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BISHOP ATKINSON'S ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:—Meeting as we do at a time of great agricultural and commercial depression and likewise of much anxiety because of the political condition of the country, and feeling as we all must the evil effects of our present circumstances, in weakening the energies and impairing the resources of the Church, we yet have cause for mutual congratulation in its general condition at home and abroad.

The number of the Clergy, in this Diocese, has indeed been diminished, insufficiency of their maintenance, owing to the general impoverishment of the people, and in that way we have lost some of our most faithful and useful ministers. But, wherever the laborer has been enabled to work, the harvest seems to be becoming increasingly abundant. It cannot, I think, be doubted that the Church is becoming better understood and more highly appreciated throughout the Diocese.

Having been requested by the convention to attend the Conference of the Bishops of the Anglican Convention to be held at Lambeth in September, it became necessary for me, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, to set out on my visitation of the Central and Western parts of my Diocese, in order to be able to comply with the request, which I should have been most reluctant to refuse, and yet compliance with which would, on any other terms, have resulted in neglect of the flock more immediately committed to my charge. Accordingly, on the 30th of May, I set off from home, and on the 31st held the services of the Church and preached at Gaston, in Northampton county.

The church building has been removed from the village to a site considered more convenient at two miles distant, and although the congregation has lost one of its most useful and efficient members, in the person of the late Edmund Wilkins, yet there seems to be but determination on their part to secure their regular religious services, which, in consequence of the mysterious and violent death of the Rev. Mr. Castleman, and the continued absence of Rev. Mr. Lightbourne had been for a considerable time interrupted.

On the 2d of June I visited Emanuel Church, Warrenton, preached, confirmed 14 persons, one of whom was colored, and administered the Holy Communion. On the 3d and 31st, I preached at Henderson, confirmed 4 persons and also administered the Communion. On the 5th I preached at Williamsborough, and baptised an infant. On the 6th I preached twice at Oxford, and confirmed 6 persons. On the 9th, in the morning, I preached at Louisa, in the afternoon, after a sermon by Rev. Mr. Vaughn, I confirmed 10 persons, 2 of whom were colored; and at night I preached to a colored congregation. On the 10th I preached at Kittrell's Springs, and confirmed 1 person. On the 12th I preached at Hillsborough and confirmed 3 persons. On the 13th at St. Mary's Church, Orange county, I preached and confirmed 5 persons.

On the 14th at the request of the faculty, I visited the School of the Messrs. Bingham, in the same county, and was very favorably impressed with the order, cheerfulness and apparent progress of the pupils. I preached to them and confirmed 6 of their number.

On the 15th and 16th at Salisbury I preached twice, installed the Rev. Jno. Heeske Tillinghast as Rector of St. Luke's Church, confirmed 3 persons and administered the Holy Communion. On the 17th at Christ Ch., Rowan county, I preached and confirmed 10 persons, 1 of them colored. On the 18th at St. James' Church, Iredell county, I preached and confirmed 5 persons, 1 of them colored. On the 19th at Statesville, I preached in the Methodist Church, kindly offered me for that purpose, and confirmed one person. On the 21st at Gwin's Chapel, in Wilkes county, I preached, baptised 4 children and confirmed 4 persons.

On the 25th of May, 1868, (during the sitting of the Convention) I consecrated St. John's Church, Wilmington. Before the rising of the Convention, in St. James' Church, Wilmington, 25 persons; and on the 26th May, in the same Church I confirmed 2 others; and on 27th, in the same Church, another person; on 28th, I confirmed in private, a sick person, a member of St. John's Church, Wilmington, and on the same day another sick person of the parish of St. James, of the same city.

Amid considerable adversities of opinion, frankly expressed, and with dignified courtesy and great ability maintained, it was yet very encouraging to see how absolutely the "One Faith" was received by all. That Faith which has come down to us from the earliest ages of christianity, and is to be transmitted to the latest. And the Catholic character of the church; its adaptation to all sorts and conditions of men was made strikingly manifest when one looked around him and saw in what mutually remote quarters of the earth, in what different states of intelligence and civilization, amid what varied races those men I loved and labored, who met to gether for the first time in those ancient Halls at Lambeth to consult how they might best advance the Kingdom of Christ.

There were those present who were spending their strength and perilling their lives among the most degraded heathen tribes of Africa. Others from among the savages of Borneo. Others accustomed to the political turmoil of the Democracy of America; while others, again, sat in the front ranks of the Peers of England. Some were of world-wide reputation as Theologians. Some were eminent for historical research, and some distinguished for brilliant eloquence. But all were agreed in accepting for their own guidance and for the instruction of others, that doctrine of Christ which is plainly taught in Holy Scripture and believed by the early Church.

It may perhaps be permitted to one who had no personal claim to distinction to say so much of this renowned assembly.

The renewed opportunity which I enjoyed last year of estimating the condition and progress of the Church of England, deepened the assurance which I previously attained of its great and rapid advancement. The Clergy, in number, are nearly double what they were at the commencement of the century. They now in England and Wales are said to exceed 20,000. The Church has increased in similar proportion, and new buildings, often of great beauty and splendor, are continually rising up. The worship of the Church is conducted with more and more of solemnity, devotion and impressiveness, and it is, in these respects, I believe, unequalled on earth. The Church seems to have an increasing strength of hold upon the people. An established or disestablished religion, as taught by it, will remain the religion of the English nation: blessing that people and going forth from them to bless the remotest nations upon earth.

I was strongly urged by two dear friends who had been my parishioners in Baltimore, to spend the winter with them in Italy, but I felt that my duty led elsewhere, and I returned to the United States about the 1st of December.

At the instance of the Freedmen's Commission, I preached on the subject of the religious education of the colored population at the South in several Churches in New York, Albany and Baltimore. Meeting the convocation of Northern New York in Albany, and addressing them on the same subject, on which Bishop Potter, who was present, likewise spoke with great force and deep sympathy with his Southern brethren.

In Baltimore I preached at the ordination of three young Ministers of Christ, and united with Bishop Whittingham in setting them apart for the ministry, of whom one, the Rev. Nelson Falls, has since come to labor among us.

About the 1st of January I reached home, and during the rest of the winter the Bishop then gives an account of his Fall visitation.

Persons confirmed during the year are 395, of whom 321 are white and 74 colored. This number exceeds that of the confirmations of any other year of my Episcopate, while the places visited have been fewer than usual, owing to my absence in Europe, showing a more rapid growth in the Church. It is also to be observed that where the Parishes have been vacant, at Goldsboro', Elizabeth City and Kinston, there have been few or no confirmations, showing that where there is no minister there is usually no progress.

I have administered the Sacrament of Baptism to twenty-four persons during the year, of these seventeen were white infants, three white adults, two colored infants and two colored adults.

During the last year the Diocese has lost some of its most valuable Clergy.—The Rev. Geo. M. Everhart has resigned the charge of Calvary Church Henderson county, and St. James' Church, Hendersonville, and been transferred to the Diocese of Kentucky; the Rev. Edwin Geer is at present residing in Virginia, although still Canonically within the Diocese; the Rev. Wm. Hodges, D. D., has resigned the charge of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, and has been transferred to the Diocese of Maryland; the Rev. Jos. W. Murphy was, during the year, transferred to the Diocese of Pennsylvania, but has recently been received again into this, and has accepted the charge of Christ Church, Elizabeth City and entered upon his duties there; the Rev. Joseph J. Ridley has resigned the charge of St. Paul's Church, Louisa, and has been transferred to the Diocese of Tennessee; the Rev. D. D. Vanantwerp has been transferred to the Diocese of Missouri.

There have been added to the Clergy, by one ordination, to-wit: Edward Wood, who was admitted to the Order of Deacons Sunday, May 19th, 1867, in St. James' Church, Wilmington. The Rev. J. Brenton Smith, D. D., has been transferred to this Diocese from that of New Jersey, and has become principal of the Normal and Training School in Raleigh for the education of colored teachers and the instruction of colored ministers, and has also taken charge of the colored congregation of St. Augustine, in the same city. The Rev. Wilson Falls has been received by letters dimissory into this Diocese from that of Maryland, and has taken the Rectorship of St. Mark's Church, Halifax, in conjunction with that of "Saviour," in Jackson. We have lost by death the Rev. Cyrus Waters, formerly Rector of the Church of St. Thomas, Windsor. He was, during the war, subjected to harsh imprisonment by an act of unscrupulous violence on the part of some of the subordinate in the Army of the United States; not that he had committed any offence, but