. After the war he served in several small parishes in the north-eastern part of the Diocese until the year 1872, when he removed to the Diocese of Virginia. Returning to North Carolina in 1879, he worked for a while in Rutherford and McDowell counties. In 1895 he removed to Littleton. In June, 1898, he became rector of Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, where he remained until 1908, when he retired from active service, and removed to Victoria, Va., where he died December 5, 1918. He was an earnest, devout and diligent preacher and missionary, wholly given to the work of his calling, doing his work faithfully, enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Although old and feeble, he continued to officiate in the services of the Church and to minister to those about him, so far as his strength permitted, to the end of his life.

The Rev. Samuel Merrill Hanff, who died February 12, 1919, seemed one of our young clergy, in the vigor of early manhood, and with the promise of a most useful and successful ministry. I had myself ordained him both to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood, and all of his too brief ministry was served in our own Diocese. He organized the mission of St. Stephen's Church, Duke, and also St. Paul's, Smithfield, and served them faithfully and effectively for seven years, declining a number of invitations to larger and more attractive churches. In both places he continued his work until he felt that he had really put them in a condition which gave assurance of continued life and growth; and I had some difficulty even then in persuading him

to remove from the humble sphere, where he loved his work and his people, to one of larger responsibilities and opportunities, where his own useful qualities could be more fully and effectively developed. I mention this as a peculiarly fine trait in his character, and one which was soon recognized by all who came to know him. He loved his people and his people loved him. He drew them with the cords of a man. We have had no more lovable, more beloved, or more useful man, among those upon whom it has been my privilege to lay hands in ordination. Not only his own parish feels and laments his loss, but all of his brethren share their loss and their grief.

I cannot, in the nature of the case, dwell upon the case of every faithful servant of God and of the Church, taken from us from time to time in the course of our Diocesan experience, but I am sure you would all feel that it would be inexcusable to omit from this brief reference to our year's experiences the name of the late Hon. Kemp P. Battle, LL.D., who has for years past been the oldest and most eminent of those laymen prominently connected with our diocesan history—*carum et venerabile caput*. From godly and devoted parents he derived an early love for the Church. In 1856 his name appears as a delegate to the Convention from Christ Church, Raleigh, and from 1859 until within a few years of his death he was in frequent attendance upon its annual sessions. He was a member of the General Conventions of 1865 and 1868. As a lay-reader and Sunday School teacher he was not only faithful with a routine diligence, but he put heart and thought and labor into whatever he undertook for the Church. I have known very few laymen who felt as he did the privilege of service, and who so really devoted themselves to their Church work. And outside of what he did, simply in his character and personality, he was one of the most valuable Churchmen this Diocese ever had. I speak under a deep sense of personal obligation and affection. No young and inexperienced Deacon ever had a better friend or a wiser counsellor than I had in him. Outside the circle of my immediate family, he and his wife were the earliest friends whom I can remember; at their request I was sent as a Deacon to serve in the parish where he was Senior Warden; and my early confidence and attachment was only strengthened and developed

by the accumulating experience of years. I need say nothing of what he was in his relation to the State, to the University, and to the community. His character and services have gone to help make up the best traditions of our past. And it is not the least of his services to the Church and to the State that he brought up, and has left behind him, those who worthily perpetuate his name and his character.

Another name I must mention of those whom the Church honors and thanks God for. One of the six laymen who, with three clergymen, made up the roll of our first Diocesan Convention, was John R. London. And the name London has seldom in my memory, if ever, been absent from our Convention roll. Two years ago I recorded the loss sustained by the departure of Mr. William L. London, to his rest. January 20, 1918, his younger brother, Henry Armand London, in his 73d year, followed him. An earnest and consistent Christian, a devoted and ever faithful Churchman and member of this Convention, a useful citizen in all relations of life, gratitude to God for his life gives the best comfort in his death.

My services in Episcopal visitations and ministrations during the year 1918 have been as follows:

1918

- Jan. 1. *Feast of the Circumcision:*
I attended service in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.
15. Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
19. In company with the Rev. Wm. H. Milton, D.D., a member of the Church War Commission, I visited Camp Greene, Charlotte, and conferred with the camp secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. with reference to religious work in that camp.
21. Had interview with the Rev. Harry O. Nash, with a view to his appointment by the Church War Commission as volunteer chaplain at Camp Greene. Mr. Nash was subsequently appointed to that work, and served faithfully and efficiently as long as his services were required.
- 12 m. Pittsboro: Assisted by the Rev. Mr. Nash I administered the Holy Communion at the residence of the late Mr. Henry A. London to the members of his family.
- 1:30 p. m. In St. Bartholomew's Church, officiated with Mr. Nash at the funeral of Mr. Henry A. London.

27. *Septuagesima Sunday:*
Raleigh, Christ Church: Made an address on the Church War Commission and its work.
29. Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School, and Committee on St. Mary's Endowment Fund.
31. Baptized an infant in private.
- Feb. 10. *Quinquagesima Sunday:*
Durham, St. Philip's Church: Confirmed 12 persons, of whom 5 were deaf mutes; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7:30 p. m. West Durham, St. Joseph's Chapel: Preached, and confirmed 5 persons.
11. 8 p. m. Durham, St. Titus' Church, our colored Mission: Preached, and confirmed 2 persons.
13. Attended meeting of Executive Committee of St. Augustine's School.
16. Davie County, Cooleemee Plantation: In a room fitted up for a Sunday School for the colored children, which for many years has been carried on by the Misses Hairston, I confirmed a colored man and his four daughters, and made an address.
17. *The First Sunday in Lent:*
11 a. m. Davie County, Ascension Church: Confirmed 1 person; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7 p. m. Lexington, Grace Church: Preached and confirmed one person.
24. *The Second Sunday in Lent; St. Matthias' Day:*
Kittrell, St. James' Church: Confirmed 2 persons; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
7:30 p. m. Louisburg, St. Paul's Church: Said Evening Prayer, the parish being vacant, and preached.
25. 10:30 a. m. Visited St. Matthias' Mission School; held a short service, and made an address.
8 p. m. St. Matthias' Church, our colored Mission: Preached and confirmed 6 persons.
26. 8 p. m. Oxford, St. Cyprian's Church—Colored Mission: Confirmed 2 persons, and made an address.
27. 7:45 p. m. Oxford, St. Stephen's Church: Preached, and confirmed 4 persons.
- March 1. 3 p. m. Warren County, St. Luke's Colored Mission: Preached, and confirmed 1 person.
3. *The Third Sunday in Lent.* Warrenton.
11 a. m. Emmanuel Church: Confirmed 10 persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
8 p. m. All Saints' Chapel, Colored Mission: Preached, and confirmed 5 persons.

4. 7:30 p. m. Wilson, St. Timothy's Church: Preached, and confirmed 8 persons.
 10. *The Fourth Sunday in Lent.*
Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Church: Officiated at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. At the former service confirmed 4 persons; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
 15. Pittsboro, St. James' Colored Mission: Preached.
 17. *The Fifth Sunday in Lent.*
Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's Church: 11 a. m. Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
 19. Hamlet, All Saints' Church: Preached, and confirmed 1 person.
 20. Laurinburg, St. David's Church: Preached and confirmed 2 persons.
 21. Southern Pines, Emmanuel Church: 4 p. m. Preached.
 24. *Palm Sunday.* Raleigh.
11 a. m. Christ Church: Confirmed 26 persons; made an address, and administered the Holy Communion.
5 p. m. St. Mary's Chapel: Confirmed 12 persons, and made an address.
7:30 p. m. St. Saviour's Chapel: Preached; confirmed 8 persons, and made an address.
 25. Confirmed a sick person in private.
 26. 7:30 p. m. In the Chapel of St. Mary's School, confirmed 1 person.
8 p. m. Attended meeting of Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
 27. 6:15 p. m. St. Augustine's School Chapel: Confirmed 11 pupils of the school, and made an address.
 31. EASTER DAY. Raleigh.
8 a. m. Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion. 8 p. m. In the church, preached, and confirmed 12 persons.
4 p. m. In Rex Hospital: Officiated at the dedication of a statue of "*Christ the Divine Healer.*"
- April
3. Raleigh, St. Ambrose' Church: 8 p. m. Confirmed 8 persons, and made an address.
 4. Attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Raleigh.
 5. Rockingham, Church of the Messiah: Said Evening Prayer, and preached.
 7. *The First Sunday After Easter.*
11 a. m. Wadesboro, Calvary Church: The parish being vacant, I said Morning Prayer; preached, and administered the Holy Communion. After the service had a conference with the vestry.

14. *The Second Sunday After Easter.*
Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross: Preached; confirmed 7 persons, and made an address.
 16. In the same church, attended the annual meeting of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary; had a short service, and made an address.
 17. In the same church, administered the Holy Communion. 2:30 p. m. Durham: Examined a candidate for Deacon's Orders.
 21. *The Third Sunday After Easter.* Burlington.
11 a. m. Church of the Holy Comforter: Preached.
4 p. m. In the same church, officiated at a funeral.
 22. Charlotte, Church of the Holy Comforter: Preached, and confirmed 6 persons.
 23. Charlotte. Annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution, 10 a. m. The Board met. 11 a. m. Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin: I confirmed 7 pupils of the institution; made an address, and administered the Holy Communion.
 24. 8 p. m. Monroe, St. Paul's Church: Preached.
 25. *St. Mark's Day.*
Monroe, Holy Trinity, Colored Mission: Preached, and confirmed one person.
 26. Charlotte, Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Colored Mission: Preached, and confirmed 3 persons.
 28. *The Fourth Sunday After Easter.* Charlotte.
9 a. m. Administered the Holy Communion in a Y. M. C. A. "Hut" at Camp Greene, assisted by the Rev. Harry O. Nash.
11 a. m. St. Peter's Church: Preached; confirmed 26 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
8 p. m. St. Martin's Church: Confirmed 4 persons, and made an address.
- May
5. *The Fifth Sunday After Easter.*
11 a. m. Durham, St. Philip's Church: Ordained a Deacon; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
 6. Officiated at a funeral in Durham County.
 7. Confirmed in private a sick person.
 12. *The Sunday After Ascension Day.*
St. Mary's School Chapel: Confirmed 1 person, and made an address.
 14. 10 a. m. Salisbury, St. Luke's Church: THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE.
11 a. m. Opening Service: Administered the Holy Communion. Presided during the sessions. After the 8:30 p. m. service, read my annual address.

15. 7:30 a. m. In the same church, administered the Holy Communion. Presided in the Convention during the day, and at 8:30 p. m. officiated at the Missionary service.
16. In the same church, presided in the Convention during the day. 8:30 p. m.: Officiated at the closing service.
20. 8:30 p. m. Raleigh, in the City Auditorium: At a mass meeting in behalf of the Red Cross, offered the opening prayer, and gave the benediction at the close.
26. TRINITY SUNDAY.
Raleigh, St. Augustine's Chapel: Officiated at the Commencement Sunday service, and made an address.
29. St. Augustine's School Commencement, fiftieth anniversary of the school, in Taylor Hall: Participated in the exercises; presented the diplomas, and gave the final blessing.
3 p. m. Presided at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.
8:30 p. m. In the City Auditorium: Participated in the proceedings of a mass meeting in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of St. Augustine's School.
30. NATIONAL FAST DAY.
Attended the services in Raleigh churches.
8:30 p. m. Hamlet: Had a conference with the representatives of the vestry of Calvary Church, Wadesboro.
- June 2. *The First Sunday After Trinity.*
8:10 a. m. St. Mary's Chapel, Raleigh: Administered the Holy Communion.
11 a. m. In the same chapel, officiated at the Commencement Sunday service.
4. 11 a. m. Attended the Commencement Exercises of St. Mary's School. 12:30. Officiated at the closing service in St. Mary's Chapel; delivered the diplomas, and made an address.
3 p. m. Presided in the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.
16. *The Third Sunday After Trinity.* Salisbury.
7:30 a. m. St. Luke's Church: Administered the Holy Communion, and at the 11 a. m. service preached.
19. Attended meeting of the Executive Meeting of the Convocation of Raleigh.
22. Examined Candidate for Ordination.
23. *The Fourth Sunday After Trinity.*
Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Ordained a Priest, and administered the Holy Communion.
25. Presided at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's School.

30. *The Fifth Sunday After Trinity.*
Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Baptized an infant.
- July 7. *The Sixth Sunday After Trinity.*
11 a. m. Milton, Christ Church: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
8:30 p. m. Spray: Preached, and confirmed 4 persons.
8. Rockingham County, St. Andrew's Mission: Preached.
9. Leaksville, Church of the Epiphany: Preached.
10. Reidsville, St. Thomas's Church: Preached, and confirmed 5 persons.
11. Stoneville, Emmanuel Church: Preached.
13. 7:30 a. m. Mayodan, Church of the Messiah: Administered the Holy Communion.
14. *The Seventh Sunday After Trinity.*
Mayodan, Church of the Messiah: Preached; confirmed 1 person; administered the Holy Communion.
8 p. m. Walnut Cove, Christ Church: Baptized an adult. Preached; confirmed 2 persons.
19. Mecklenburg County, St. Mark's Church: Officiated at the evening service.
20. In the hospital at Camp Greene, Charlotte: Confirmed a sick soldier.
21. *The Eighth Sunday After Trinity.*
11 a. m. Mecklenburg County, St. Mark's Church: Preached; confirmed 4 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
8:30 p. m. Salisbury, St. Paul's Church: Preached; confirmed 1 person.
22. Rowan County, St. Jude's Church: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
23. Cooleemee, Church of the Good Shepherd: Preached, and confirmed 9 persons.
24. Cleveland, Christ Church: Confirmed 1 person; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
25. *St. James' Day.*
Iredell County, St. James' Church: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
26. Officiated at a funeral in Charlotte.
28. *The Ninth Sunday After Trinity.*
Rowan County, St. Andrew's Church: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
5:30 p. m. Rowan County, St. Matthew's Church: Preached, and confirmed 1 person.
8:30 p. m. Salisbury, St. Luke's Church: Confirmed 1 person.
30. Raleigh: Confirmed sick girl in private.

- Aug. 18. *The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity.*
 8 a. m. Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Church: Administered the Holy Communion.
 11 a. m. In same church: Preached.
 4 p. m. Orange County, St. Mary's Chapel: Said Evening Prayer.
25. *The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity.*
 Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion.
- Sept. 1. *The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity.*
 8 a. m. Durham, St. Philip's Church: Administered the Holy Communion.
 11 a. m. In same church: Made an address. After the service, called a meeting of the congregation, and had a conference with them in the interest of St. Mary's School.
 8:15 p. m. West Durham, St. Joseph's Chapel: Preached. After the service, received a report from a committee appointed at the conference with the congregation in St. Philip's Church.
4. 8 p. m. Statesville, Holy Cross Chapel: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLORED CONVOCATION. Evening Prayer.
5. 9:30 a. m. Examined Candidate for Ordination. Ordained a Deacon; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
 12 m. Read my address to the Convocation. Presided during the forenoon and afternoon in the business sessions of the Convocation.
 8 p. m. Statesville, Trinity Church: Preached; confirmed 2 persons.
6. China Grove, Church of the Ascension: Preached.
8. *The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity.*
 Concord, All Saints' Church: Confirmed 3 persons; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
 8:30 p. m. Greensboro, St. Andrew's Church: Confirmed 15 persons (two of the candidates being from St Paul's Church, Winston-Salem), and made an address.
12. Had conference in Tarboro with members of Calvary Church and Mr. Wm. A. Erwin, in regard to proposed commemoration on October 15th of twenty-fifth anniversary of the Consecration of the Bishop of the Diocese.
 8 p. m. Rocky Mount, Church of the Good Shepherd: Made an address on St. Mary's School. Mr. Wm. A. Erwin also spoke.

15. *The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity.*
Raleigh, St. Ambrose' Church: Ordained a Deacon; administered the Holy Communion.
19. St. Mary's School Chapel: Officiated at the opening service, and made an address.
22. *The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity.*
11 a. m. Rocky Mount, Church of the Good Shepherd: Made an address on St. Mary's School. After the service had a conference with the congregation.
8 p. m. In the same church: Preached.
26. 10 a. m. Raleigh: Attended meeting of Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
8 p. m. Wake County, Holly Springs: Preached, and confirmed 1 person.
29. *The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity. Feast of St. Michael and All Angels:*
11:30 a. m. Williamsboro, St. John's Church: Preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
8 p. m. Townesville, Holy Trinity Church: Preached, and confirmed 3 persons.
30. Stovall, St. Peter's Church: Preached.
- Oct. 4. Middleburg, Church of the Heavenly Rest: Preached, and confirmed 3 persons.
6. *The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity.*
Northampton County, St. Luke's Church: Confirmed 2 persons; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
8 p. m. Roanoke Rapids, All Saints Church: Preached, and confirmed 6 persons.
- At this point the general prevalence throughout the State of an epidemic of influenza caused a cessation of public meetings of all kinds, and compelled me to suspend my visitations for the rest of the year, except in the few instances following. November 28th I was myself taken with the disease, which disabled me for some time. The services performed after October 6th were as follows:
11. Louisburg: Officiated at a funeral. Also baptized an infant in a private house, using the office of Public Baptism.
15. *The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of my Consecration.*
Raleigh, Christ Church: The prohibition as to public meetings continuing, I procured special permission for a service with a limited attendance—my own family, the clergy of the city, and half a dozen intimate friends. I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. A. Burtis Hunter, D.D., and the Rev. Milton A. Barber.

27. *The Twenty-second Sunday After Trinity.*
St. Mary's School Chapel: Preached.
31. In Warren County, at a private house, confirmed an aged man, and administered the Holy Communion to him and to other persons present.
- Nov. 7. Upon a premature report of the signing of the armistice, I held an extemporized Thanksgiving service in the Chapel of St. Mary's School, assisted by the Rev. Warren W. Way.
13. Set forth a Form of Thanksgiving for Victory, to be used at the discretion of the clergy of the Diocese.
17. *The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity.*
Greensboro, Holy Trinity Church: Confirmed 8 persons, and made an address.
7:30 p. m. High Point, St. Mary's Church: Assisted by the Rev. Thos. L. Trott, Rector, held the special service of Thanksgiving for Victory; confirmed 3 persons, and preached.
19. Raleigh, St. Augustine's Chapel: Participated in the opening service of the "CONFERENCE OF THE COLORED WORKERS OF THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES," and made an address.
21. In St. Augustine's Chapel, in coöperation with other Bishops and clergy, consecrated as a Bishop in the Church of God, to be the Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, the Rev. Henry Beard Delany, D.D., Archdeacon of the Colored Convocation; and, upon his being so consecrated, assigned to him the Episcopal care and oversight of the negro churches, congregations, and clergy of the Diocese.
24. *The Sunday Next Before Advent.*
7:30 a. m. Weldon, Grace Church: Administered the Holy Communion.
11 a. m. Held special service of Thanksgiving for Victory, and preached.
8 p. m. Scotland Neck, Trinity Church: Preached, and confirmed one person.
- Dec. 15. *The Third Sunday in Advent.*
Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Confirmed 4 persons.
11. Attended meeting of Executive Committee of the Convocation of Raleigh.
17. Examined Candidates for Priest's Orders.
18. *Ember Day.* Raleigh, Christ Church: Advanced two Deacons to the Priesthood; administered the Holy Communion.
25. CHRISTMAS DAY.
Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd: Administered the Holy Communion.

My services and ministrations outside the Diocese during the year 1918 were as follows:

- Feb. 6. Attended a meeting of the Board of Missions in New York.
7. In the Chapel of St. Thomas' Church, New York City: I officiated at a marriage, the parties being my personal friends, and one of them a former parishoner.
19. New Orleans, Christ Church Cathedral: Delivered an address before the Church Club of New Orleans.
20. 12 m. In a moving picture theater in New Orleans: Conducted short service and made an address, one of a series of Lenten addresses.
- April 9. Norfolk, St. Luke's Church: Took part in the funeral of the late Rt. Rev. Alfred M. Randolph, D.D., Bishop of Southern Virginia.
10. In New York, in attendance of session of the House of Bishops, until April 12th.
- May 1. *Feast of St. Philip and St. James.*
New Albany, Indiana, Diocese of Indianapolis, St. Paul's Church: By permission of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of Indianapolis, I ordained to the Diaconate a Candidate for Orders of the Diocese of North Carolina, whose father, the Rev. Frank J. Mallett, is Rector of this parish.
9. Attended meeting of Board of Missions in New York.
- June 6. Attended the meeting of the Trustees of the University of the South at Sewanee, and the services in connection with annual commencement, until June 10th.
- Aug. 11. *The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity.*
St. Mary's County, Maryland, Diocese of Washington, All Faith Church: Preached.
- Oct. 2. Attended meeting of the Board of Missions in New York.
- Nov. 13. 11 a. m. New Orleans, St. Paul's Church: Said the Litany; baptized an infant.

It will be seen that I have during the year officiated within the Diocese at 132 services, preached 66 sermons, made 28 addresses, administered the Holy Communion 40 times, baptized 2 infants and 1 adult, officiated at 5 funerals, confirmed 287 persons, ordained 3 Deacons and 3 Priests, and consecrated the Suffragan Bishop. Outside the Diocese I have officiated at 7 services, preached once, made 2 addresses, administered the Holy Communion once, baptized 1 infant, ordained 1 Deacon, and officiated at 1 funeral and at 1 marriage: a total of 139 services, 67 sermons, 30 addresses, 41 celebrations of the Holy Communion, 7 ordinations, 1 Bishop consecrated,

5 baptisms, 6 funerals, 1 marriage, and 287 confirmations. The number of services and of confirmations has been markedly below the average, on account of the epidemic of influenza, and also on account of my own sickness.

The importance of the subject requires that I should give a more detailed statement of the several ordinations which are only briefly mentioned in the chronological record of services.

The consecration of the Suffragan Bishop had been appointed for St. Luke's Day, October 18th, but had to be postponed on account of the prevailing epidemic. On Thursday, November 21st, in the Chapel of St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, with the coöperation of the Bishops of Southern Virginia, and East Carolina, I consecrated Henry Beard Delany, Doctor in Divinity, as a Bishop in the Church of God. The Bishop-elect was presented by the Bishops of Florida and Asheville, the sermon was preached by Bishop Lloyd, President of the Board of Missions. The Suffragan Bishop of Arkansas also participated in the services, with many clergymen of this and of other Dioceses, both white and colored. All the Bishops present united in the Imposition of Hands.

May 1st, *the Feast of SS. Philip and James*, in St. Paul's Church, New Albany, Indiana, I ordained to the Diaconate, with the consent of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of Indianapolis, James Reginald Mallett, son of the Rector of the parish. The candidate was presented by his father, the Rev. Frank J. Mallett; the sermon was preached by the Rev. Lewis Brown. There were present also the Rev. Richard L. McCready, the Rev. Edward C. McAllister, and the Rev. Francis W. Hardy.

May 5th, *the Fifth Sunday After Trinity*, in St. Philip's Church, Durham, I ordained to the Diaconate Roma Coxey Fortune, a deaf mute. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Sidney S. Bost. I preached the sermon. The Rev. A. Burtis Hunter, D.D., and the Rev. Thos. L. Trott also participated in the service.

June 23d, *the Fourth Sunday After Trinity*, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, I advanced to the Priesthood, the Rev. Sanford L. Rotter. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. Edgar H. Goad; the sermon was preached by the Rev. I. McK. Pittenger, D.D. The Rev. Julian E. Ingle assisted in the services. All the Priests present joined in the Imposition of Hands.

Thursday, September 5th, in Holy Cross Chapel, Statesville, I ordained to the Diaconate Arthur Myron Cochran, a Colored Can-

didate, who was presented by the Rev. James E. King. I preached the sermon. I was assisted in the services by Archdeacon Delany and the other clergy of the Colored Convocation then in session.

September 15th, *the Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity*, in St. Ambrose' Church, Raleigh, I ordained to the Diaconate Roger Edgar Bunn, a Colored Candidate, presented by the Rev. James K. Satterwhite. Archdeacon Delany preached the sermon. The Rev. Julian E. Ingle and the Rev. Warren W. Way also participated in the service.

Wednesday, December 18th, in Christ Church, Raleigh, I advanced to the Priesthood the Rev. James Reginald Mallett, presented by his father, the Rev. Frank J. Mallett; and the Rev. Samuel Whitney Hale, presented by the Rev. Warren W. Way. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert Bruce Owens. The Rev. Julian E. Ingle, the Rev. A. Burtis Hunter, D.D., the Rev. Milton A. Barber, and the Rev. Norvin C. Duncan also took part in the services. All the Priests present united with me in the Imposition of Hands.

We lost during the year and up to May 1, 1919, the following clergymen :

The Rev. Girard William Phelps, died December 5, 1918.

The Rev. Samuel Merrill Hanff, died February 12, 1919.

By transfer to other Dioceses :

The Rev. James D. Miller, to Georgia, June 26, 1918.

The Rev. Cyprian P. Willcox, to Atlanta, September 14, 1918.

The Rev. Theodore Andrews, to Newark, October 1, 1918.

The Rev. Robert A. Tuft, to Washington, April 29, 1919.

We have gained, not counting again those ordained in 1918 before our last Convention, and therefore included in last year's list :

The Rev. Arthur Myron Cochran, Deacon, ordained September 5, 1918.

The Rev. Roger Edgar Bunn, Deacon, ordained September 15, 1918.

The Rev. Basil M. Walton, from East Carolina, May 23, 1918.

The Rev. Mark Hemingway Milne, from Milwaukee, October 4, 1918.

The Rev. Samuel Whitman Hale, from New Hampshire, October 17, 1918.

The Rev. Donald R. Ottman, from Colorado, January 22, 1919.

Our total number of clergy last year was sixty-four. We have lost *since the last Convention* two by death and four by transfer. We have gained *since the last Convention*, two by

ordination and four by transfer, so that our total remains sixty-four—two Bishops, fifty-five Priests, and seven Deacons.

Of the clergy thus enumerated, however, the Rev. James K. Satterwhite and the Rev. Theodore Stroup are understood to have accepted work in other Dioceses, though they have not yet taken letters dismissory. Also the Rev. William Hoke Ramsaur, though still canonically connected with this Diocese, has been accepted by the Board of Missions for work in Liberia, and has departed to his distant field. Mr. Ramsaur is one of the most admirable and efficient young Priests of the Diocese. We very greatly regret to have him leave us, but are proud to contribute him to the great cause of Foreign Missions.

The fields of work of the clergy remain the same as last year, except as follows:

The Rev. Dr. Pittenger has resigned the charge of St. Gabriel's Mission, Selma, but retains St. John's, Wake County. St. Gabriel's has been assigned to the Rev. Howard S. Hartzell of Duke.

The Rev. Geo. W. Lay, D.C.L., resigned the rectorship of St. Mary's School, August 15, 1918, and has for some months been serving Christ Church, Springfield, Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

The Rev. N. Collin Hughes has resigned the work as Chaplain at the State Penal Farm, and has been assigned to the charge of St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, and St. James', Kirtrell.

The Rev. Bertram E. Brown, having served for some months at a Training Camp, has resumed his work at Tarboro.

The Rev. Warren W. Way resigned the rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury in August, 1918, and has succeeded the Rev. Dr. Lay as Rector of St. Mary's School.

The Rev. Alfred S. Lawrence resigned his work as Archdeacon of Raleigh, November 1, 1918, and accepted a commission as Chaplain in the Army. Having obtained his discharge March 1, 1919, he was called to succeed the Rev. Samuel M. Hanff at All Saints', Concord, where he is now serving.

The Rev. Harry O. Nash, upon the discontinuance of Camp Greene, accepted a call to St. Andrew's Church, Greensboro,

vacant by the removal of the Rev. James D. Miller to the Diocese of Georgia, and assumed charge October 1st.

The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, up to February 1st, Rector of Grace Church, Weldon, and the Church of the Saviour, Jackson, on that day assumed the duties of Archdeacon of Raleigh, to which I had appointed him as successor to the Rev. Mr. Lawrence, then serving as Chaplain in the Army.

The Rev. Howard S. Hartzell, immediately after our last Convention, was relieved of his duties as assistant to the Rev. Wm. J. Gordon, and was placed in charge of St. Stephen's Church, Duke, and St. Paul's, Smithfield, to which has since been added St. Gabriel's, Selma.

The Rev. Sanford L. Rotter was in July, 1919, placed in charge of St. Paul's, Monroe, and All Saints', Hamlet; and in August the Church of the Messiah, Rockingham, was also assigned to his care.

The Rev. Arthur Myron Cochran is serving temporarily in Philadelphia, with my approval.

The Rev. Roger Edgar Bunn is in charge of our colored missions, Holy Cross, Statesville, and St. Philip's, Salisbury.

The Rev. Basil M. Walton, received from East Carolina, served for some months in Trinity Church, Statesville, but November 1st accepted the Rectorship of Calvary Church, Wadesboro, and has charge also of All Souls', Ansonville.

The Rev. Donald R. Ottman is Rector of Grace Church, Lexington, succeeding the Rev. Theodore Andrews.

The Rev. Samuel W. Hale is associated with the Rev. J. Reginald Mallett in the charge of the Mount Airy, Walnut Cove, Mayodan, and the neighboring missions.

The Rev. Mark H. Milne has succeeded the Rev. Warren W. Way as Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

The Rev. Francis Joyner, February 1st, resigned the charge of St. Alban's, Littleton, where for eighteen years he has faithfully labored and greatly endeared himself to the people of his own congregation and to the entire community. At the earnest solicitation of the congregation, however, Mr. Joyner is still continuing to serve them.

The most notable event in our diocesan life during the year 1918 was the consecration of a Negro Suffragan Bishop for work

among the colored people of the Diocese. This was done after very mature consideration, and with a very remarkable unanimity, entirely unexpected I believe, by those who most earnestly advocated that cause. I say, after mature consideration, though this particular measure had been brought forward only in one or two preceding Conventions. But for more than ten years past the subject of the best organization for our colored work had been before this Diocese and the Church at large; and had received more consideration and had been more exhaustively discussed in our Church press, by committees and commissions of our General and Diocesan Conventions, and in the sessions of those bodies, than any subject in my time, except the subject of Liturgical Revision. It had come to be generally admitted that it was desirable to give our Negro people the benefit of the ministrations of a Bishop of their own race; and a long course of effort in the General Convention had finally made it plain that this could be done only by taking advantage of the recently enacted legislation enabling a Diocese to elect a Suffragan Bishop. Personally, I had not desired a Suffragan Bishop; but it seems quite apparent that there was no other way in which the experiment could be tried with any fair prospect of success. It was understood that the Dioceses of East Carolina and South Carolina stood ready to coöperate in this measure, if North Carolina would elect a Negro Suffragan Bishop, though neither of those Dioceses was prepared to do so. These three Dioceses have an aggregate of 30 colored clergymen, 60 parishes and missions, and 2,944 communicants. Thus a field of labor, sufficient to occupy the energies of a Bishop, is afforded, and also a body of clergy and people, within a reasonable compass, numerous enough to give their Bishop some feeling of being sustained by their sympathy and coöperation. Upon the consecration of Bishop Delany, November 21, 1918, Bishop Darst of East Carolina, and Bishop Guerry of South Carolina, officially assigned to him the Episcopal oversight of their colored clergy and congregations, and with the beginning of the year 1919 he entered upon his work in those Dioceses. By my understanding with those Bishops, he is to give three months of each year to the work in South Carolina and two months to the work in East Carolina. His salary, as fixed by a resolution

of our Convention last year, is paid by the Treasurer of this Diocese, but the Bishops of the other two Dioceses have periodical remittances made to our Treasurer, to cover their proportionate share of the salary and traveling expenses. I mention these details, as they are a very essential element in the practical problems of sustaining our work, and therefore should appear authoritatively stated in our record.

In the many complicated questions before the Church and the country, more or less affected by the upheavels in business and in social order caused by the tremendous conflict from which we are but just emerging, none can be more important than those involving the interests and the development of our immense Negro population, now beginning to be felt in the North as well as in the South. And it is only on the principles of Christian truth and justice and love, that any great questions can ever be properly and solidly settled. I cannot help feeling that this Diocese has done, and is doing, not a little in the great work of adjusting the relations among all classes of our people, by its consistent course, from 1865 to the present time, of sincere sympathy and coöperation in all efforts for the welfare of our colored brethren, and by our cordial recognition of their place and their rights in the Church of Christ. May this latest effort on our part, to supply them with the fatherly oversight and spiritual ministrations of a Bishop of their own race, be blessed to their spiritual and moral enlightenment and development in all that tends to make them faithful servants of God and of the State.

The vast and potent forces evoked by the demands of our country during the past two years have been a revelation to us of our unsuspected powers. None of us realized what America was capable of. The way in which all rose to the demands of the hour was as surprising to the indifferent observer as it was gratifying to the patriot. And those demands upon our self-sacrificing citizenship have not abated. We still bear the burdens of the great World War. But this revelation of our ability, and of the response men make to great and heroic demands, has awakened the Church to a higher sense of its duty and of its opportunity. We must now turn some of our effort and of our generosity into the current of our Church life. We have learned

that our citizenship calls upon us for our heart's blood and for our choicest treasures. Now let us realize that our religion, if it be vital, must also demand more than it has known how to demand in the past. Let us put our heart and our life and our treasure into our work for God and for His Church and His people. I know not what demands may increasingly come upon us for the Church outside our Diocese. Whatever they be, let us prepare ourselves to respond to them. For the Diocese, for my own work as your Bishop, I make now only one demand. Our country two years ago called for our sons and brothers. We sent them ungrudgingly. We sent them knowingly and consciously "into the gates of death and into the jaws of hell." And they faltered not, neither did we. I ask now for those same sons and brothers, that they may serve as soldiers and as officers in the Army of Christ, in His Company of Preachers and Heralds of the Cross. I appoint each clergyman of this Diocese a recruiting officer to enlist men for our Church Training Camps. And I specially want men whose fiber has been hardened and whose spirit has been refined in the fires of battle. We, who had no such experience, may hope and believe that God will bless our poor work, when we strive and do our best. But with how much more power can he speak the word of truth who has daily looked death in the face, and blanched not! Can we be satisfied not to enlist in the ranks of our clergy these young lives who have learned that first lesson which our Lord taught those whom He sent out: "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it"?

I have said nothing of our regular diocesan work, and of our important diocesan institutions; not because I have been thoughtless of them, but because I had these other things to say at this time, and also because abundant provision has been made to bring them before you, in the several reports which have been or will be laid before you, and by those specially appointed to address you upon the subject-matter of the reports. May God be with us in our work.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.





