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OF THE
Commission of Home Missions to Colored People
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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THE Executive Committee of the Commission of Home Missions to Colored People, present their Fourth Triennial Report, with feelings of devout gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for the success which has been permitted to attend their labors during the past year. They are deeply impressed with the belief that there is no duty more imperative upon all the members of CHRIST'S body, than earnest labor in the direction which comes within the sphere of this Commission: to furnish men to preach the Gospel of CHRIST to those who are in darkness, and to rear the young in its Divine truths. Men who are themselves instructed in the Scriptures, and who can uphold and defend the doctrines of this Church.

The Committee, however, feel that the Church has not uniformly appreciated as she should have done, the acknowledged necessity, which, in the autumn of 1865, called the Commission into existence with the unanimous and joint approval of the General Convention and the Board of Missions, or more would have been accomplished in its behalf, and the needs of the millions of persons of African descent dwelling among us, would have found a larger place in her alms and offerings.

Nevertheless, this department has accomplished a noble work with what has been placed at its disposal, and amid the numerous hindrances (which we should all duly consider as interwoven with the work), has gone forward in the accomplishment of the expressed will and wishes of the Church, according to the ability which God has given.

It will be remembered that at the Annual Meeting of the Board, two years since, the Committee was instructed to confine its work hereafter, so far as it might take the educational direction, as the general rule, to

the aid of Church Normal Schools, or of Church training schools for the Clergy. In accordance with these instructions, the Commission closed most of the schools on the first day of March of the present year, giving the Mission teachers timely notice of their intention that they might experience the least possible loss and inconvenience by the change. Since then, the other Missionaries have been actively engaged as heretofore in their respective fields, and more have been added to the list.

The success of our Normal School at Raleigh still continues. Protected happily by a partial endowment, it is less subjected to those apprehensions of uncertain support, which so often weigh upon the spirits and impair the efforts of those who rely wholly on the free will offerings of distant individuals and congregations. The parishes and stations in the various Southern Dioceses, subject to the ecclesiastical authorities of the same, now number thirty-seven. Fifteen Colored Clergymen are engaged in the work among their brethren, all of whom are now, or have been, in the employment of the Commission. Six white Clergymen are engaged in the same duties—with four Clerical and one lay Evangelist. Their statements of results accomplished, will be found at length elsewhere in this Report, and others will appear in future numbers of

THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS.

Our old friend, the Rev. James Saul, D.D., Honorary Commissioner, who has so kindly remembered us in the past, has within the past year secured and purchased several eligible sites on which to erect school-houses and chapels for the exclusive use and benefit of the Colored People; the means for this extension of the work being taken from a donation fund held in trust by the Commission.

The Rev. Hugh Roy Scott, on invitation of the Executive Committee consented to act for the Commission as its General Agent for a period of six months, and discharged his duties most faithfully at a merely nominal consideration.

Since July last the Honorary District Secretaries have, unaided, acted in the capacity of our agents, gratuitously, as heretofore, and whose services have proved no less valuable than in the past.

FINANCES.

The receipts for the eleven months ending with August, which have passed through the hands of our Treasurer, including a balance from last year of

\$1,167.02, are 14,228.00, while the additional sum for special departments of the work, though not passing through our office, amount to \$24,033.42; giving a total for the year's receipts of \$37,251.76. Of the former amount, \$10,118.34 have been paid to Teachers, and Missionaries; \$451 to General Agent; \$1,500 as salary of Secretary; \$220.00 for rent; \$157.24 to Woman's Auxiliary; \$376.63 for printing; \$168.53 for Special Objects; and \$226.86 to Office, travelling and miscellaneous expenses. Leaving in the Treasurer's hands on September 1st, \$1,009.66.

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONS.

The following is a list of the Schools and Missions which are connected with the Commission:

1. St. Augustine's Normal School, Raleigh, N. C. Principal, Rev. J. E. C. Smedes. Assistants, Mr. George A. C. Cooper, Miss Annie Haywood, Miss Jane Thomas. Number of pupils, 120. Boarders, 38.
2. High School, Charleston, S. C. Acting Principal, Mrs. E. Ancrum. Assistants, Miss E. Johnstone, Miss C. A. Dawson, Miss L. W. Peronneau. Scholars (boys 129, girls 119), 248.
3. Rev. J. V. Welch, Missionary, Charleston. Baptisms, 43. Confirmations, 11. Sunday-school, 126. Teachers, 10. Services, 258. Stations, 3. Communicants, 197. Offerings, \$345.01.
4. Edgefield. Rev. E. T. Walker, Rector of Trinity Church and Evangelist.
5. St. Luke's Church, Columbia, S. C. Rector, Rev. B. Babbit. Mr. T. Saltus, Lay Reader. Confirmations, 19. Communicants, 45. Offerings, \$441.59.
6. St. Barnabas School, Wilmington, N. C. Principal, Miss Alice Brady. Scholars, 158.
7. St. Mark's Church, Wilmington, N. C. Rev. C. O. Brady. Baptisms, 36. Communicants added, 18. Communicants, 160. Sunday-school, 125; Teachers, 12. Offerings, \$792.16.
8. St. Augustine's School, New Berne, N. C. Principal, Miss S. G. Sweetland. Assistant, Mr. A. Bass. Scholars, 200.
9. St. Cyprian's Chapel, New Berne. Rev. E. M. Forbes. Sunday-school, Teachers, 10; Scholars, 118.
10. St. Joseph's Church and School, Fayetteville, N. C. Rev. A. A. Benton. Teacher, Miss Cain. Scholars, 40. Sunday-school, Teachers, 9; Scholars, 50. Baptisms, 30. Confirmations, 15. Communicants, 72. Offerings, \$134.00.

11. Mission, Asheville, N. C. Rev. S. V. Berry. Scholars, 101. Sunday-school, 140. Baptisms, 25. Confirmations, 9. Communicants, 29. Offerings, \$38.00.
12. St. Augustine's Chapel, Raleigh, N. C. Rector, Rev. J. E. C. Smedes. Teacher, Mr. W. R. Harris. Sunday-school, 80. Day Scholars, 80. Baptisms, 4. Confirmations, 5. Communicants, 50. Offerings, \$151.00.
13. Charlotte, N. C., Rev. W. G. McKinney, Missionary
14. Mission School, Elkin, Surrey County, N. C. Sunday-school Scholars, 103.
15. Washington, D. C. St. Mary's Church, Rev. A. Crummell, D.D. Missions, 3. Communicants, 102. Parish School, 1. Assistant, Rev. A. A. Roberts. Baptisms, 12. Sunday-schools, 3. Teachers, 20. Scholars, 215. Offerings, \$361.69.
16. St. Stephen's Parish and School. Rector, Rev. Giles B. Cooke. Teachers, 8. Scholars, 150. Communicants, 58. Offerings, \$66.54.
17. St. Philip's Chapel and School, Richmond. Rector, Rev. J. Peterkin, D. D. Deacon in Charge, Rev. J. R. Winchester. Lay Reader, Wm. N. Gibson. Teachers, J. T. Cooley, Mrs. Cooley. Scholars, 85. Sunday-school, 120. Teachers, 10.
18. McFarland's Station, Lunenburg Co., Va. Principal, Mrs. M. M. Jennings. Assistant, Wm. N. Jennings. Scholars, 95. Sunday-school, 80.
19. Mission School, Clover, Halifax Co., Va. Mrs. Mary E. Miles, James P. De Viney. Scholars, 172.
20. Fairfax Co. Mr. J. R. Johnson, Evangelist, under Rev. Jno. McGill.
21. Mission of Christ Church, Alexandria. Meade Chapel. Rev. W. M. Dame, Rector. Reader and Candidate for Orders, John H. M. Pollard. Scholars, 60. Sunday-school, Teachers, 13 ; Scholars, 100.
22. St. Stephen's Parish, Savannah, Ga. Rector, Rev. W. H. Morris. Communicants, 158. Baptisms, 20. Confirmations, 27. Sunday-school, 78. Teachers, 8. Offerings, \$1,428.62.
23. St. Augustine's Mission and School, Savannah. James Symons, Lay Reader. Communicants, 30.
24. Ogeechee River, St. Mark's Church. Rev. H. Dunlop, Evangelist and Missionary. Geo. Greene, Esq., Postulant, Teacher and Lay Reader. Baptisms, 17. Confirmations, 7. Communicants, 130. Satilla River, Church of the Messiah.

25. Tenn., Bolivar. St. Philip's Chapel. Rev. W. C. Gray. Baptisms, 3. Communicants, 15. Sunday-school, 40. Offerings, \$64.00.
 26. Immanuel Church, Memphis, Tenn. Rector, Rev. G. White, D.D. Deacon, Rev. J. B. McConnell. Communicants, 33. Sunday-school Teacher, 1. Pupils, 9. Offerings, \$240.45.
 27. Rev. G. H. Jackson, Memphis, Missionary.
 28. Church of Our Merciful Saviour, Louisville, Ky. Rev. J. T. Helm, Missionary. Baptisms, 47. Confirmations, 13. Communicants, 40. Parish School Teachers, 2. Scholars, 70. Sunday-school Teachers, 8. Scholars, 90. Sustained wholly by a Presbyter of the Diocese.
 29. Hoffman School, Frankfort, Kentucky. Teacher, 1. Scholars, 41.
 30. Church of the Good Samaritan, St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. Jas. E. Thompson. Sunday-school, 55. Day-school, Scholars, 55.
 31. Fernandina, Fla. Rev. O. P. Thackara. Lay Reader, 1.
 32. Key West. St. Peter's Church. Rev. J. H. Young. Confirmations, 12.
 33. Jacksonville, Fla. Under charge of Rev. R. H. Weller.
 34. Mobile, Good Shepherd, Ala. Rev. J. A. Massey, D.D.
 35. St. Thomas' Mission, New Orleans. C. H. Thompson, D.D., Candidate for Orders. Sam'l M. Wiggins, Lay Reader. Communicants, 20.
 36. Pittsburg, Pa. St. Cyprian's Mission. Rev. W. F. Floyd. Sunday-school, 26.
 37. Dry Grove, Mississippi. Rev. W. K. Douglas, D.D. Sunday-schools, 3. Scholars, 300. Industrial Schools, 2. Congregations, 2.
- Schools and Missions, 37; exclusive of Night schools and schools open only a portion of the year. Teachers and Missionaries, 55.

We give the following selections from the Reports which have been furnished by our Missionaries and Teachers.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S NORMAL SCHOOL, RALEIGH, N. C.

REV. J. E. C. SMEDES, *Principal*.

In the nine months' session, begun in October, 1876, and ended in June, 1877, we registered eighteen male and twenty female boarding scholars, in all thirty-eight. Our enrolment of day scholars, also nearly equally divided between the sexes, brings up our total registry for the session to one hundred and twenty scholars.

The number of boarding scholars is eight more, and that of the day scholars is somewhat less, than in the last Report.

The three salaried assistant teachers, trained in the school, one of whom is in Deacon's Orders, and also the matron, who were with us the two previous sessions, were retained. Three pupil teachers were engaged in primary tuition throughout the session.

An encouraging advance was effected in the efficiency of our teachers and in the scholarship of our pupils. Our highest classes, after a thorough course in Goodwin's Greek Grammar and Reader, began Homer, read six orations of Cicero and Sallust's Jugurtha and Catiline, and, having in previous terms mastered two school algebras and a treatise on linear geometry, finished the geometry of planes and solids.

The religious discipline of the school yielded fruits for which we were thankful. Twenty-five of our boarding scholars, besides a number of the day pupils, were communicants. The Holy Communion was administered on all Sundays and holy days. The Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church were said daily. By frequent catechisings, our efforts were continued to familiarize to the minds of all our scholars the elementary teaching of the Church. Confirmation, administered in May, added four to the thirty-six of our pupils who have been brought by this Apostolic rite into the communion of the Church since June, 1873. Four of our students were Candidates for Holy Orders, three from the Diocese of Tennessee, one from the Missionary Jurisdiction of West Africa; two were postulants from this Diocese.

To these six students in training for Holy Orders, and to ten others in preparation for the work of teaching, we were enabled, by the valuable aid of the *Commission*, to afford, throughout the session of nine months, free tuition, board, washing, fuel, lights and books.

The school owns ninety acres of land within a mile of the Capitol; buildings which have cost about \$20,000, and bonds, secured by mortgages and collaterals, amounting to \$47,981.

The income of the school during the year, from interest on bonds, rent of Principal's house, cash for board of pupils, and appropriation of the *Commission*, amounted to \$5,277.

The disbursements, for salaries, groceries and meats, wood and coal, cultivation of garden, insurance, repairs, etc., amounted to \$5,358.

REPORT OF REV. ALEX. CRUMMELL, D.D., MISSIONARY AT WASHINGTON,
D. C.

The undersigned has great satisfaction in reporting that the work of the Church during the year in Washington City, has been characterized by much success and most visible progress.

1. The endeavor to erect a large church building in the centre of the city has been carried out with considerable energy. Between \$3,000 and

\$4,000 were spent last year (1876), and the church was up-built to the sills of the windows. In the winter and spring of this year subscriptions to the amount of \$5,000 were obtained, and work was again resumed, and the probability is that the walls will be so far complete this present autumn that the church may be roofed in before winter. Our great drawback is the lack of funds. We need fully \$5,000 or \$6,000 more to finish this building, and we look to generous friends, interested in the work among the Colored People, to enable us to carry on this work to completion.

2. Owing to my necessary absence several months this year, the Confirmation at St. Mary's Chapel has been delayed. A larger class than at any former time is registered for preparation. In all other respects the work has been satisfactory and encouraging. The attendance at Divine Service has been, with the rarest exceptions, full, and oft-times crowded. Unusual activity has shown itself, especially by the "SINKING FUND ASSOCIATION" (composed of young men and women), in securing funds for the new church. Missionary meetings (held once every month) have had a full attendance, and a zealous participation on the part of leading and intelligent young men and women. The singing department has been supplied by persons of skill and devotedness.

I am happy to say that early in the year the Right Rev. Bishop Pinckney ordained to the Diaconate Mr. A. A. Roberts, who has officiated as Assistant in St. Mary's Chapel during the several months of my absence from Washington collecting funds.

3. The following is the exhibit of Services and duties for the year :

Baptisms, Infants, 12 (of which were privately administered 7) ; Burials, 3 ; Church Services, Morning or Evening Prayers, 200 ; Sermons or Lectures, 200 ; Holy Communions, 27 ; Communicants, number last reported, 90 ; added by removal, 8 ; by Confirmation, 6 ; otherwise, 2—16 ; lost by removal, 2 ; otherwise, 2—4 ; present number, 102. Families in the Cure, estimated number, 70 ; Individuals in the Cure, estimated number, 310 ; Marriages, 6.

Sunday-schools, 3 ; Teachers, 20 ; Scholars, 215 ; Sitzings in Church and Chapel, 230.

Church and Chapel, estimated value, \$3,500 ; insured for \$1,200.

Communion Alms, \$51.09 ; all other Contributions (exclusive of Clergyman's salary), \$310.66.

Appropriated, within the Diocese, for Convention Fund, \$7.30 ; without the Diocese, for Foreign Missions, \$5.31.

REV. A. A. ROBERTS.

As the assistant of the Rev. Dr. Crummell I am happy to say that during my sojourn here, the work has afforded abundant encouragement in its steady progress and success. The borders of the Church are unmis-

takably widening in this city. Much, however, depends on the speedy completion of St. Luke's Church. That edifice is the one thing needful for enhancing the work. Humanly speaking, it is the centre of our present and future prosperity.

Many who are friendly disposed and on whose minds the Church has awakened an interest, are wont to say: "This Church should surely not be behind the others in regard to a building." Nor have they proved themselves merely grumblers, but have evinced their good-will and sympathy by voluntarily enrolling themselves as members of our Sinking Fund Association, numbering now some two hundred persons, who have already contributed several hundred dollars. Unmistakably, Washington is the Mecca of the Church work among the Colored People in the United States. The Colored People are also anxious for a church in Georgetown, where as well as in South Washington, known as the Island, one is much needed.

In regard to my duties here: when the Rector is absent I officiate for him at St. Mary's, and as he is necessarily away for the present making collections, I am mostly there on Sundays. Sometimes I hold Cottage Meetings, and on Sunday afternoons give my attention to the Sunday-school.

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA.

J. R. JOHNSON, *Evangelist.*

"I cannot do better at this time than give an account of a recent tour among the Freedmen south of Herndon, in this County. I left home on Thursday morning, August 2d. I visited several families at their homes, and met with many individuals besides. The tour of three days ended in a walk of six miles to the residence of our Rector, the Rev. Mr. McGill. I meet with the Colored People in many places by the wayside—at their homes and the villages. On the 11th, I went to a Colored camp meeting to renew my acquaintance with many there, and thus open the way for future appointments. I received a cordial welcome from my old friends. In the evening I spoke from Isaiah xxvi. 3. At night a Colored preacher discoursed from the text, "Ye must be born again." He was plain and practical. The meeting was useful to me in showing exactly what is needed among these people, who are zealous, but not according to knowledge. They need the regulating, refining and elevating influence of our Services.

Quietly, and with constant and direct aim, I improve the opportunity to enlist white people, Northern and Southern, to in some way co-operate in my work. Some farmers in this County faithfully instruct their Colored laborers, and I do all I can to encourage them in the good work. The restoration of harmony in our country greatly depends on the success

which God may grant to efforts in these sections for the right and needful instruction of the Colored People. The above is only a sample of how my time is expended."

Mr. Johnson receives the hearty co-operation of his Rector, and finds his former connection with these people, while occupied with their ecclesiastical relations, quite useful.—[Ed.]

MEADE CHAPEL, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

I. H. M. POLLARD, *Lay Reader and Candidate for Orders.*

In presenting an account of my work for the sixteen months I labored here, beginning March 1, 1876, and ending July 1, 1877, I feel much encouraged with my success; although there were many obstacles in the way to impede my progress.

The Colored population number 6,000 or 7,000 in this city, and there are about 600 Colored boys between the ages of six and twenty, and as many girls, or more. I find that the public schools have had not more than 400 of these children, and as far as I can learn, there were not more than 150 boys in school last session. From the above statement you will see that there are more than 1,000 Colored children of legal school age, and out of this number I can safely say without fear of contradiction that there were not 600 children attending public and private schools included during the last session. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Two Communicants have been added to the Church, and the congregation is gradually growing. I have had at one time in my school, during the last session, 60 pupils. We need a good school here, and by having THAT we can get a hold on the people. Last session I had no desks, which, you know, was a disadvantage.

Our Sunday-school also has improved. We have morning and evening Services, making an average attendance of 100 scholars and 13 teachers.

The Ladies merit great praise for the earnest and faithful discharge of their duties in spreading GOSPEL truth, religion and piety among the children. God's blessing will rest upon their labors.

Hoping that we may be more successful in the coming session, if it please ALMIGHTY God to prosper our work, at the end of another session I hope to be in Orders.

My people need education and moral and religious training. They are duped by a class of fanatics, who are seeking the welfare of themselves, regardless of the elevation and well-being of the RACE. They are kept ignorant of Bible truth, and therefore can be made to believe anything, however strange or absurd.

I have dedicated myself to this work for no selfish motive, but from a sense of duty to my people and an inward duty to God. I seek nothing but the glory of God and to do His will.

RICHMOND, VA., ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

W. D. GIBSON, Esq. *Lay Reader.*I. T. COOLEY AND MRS. COOLEY, *Teachers.*

The day-school was examined on the 28th and 29th of June, by Rev. P. Powers. Mrs. Powers was present the last day, and was pleased with the progress that the scholars had made. Andrew Johnson took the medal for excellence; Elizabeth Brown took the medal for scholarship; Mary Lewis took the medal for good behavior. Boys, 40; Girls, 45; Total, 85. We feel thankful for the blessings we have enjoyed, and for the progress of our work this session. We began operations September 1st, 1876, with 20 boys and 27 girls. Average attendance throughout the session, 65. You will accept our thanks for the clothes sent, also for the Prayer Books, &c.

The Sunday-school has been very well attended the past season. Pupils 80 on the last Sunday, and Teachers 10. Mr. Gibson still continues his duties most acceptably as Lay Reader. He is always in time. On Sunday last (July) he closed the school until September, on account of the absence of so many teachers from the city.

LUNENBURG CO., VA.

MRS. M. M. JENNINGS, WM. M. JENNINGS, *Lay Reader.*

We closed school on the 29th of June. There was a good attendance, and deep interest manifested, and marked progress throughout the whole session. The Colored People are becoming more and more anxious for their children to be educated, and this school is doing a good work.

I have had three very valuable boxes of clothing, this spring and summer from the Ladies' Guild of Burlington, N. J., with parcels in them from other towns adjoining, for my scholars, and I have dressed every one of the pupils comfortably, and really you would think that you were in a city school, the children look so clean and tidy. We expect Bishop Whittle to hold a week-day Service here during this summer. I do sincerely hope you will hasten the matter towards building our church as much as possible, as my humble dwelling will not hold half the people.

During the whole term we have had ninety-five pupils in day-school. The Sunday-school is well attended, we have a large number of Candidates for Baptism.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

REV. S. V. BERRY.

Divine favor and goodness have so blessed the labors of our Asheville Mission during the past year that we are enabled to report encouraging evidences of progress, both in connection with the Mission School and the Freedmen's Mission Chapel.

The whole number of scholars registered during the past year.....	101
Number of Sunday-school Scholars.....	140
Persons Baptised the past year.....	25
Number of Persons Confirmed.....	9
Contributions.....	\$38 00

We have had two public examinations of the scholars of our Mission day-school during the past year, and on both occasions the scholars acquitted themselves so creditably as to receive the commendation of our public journals. After our closing exercises, two of our young men presented themselves before the public Board of Examiners for teachers. They were examined, found qualified, and received their certificates. One of them belonged to our Confirmation Class and walked twenty-five miles to be confirmed.

A woman belonging to our Confirmation Class rode nine miles on horseback, with a child in her arms, in order to receive the holy rite at our chapel.

The Services have been well attended, and all is as decently and orderly as in most other churches.

We have received from the Juvenile Missionary Society of the Parish of Holy Trinity, West Chester, Pa., one box of new clothing for girls. They send us a box every year.

The beautiful Communion Service presented to our Freedmen's Chapel not long since, was a gift from the same source.

We have also received a box of cast-off clothing from a member of St. Philip's Parish, New York.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHAPEL, RALEIGH.

REV. JOHN. E. C. SMEDES, *Rector.*

Baptisms, adults, 4 ; Confirmations, 5 ; Marriages, 1 ; Burials, 5 ; Sunday-school pupils, 60 ; Communicants, 50 ; Offerings, \$151.00

The chapel has received from the Assistant-Bishop the very acceptable gift of a handsome new lecturn.

A Parish school numbering eighty pupils, in connection with the chapel, is maintained by the Commission of Home Missions.

Mr. W. R. Harris, the postulant, who manages the Sunday and day-school, writes : " I am induced by the rapid growth of our Sunday-school, and the importance of developing an interest among the children, to solicit as a special favor, for two or three dozen of suitable song books. Having paid out recently thirteen dollars for cards and papers we have nothing left. The want of suitable music for our Sunday-school is a deficiency that should be supplied to quicken devotion and meet the improving taste."

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

REV. A. A. BENTON.

Number of families	40
Communicants	72
Number of souls belonging to the congregation	166
Children in Sunday-School	50
Confirmations	15
Baptism, { Adults	11
{ Infants	19

In making the report for St. Joseph's Parish for the past year, your Missionary finds great reason for thankfulness.

The number of Communicants is largely in excess of what it has been in any previous year; and the attendance at the Holy Communion is increasing, and the effort to make the Services hearty, and the zeal and devout expression of their worship is very gratifying.

The Colored people of this town, who do not as yet attend our Services, are manifesting a very great desire to learn more of our doctrines and worship, and, I am told that we are having a very marked influence upon the teaching they are now attending; for example, instruction on the Creed and Lord's Prayer is now given in their Sunday-schools. It is encouraging to our own congregation that our influence is as elevating, and we hope to break down the ungrounded prejudices at present entertained by many. In truth, there are many proofs that such is the case with individuals. We can, therefore, claim that the prospects for the future advancement of the Church are bright. It is the experience of all those who have listened to her teachings that no one can attend upon her worship (spiritually and properly administered) without being convinced of the correctness of her principles and the holiness of her teaching.

A large part of our influence is due to the stimulating work of the Guild, whose indirect work cannot be over valued. The attendance upon it is excellent, showing how really in earnest the Parish is.

We have reason, too, to be proud of the hearty congregational participation in the music with which we try to render our praises to God.

There is at present considerable interest manifested on the part of the congregation in the Sunday-school connected with the Church. Under the capable management of Mr. John S. Leary the teachers are becoming more efficient, and seem more devoted to their work. We have an average attendance of fifty scholars, on some Sundays reaching as high as seventy-five. But we are sadly in need of a Library for the Sunday-school. Indeed, we have no Monthly Tracts, Papers, or Church Literature of any sort, to distribute among the children. If this could in any way be supplied, I think the usefulness and power of the Sunday-school would be doubled, for we should reach a great many parents through

their children. Quite a number of families who attend other religious bodies send their children to our Sunday-school, and can only be reached by the books and papers the children would carry home.

The importance, then, of a good Library and large package of Sunday-school papers can hardly be overestimated, and becomes daily a pressing necessity.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON, N. C.

REV. C. O. BRADY.

With gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, I can report progress in my work during the past year. Regular Services have been held in St. Mark's Church on each Lord's Day; and during the Season of Lent, daily Morning and Evening Prayer, and a short Sermon read each evening. On Saints' Days, Morning Prayer; and, in addition to Evening Prayer, a lecture. The Sunday Services are well attended, and also the weekly Services during the season of Lent. One interesting feature of our work, is the visible impression evidently being made upon the Catechumens, as they cluster around the church, file in in taking their place, and with correct and hearty response join in the common Prayer and Praise. Thus the youthful mind is being successfully moulded to take up and carry on the work, when those who are now occupying the prominent places in the Church shall have gone to their final reward. Baptisms, 36; Communicants added, 18; present number, 160; offerings, \$792.16.

St. Barnabas School, the nursery of St. Mark's, has been continued, notwithstanding the Commission has ceased the appropriation. If the school should be discontinued, it will be a great hindrance to the progress of the Church among the children, and thus lose her benign influence over the youthful mind. I hope, therefore, that at least the sum of \$400 per annum will be still allowed to the present excellent principal, Mrs. Fannie Jackson. My daughter, Miss Alice M. Brady, who teaches music, also the higher classes in arithmetic, is paid by a benevolent lady of Boston, who allows about \$400 for that object. Thus you perceive that the School, which is really indispensable to the growth of the Church, can be maintained at a trifling cost to the Commission. I trust, therefore, every effort will be made to continue St. Barnabas School; the average attendance of which is over 100 of well-behaved, respectable children, of both sexes—in whom we trust there is being laid a sure foundation of Christian principles.

Shall this important auxiliary cease?

The Sunday-school comprises many of the Parish and Parish School children, with those of other communities, some of whom are already communicants and punctual attendants at the Church Services. They

receive regular weekly training in the Catechism and Holy Scriptures, chanting and singing the shorter portions of the Service.

It is needless for me to add any remark in regard to the pressure of the times. All branches of the Church feel it, and I think more especially that portion extending South amongst the freedmen. But notwithstanding this, St. Mark's Parish has been enabled to go on and not run in arrears more than about \$100, which amount we hope will have been collected and paid during the Summer.

We have received two boxes of clothing and one of articles for Christmas Tree: 1 box containing clothing and some new articles, from St. Peter's, Auburn, New York; 1 box from Flushing, N. Y., through the Ladies' Auxiliary.

50 Prayer Books from the Margaret Coffin P. B. Society.

1 box School Books.

1 box containing many—about 200—useful presents for distribution among the Parish and Sunday-school children, from Miss Alice Hooper, of Boston, who also gave \$25 to purchase material for the Sewing Bee connected with the School, which meets twice each week at the house of the principal.

Our Church property is valued at \$8,000.

The above report furnishes in detail an account of the work.

Eight years have gone by since we commenced this work, and we still progress with, I trust, a sure foundation laid in faith and built in hope. What more need we crave than to become faithful sowers of the "good seed," knowing that "God giveth the increase."

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, CALVARY CHURCH.

REV. J. V. WELCH, *Rector*.

Families.....	30
Individuals not included.....	50
Communicants, { Admitted.....	43
{ Died.....	3
Baptisms—Infants, 30; Adults, 10.....	43
Confirmed.....	11
Marriages.....	9
Burials.....	32
Public Worship—On Sundays, 129; other days, 107.....	236
Holy Communion Celebrated—Public, 25; Private 28.....	53
Sunday-School, { Teachers—Males, 1; Females, 6.....	7
{ Pupils—Females.....	36
Offerings.....	\$345 01

Calvary, through the blessing of God, is still on the increase in piety and number. Up to this time we owe no man anything. The expenses this year are much less than those of the last.

To my brethren, the Clergy and Laity, I am much indebted for their assistance at Calvary Church.

Still hoping and trusting to God, through the blessed Saviour, to bless our work of love, and praying that while we preach to others, we ourselves may not be cast away, I labor to be accepted of Him.

The Franklin Street School I still visit on Fridays, to catechise and exhort the children. This is certainly a field where much good may be done. The ladies are zealous, but they want the prayers and support of the Church.

COLUMBIA, S. C.

REV. B. B. BABBIT.

The Bishop of the Diocese has visited us, and we have had a most delightful season. We now open, as never before, an opportunity to the Church to enter in and possess the land in accordance with her principles. I wish you could have been with us last night at our little hall. The Bishop gave us a most effective address. The hall was crowded with some of the best Colored People in the State. *Nineteen* were confirmed; ten females and nine males. A number of the parishioners of Trinity Parish were also present with their Assistant Rector. Rev. Mr. McCullough, the Secretary of the Convention, read the prayers. Everybody was delighted, and the occasion will be long remembered by all who were present. Those confirmed were from the Sunday-school, and embraced nearly all those of the choir not confirmed before. We have had recently a very great awakening in the Parish, and although there has been no turbulence of feeling, there has yet been great earnestness and solemnity. Their devout demeanor has been apparent to all.

Can the Church now come to the help of these poor, down-trodden people? I think if she can, she may do a better work than ever—a work that must entirely revolutionize their religious prospects, and draw back within her borders those who have wandered. I have had a long conversation with Gov. Hampton on this work among the Colored People. He is a member of our Church and is very favorable, and will aid every legitimate effort put forth in behalf of their religious instruction. I am authorized by him to declare the fact to our brethren at the North and elsewhere.

In this Diocese, the two Parishes of St. Mark's, Charleston, and St. Luke's, here, are largely if not wholly composed of families that were free before the war. The loss of communicants which shows itself in the statistics, was doubtless due to the falling off of the ignorant Colored People who knew nothing of the claims of the Church except as the Church of their masters. Her "nuclei" now are composed of those who were both educated and admitted to her membership previous to the war. It will be well to remember this in our future efforts.

But we are just now at a great disadvantage from want of a church building. The Methodists are erecting a fine, sightly one, which alone

does much to attract the people. Could we hope at an early period to own a church, I believe we should be a power indeed; but so long as we worship in a hall we are necessarily under a cloud. The Southern people are much more wide awake on this question than you of the North suppose. We must have the church, if it can be had. We shall not need more than \$1,500 or \$2,000 additional, to what may be obtained here. I shall use every legitimate means to obtain this necessary amount.

EDGEFIELD, S. C.

REV. E. T. WALKER, *Evangelist*.

"Unless we are able to raise more means for Church work, we of the country will be compelled, in the language of the Missionary Board, to resort mostly to the itinerancy to save the Church. But you see the Board, feeling the outside pressure, is not able to render the amount of assistance, as has been its usage; and we could not have continued our labors at all but for such assistance. But of one thing I am certain, that if the Church had been active upon this matter of Negro Church work, upon an independent basis, vast good would have been done. Your Board should have been the head of the organization, with officers in every State, organizing churches and schools. Each Missionary district holding its Convocation, and making rules for its work. The Colored man would have had a place and work to do in the Mission. Here he would have worked like a beaver. At their Annual Convocation, the Bishop would be with them, and he with the others would map out the work. Under such a system the Negro would have materially aided the general work by his contributions, for they pledge their preachers some six or seven hundred dollars per year, and the money is paid. Well, I hope to see the day when the Church will go out into the world on the work of God with worldly sense.

Here I have five female communicants. Twenty-one miles from here we have a brick church, where, before the war, we had fine congregations of Colored people. I hope to restore the work.

But my object just now is to give you an account of my intercourse with one of the leading Colored men here. I saw him yesterday. He told me frankly, "You know I am a Baptist!" I told him the contents of your letter—so to others. He said, "I do not like the Baptists, and many of the most intelligent are of my mind. I am glad persons have it in mind to come to our help, for the religious condition and the instruction to which we are doomed is awful. You know what it is."

I asked him, "Do you like the plan as stated?" (*i. e.*, that of organizing work in various localities under the Rector.) His reply was, "I do, and I will join you." "Who can I get as a lay worker or reader?"

He answered, "There is J. S., now teaching." On Sunday he came to me and made much the same statement. Now I have since made inquiry of the character of J. S.; I find it is good. He has been to college, and he desires to enter the Ministry. Such is the out-door outlook. In my judgment every dollar at your disposal should be turned to this Evangelization; the State will provide for the school. She has done so. I am soon to visit other important points, and will keep you informed. We will hold a Convocation and make arrangements for the future.

Colored people feel their way cautiously, and when once they are satisfied—we mean what we say—they will follow. I have read them extracts from the Report in support of Missions, and showed them what the Church is trying to do for them. They were pleased at the interest in their behalf. The people of our Church are glad to let them have the use of it, and I therefore use it. I have no fears of the ultimate result. Many have gone over to the Reformed E. Church, but all is not lost."

We have not felt at liberty to quote all the contents of Mr. Walker's letter, but what remains ungiven is of an equally satisfactory character.

[Ed.]

SAVANNAH, GA.

REV. W. H. MORRIS.

My last Annual Report had hardly reached you when rumors of the appearance of yellow fever in this city were put in circulation. Whether these were verified need not be explicitly stated at this late date. As regards St. Stephen's Parish, suffice it to say, "God breathed, and we were smitten." "The sorrows of death compassed us." "We were full of heaviness," many being "sick nigh unto death;" but the good and great Physician "healed all our infirmities, and saved our lives," except in two cases of Sunday-school children, one of each sex, whom He admitted into the blessed rest and joy of Paradise. But now the deep-toned requiem of gloom and desolation is hushed by songs of praise. It may be questionable whether devout Simeon sitting in the temple with the Holy Child in his arms, or his fellow-worshiper, the venerable and venerated Anna, proclaiming their mutual gratitude and delight when "the Lord came suddenly to His temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant whom they delighted in," experienced holier joy than we, after our pestilential afflictions were overpast.

Although an inevitable material depression which succeeded the epidemic continues to this day, abiding evidences of spiritual life and vigor have been given us. On the 11th of February the Bishop of the Diocese confirmed a class of seven, and at a subsequent Visitation, 1st of May, another class of twenty—in all, *twenty-seven* persons. Our contributions have exceeded those of the previous year. Foreign and Diocesan

Missions, \$24.19 ; Home Missions to Colored People, \$15.00 ; to other benevolent objects, \$41.46 ; Parochial purposes, \$1,347.97. Total, \$1,428.62. Baptisms: Infants, 13 ; adults, 7—20.

Without entering upon a minute or detailed description of the work of our Sunday-schools, I am pleased to say it prospers. The introduction and use of the *Sunday School Hymnal* is an inestimable benefit to the scholars, in that it is uncompromisingly churchly in arrangement and theology. Instead of teaching the little ones to aspire after and pray for angel transmutation, it shows them the Babe of Bethlehem whose life was preserved when the Holy Innocents were slain. Its hymns and carols speak of and point to Him from the Manger to the Cross, from the Cross to the Sepulchre, from Sepulchre to Heaven, where the Man now appears in the presence of God for us.

GEORGIA, OGEECHEE RIVER—ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

REV. H. DUNLOP, *Evangelist and Missionary.*

GEO. GREENE, ESQ., *Postulant, Teacher and Lay Reader.*

Total number of individuals, about	205
Baptisms—infants, 9 ; adults, 8.....	17
Confirmations.....	7
Communicants—added by first communion	7
died, 1 ; removed, 1 ; withdrawn, 2 ; present number,	130
Communions—public, 8 ; private, 1.....	9
Sunday School teachers.....	2
scholars, about.....	60
Parish School teachers	1
scholars, about.....	100

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Total..... \$67.50

“It affords the Missionary much pleasure to report that a Parish School has been opened, and is now in operation, established, he trusts, upon a permanent basis. Whilst, strictly speaking, there is but one school managed by one teacher, it affords the children and the unemployed all the advantages of two separate schools. Four hours are given by Mr Greene, their teacher, in the forenoon to the children of one plantation, and four in the afternoon to the children of another, about four miles distant from the former.”

In addition to his duties at St. Mark's, on the Ogeechee River, Mr. Dunlop has charge of another Mission two hundred miles distant, at Satilla River, known as the Church of the Messiah.—ED.

FERNANDINA, FLA.

REV. O. P. THACKARA, *Evangelist.*

In addition to Services held by myself among the Colored People, the Rev. Dr. Roach, of Palatka, also holds a Service every Sunday after-

noon for their benefit. The Rev. Mr. Gilbert, of Gainesville, likewise. The Colored Methodist Minister at that place has requested the latter to officiate for his people every alternate Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Weller, of Jacksonville, has also been requested to do the same. Our clergy are becoming more and more interested in the work. There are, indeed, difficulties enough in our way besides the want of clergy and means to sustain them, but we will endeavor, by God's help, not to allow them to discourage us. The action of our late Council is being read among the Freedmen, and is already productive of good results.

We need a larger church building in Fernandina. I want to build one sufficiently large to comfortably seat at least 150 persons, to bring races together under one roof as worshipers. I only wish some layman of ability would enable me to build a church on condition that the entire transepts should be for the Freedmen, and forever.

Whatever is to be done for the Colored race must be fairly commenced in the next few years, and before the men who once held the relation of masters have passed away. I am more and more persuaded that nothing but the efforts of the Church can save the Colored race. She alone can raise and hold them up.

KEY WEST, FLORIDA, ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

REV. J. H. YOUNG.

A little more than a year ago, the colored communicants of the Church resident at Key West, met and organized themselves into the Parish of St. Peter's. The present Rector accepted the charge of the same in February last, up to which time the congregation had been for the most part without a Pastor, excepting the Services which were volunteered by the Rev. Dr. Steele, Rector of St. Paul's Church. As the religious welfare of the Colored population of the South is one of the Church's most important Missionary trusts, and a subject which at the present moment is exciting the interest of all Christian hearts, a few words upon the situation here may not be amiss. Nearly one-half of the population of Key West are Colored. Of these, more than half are natives, the remainder being immigrants from Nassau, N. P., and these, and these alone, constitute the Church element; the others being some Romanists, but chiefly Methodists. Hence, it will be seen that St. Peter's Parish is in a position not only to receive the Church's Missionary support, but also in its turn, exert a Missionary influence most needful. For these reasons: first, to reclaim those members who, in the absence of a Church and its ministrations have fallen away; and, second, to reprove by its exposition of the form and worship of the Church the errors and superstitions of Romanism on the one hand, and the wild and wanton excesses of lawless emotionalism on the other.

As regards the circumstances of the Colored Church people here, they are very poor, and as a consequence they have no church building and

can do but little towards maintaining their Pastor. But as an offset to this material difficulty, should be considered their intelligent apprehension of the Church's faith and devout interest in its worship—the fruits of the care and instruction which they received from the Church in Nassau.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent the Bishop visited St. Peter's and confirmed a class of twelve—the result in part of a fine Sunday-school conducted successfully and entirely by the members of the parish. The attendance at Service is good, and by the heartiness with which it is rendered, is unusually interesting and attractive.

BISHOP GREEN TRAINING SCHOOL AND ASSOCIATE MISSION.—DRY GROVE, MISS., 1877.

REV. W. K. DOUGLAS, D.D.

I cannot but feel, that in some important respects, more has been accomplished the past year than at any time before. I feel that I am now seeing some beginning of fruit, for the constant strivings of the past twenty years. I have always felt that, when our own people once lost the sense of ignominy attending the instruction of the African here in the South, the work would be done. I bless God that I see progress in that direction.

At Dry Grove, we have now a Colored day-school, taught by one of my parishioners, a former officer of the navy. He is assisted by his estimable lady, one of that little band of churchwomen whose self-denying labors secured the erection of our church here. A Sunday-school is also kept up in the schoolhouse, by the labors of our Candidates for Holy Orders.

A day-school is also taught at a point ten miles distant, by one of our Candidates for Orders, a native Mississippian of good family. He also carries on a Sunday-school, in connection with the day-school.

Ten miles east of the church, another of my parishioners, with the assistance of his lady, opened another day and Sunday-school. This gentleman was a surgeon in the army, and of very superior education.

Here I have the pleasure of seeing, within the limits of my own parish, three schools—day and Sunday-schools—under the instruction of churchmen and churchwomen, having no superiors in the community, either in education or social position.

These schools are well patronized, the average daily attendance in each being about fifty. We hope to have Christmas celebrations, which will add to the interest, as Christmas is the old traditional holiday with these people.

I know it is a Cross for our Church people to take up; but let them beware how they seek to choose their own Cross, and despise this which God has laid upon them. This is Christ's Cross, which He bids us take up, and follow Him. Many a time have I said to young women, here,

who have spoken of our Miss Baldwin and Miss Muir, "Here is Africa, with no seas to cross, and no dire tropic pestilence to encounter."

During the past year I have myself preached occasionally to large congregations, and baptized a number of children. The chief obstacle to organized work, is the want of suitable chapels. Taking a turn in a monthly round with the various preachers in a "Union" building, or an occasional Service in a Parish church, cannot be made available for building up churches. With a small chapel, which could be used for Sunday-school, and, if necessary, a Parish day-school, then, in the absence of the Clergyman, be kept open by lay reading, a fixed and settled congregation could be easily secured.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

C. H. THOMPSON, D.D.

I herewith send you a brief statement of our work, in connection with St. Thomas' P. E. Church.

The Rt. Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, D.D., our much-beloved Bishop, consummated the purchase of a House of Worship for us in July last, at a cost of \$6,000, and I at once opened a Parish School in the school-house of our new building.

We have also organized a Sunday-school, which now numbers from seventy-five to eighty children. Our house is undergoing such alterations as are needed to fit it for our Services. There is a very deep interest among the intelligent young people of this city, in this Church enterprise; and many of our most thoughtful people predict that our house will be too small to hold the people in less than two years. At present we are not holding regular Service, excepting prayer during the week, to familiarize the people with the Service; but we hope that everything will be ready to again open the church fully for all the regular Services, by the first Sunday in October. Pray for us, that we may be so guided by Divine Wisdom, that the approbation and blessing of Almighty God may be visible upon every step we take in this work.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

REV. JAMES E. THOMPSON, *Missionary.*

I am happy to be able to state that through the earnest efforts of our good Bishop we have been enabled to secure a very beautiful and substantial church building, formerly a Jewish synagogue. This property, to which we have alluded in our previous reports, is valued at \$11,000, was purchased for \$5,000, and by the generous assistance given us by our Church friends of this and other cities, we have been enabled to pay about half of this amount; the remainder will not be due until June, 1878.

The organ, a very fine instrument, costing originally over \$2,000, has been purchased by the congregation for the sum of \$300, of which amount

about \$200 has been paid. The regular morning and evening Services have been held during the year. Whilst there have been only five persons added to the Church by Confirmation during the year, yet the attendants at the regular Services, and the interest among the members and many outside persons, have greatly increased, and I think before another six months have elapsed we will have added to our Communion list quite a number of persons old and young, who will bring much life and vigor to the work. The Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition, and I count largely upon it as a source of future growth to the Church. I have collected the past summer towards the liquidation of the church debt in the Dioceses of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, \$392.25.

CHURCH OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR, LOUISVILLE, KY.

J. T. HELM, *Minister.*

Baptisms—Infants, 33 ; adults, 14 ; total, 47. Confirmations, 13. Communicants—Added by admission, 13 ; suspended, 1 ; present number, 40. Burials, 1.

Public Services—On Sunday, 104 ; on other days, 56 ; total, 106. Holy Communion administered—In public, 11.

Number of Sunday-schools, 1 ; teachers, 8 ; other officers, 1 ; scholars, 90. Parish school—Teachers, 1 ; scholars, 70.

The expense of this Mission, is altogether defrayed by the Rev. Dr. Norton, Associate Rector of Christ Church.

SOUTHERN PROPERTY.

The property held in trust for School and Missionary purposes among the Colored People of the South is continually increasing in value. In our last Annual Report it was estimated at \$110,000. As our Normal School at Raleigh embraces, in addition to the buildings, ninety acres of land, of increasing value, and new Church properties are year by year coming into connection with the work, it is difficult to fix any more than an approximate estimate. A new Church building at New Orleans, which originally cost \$21,000, has been added to the property the past year by purchase. Additions and improvements are of frequent occurrence, and the total value may be set down as not less than \$125,000, all of which is secured to the respective Dioceses.

CLOTHING AND BOOKS.

Twenty boxes and packages of clothing have been received and forwarded to Missionaries, while others have been privately forwarded direct, either at the instance of friends or at our suggestion. The plan of forwarding *directly* from the donors, to the point where the goods are to be used, proves to be a saving both of time and expense, and its continuance is to be commended. A grant of two hundred and fifty Bibles has been

made by the American Bible Society, and three hundred copies of the Prayer Book from the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society.

We trust our friends will continue to remember our needs as the winter approaches, for, in so large a population, extended over so great an area, the necessity among the scholars and the members of our Missions is often unspeakably great.

CONCLUSION.

In the twelve years that this Commission has been established, much has been attempted by the Executive Committee, through its agents, for the instruction and spiritual advancement of the neglected Freedmen. They are not discouraged at results, although fully appreciating the amount of what remains undone. The advancement to a higher plane of civilization of millions of people, with few to labor for that end and with only limited resources, is not to be expected to be achieved at once.

Yet no one of our Missionaries has ever complained by reason of individual failure, but has found effort uniformly well received by the Colored People themselves.

The work has been subjected to many changes since its commencement. Primary instruction has been followed by the school of more advanced grade, and that in its turn by the Normal School. No such Mission field has before been presented in similar proportions to this Church—no field where the work is so clearly necessary and where results have been so marked and palpable.

It is asserted that at least one third of the Colored People have reached a higher intellectual plane than heretofore, while another have only too sadly abused their liberty to licentiousness; and the remaining third is controlled by circumstances; inclined to good or evil as opportunity may develop.

Could the Church have gone forward in her work as she intended at the time of the establishment of this Commission, doubtless results would have been still more marked. But she has been greatly hindered in the discharge of her duty. The question was not simply one between members of our Church and the Colored People. Adventurers without religious principle tampered with them immediately on their enfranchisement. Under the pretence of encouraging thrift, institutions of savings were established; and under promise of earlier development many came between our Church members and the Colored People. The Freedmen were disappointed and deceived, till they knew not where to look for friends.

There are two views of this whole people which, although strangely antagonistic, seem to be widely entertained. The one regards the African population in the aggregate as wretched and aimless, without character or capacity, to be ruled only by force, and at the same time a perpetual pall or blight over the general prosperity of the country. The

other (entertained by those who know them better), contemplates their better qualities, remembers those individuals whom experience has found to be kind and true, considerate of the wants of others, and abundantly capable where opportunity was granted. No educated man, we venture to assert, ever resided long in the South, of whatever nationality, who did not form some *one* Colored friend in whom he reposed full confidence, and whom he found as true as the generality of other men in like condition. All, of any given race, are not alike. The idiosyncrasies of black men are as marked as those of others, and they too, exhibit strength of character when least expected. In the recent commotions of labor we have found a malignant and dangerous element in our own race, which has never yet appeared in the Anglo-African.

For two hundred years the Colored People have been schooled by affliction, and it is too much to expect that in twelve short years of interrupted culture the entire character of a race can be changed, without any regard to antecedents. The reports of our teachers show what really has been done—show clearly that the way is opening as never before, that old wounds are being healed, that old friends are meeting after much estrangement, in all that deep and beautiful feeling only known to those who have resided long enough in the South to appreciate the beauties of its hidden life.

In a word, your Committee are as firm believers in the ability of this Church, through her teaching and Services, to reach them, as the day when this Department was established. And in the resolution of the Commission to employ agencies resident in the South, or to assist peculiarly the parish Clergyman who can devote a portion of each Sunday to the instruction of these people in Sunday-schools, and where sufficiently numerous, give them a separate Service, we think we find at last, the solution of the whole question; and also with it, the preservation of old parishes which otherwise, through restricted means, must be practically disbanded—*Colored congregations with Colored Clergymen for all our great centres, and the ordinary parochial system for the rest.* When that day arrives when each parish Priest can regard the Freedmen within the limits of his cure as open to his teachings, we look upon the long deferred result as virtually accomplished. The day is dawning. It can only be hastened, by following the injunction of the Apostle, in “forgetting those things that are behind”; and meanwhile laboring on in that charity which is the very bond of peace and of all virtues.

Respectfully submitted,

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