

Outline of the Episcopal Church's Ministry Among African-Americans in the
Diocese of North Carolina, 1817-1928

Prepared by the Rev. N. Brooks Graebner for St. Philip's, Durham

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- I. 1817- 1865: Slave Evangelization—Bi-racial congregations under White control; galleries and plantation chapels built (*e.g.* Salem Chapel)
- II. 1865-1868/1877: Cooperation with the Episcopal Freedman's Commission in founding Black schools and congregations: New Bern, Wilmington, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Asheville + St. Augustine's Teacher-Training School. The diocese retains Black clergy and congregations as members of Convention.
- III. 1870-1890: White congregations institute targeted outreach to African Americans; establish Black services, missions, and schools: Tarboro (1872); Pittsboro (1879); Charlotte (1883); Durham (1887)
- IV. 1891-95/98: Transition from local White congregational engagement to diocesan-directed work among African Americans; appointment of an Archdeacon for Work Among Colored People.
- V. 1898-1928: Black Ministry in the Jim Crow Era; the leadership of Archdeacons Pollard (1898-1908) and Delany (1908-1928); the creation of the Colored Convocation (1901); the complete separation of White and Black congregations; only the annual diocesan Convention remains bi-racial.

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- I. 1826-1847: William Mercer Green conducts monthly services and catechetical instruction at Salem Chapel, Fairtosh
- II. 1848-1880: No evidence of significant ministrations in present-day Durham County.
- III. 1880-1885: Charles Curtis conducts several services in Hayti at the Black Baptist Church (1882); Black membership at St. Philip's reflects prior commitment to the Episcopal Church--not targeted outreach (*e.g.* Fitzgerald family)
- IV. 1886-1890: African-American mission in Hayti initiated by the Rector (T.M.N. George) in partnership with Miss Rhoda Ledgers, a Black schoolteacher and parishioner. A promising beginning.
- V. 1890-1895: The mission stalls. Clergy turnover at St. Philip's; failure to procure a suitable building in Hayti; the Rev. Franklin Bush dies in 1893 and is not replaced; Archdeacon Walker makes decision to close the mission school in 1895.
- VI. 1896-1908: Mission is dormant; small Black Episcopal community in Durham receives occasional ministrations from Archdeacon Pollard and from Delany (*e.g.* Delany officiates at Fitzgerald weddings at Emmanuel AME); inclusion of Durham in 1903-04 Convention tabular report.
- VII. 1909: Revival of the mission under Archdeacon Delany; assignment of Robert J. Johnson to serve St. Titus in July 1909. Core membership comprised of St. Augustine's graduates—Delany's friends, colleagues, and former students. No involvement of St. Philip's in this revival.

CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION, LEXINGTON.

THE REV. R. P. EUBANKS, *Minister in Charge.*

Number of families 7. Whole number of souls 25. Communicants—present number 15.

One church. Estimated value of church \$1,500.

I held my first service here the third Sunday after Easter, and find every encouragement in my work both here and at Concord.

After the close of last Convention I continued to reside at Salisbury and officiate at Statesville, St. Andrew's, Rowan County, and at Mocksville; holding service two Sundays of each month at Statesville and one Sunday each at St. Andrew's and Mocksville. After the second Sunday in August I resigned my Mission work and spent a month on a visit to my father and mother. With the consent of the Bishop, I left about the 15th of September for the Theological Seminary at Nashotah, Wis., to complete my studies for the Priesthood. I remained there until the close of the term at Easter. While there I acted as Assistant to the Rev. Dr. Adams at Holy Innocents' Church, also did Missionary work at places in different parts of Wisconsin.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, DURHAM.

THE REV. T. M. N. GEORGE, *Rector.*

Number of families 38. Whole number of souls 205. Baptisms—infants 10; adults 3; total 13. Confirmations 15. Communicants—added by removal 16; admission 13; whole number added 29; removed 5; died 3; whole number lost 8; present number 101. Burials 3. Public services—on Sundays 87; other days 92. Holy Communion—number times administered, public 14; private 6. Sunday Schools—white 1; colored 1; number teachers—males 3; females 6; total 9; other officers 2; scholars—males (white) 32; females (white) 36; total 68. Colored Sunday School scholars 25.

OFFERINGS.

Contributions—Within the Diocese:

Parochial—Communion Alms \$25.04. Missions \$7.74. Rector's Salary \$916.67. Parish expenses \$464.35. Miscellaneous \$306.01.

Diocesan—Bishop's Salary \$50. Diocesan Missions (including Bishop's collections \$10), \$20.41. Relief Fund \$4.15. Bishop Atkinson Memorial Cot \$14.79.

Contributions—Without the Diocese—Domestic Missions \$5.08. Sufferers from earthquake \$10.40. Foreign Missions \$2.00. University of the South \$6.41. Aggregate \$1,833.05.

One church. Sittings in church 250. Estimated value of church \$4,000.

The Vestry has placed a furnace in the cellar of the church, adding greatly to the comfort of the congregation.

The cellar has been drained successfully, so that the building is now in a good state of preservation. The interior of the church has been improved by recoloring the walls and adding racks to the pews.

The Ladies' Aid Society has bought a new cabinet organ, new white hangings for the chancel, and has aided in many ways the work of the Church. The Children's Sewing Society has furnished the chancel with cushions and kneeling stools. The gift of a flagon, by a Communicant who has since died, completes the Communion service. Two alms basins were presented as an Easter Offering. I have secured the use on Sundays of a public schoolroom in "Haiti," a colored quarter of Durham, and have there begun work among the colored people. A colored student from St. Augustine's Normal School comes up every week to assist me in the work. We pay his expenses. Regular services are held, and a Sunday School numbering 25 scholars has been gathered.

Thus far the work is something of an experiment, but I hope much from it. We need help to build a chapel and to push on the venture to success.

DURHAM, N. C., May 9th, 1887.

Amount of Rector's Salary per annum promised	\$1,000 00
Amount actually paid from July 1st to June 1st	916 67
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July Salary	\$ 83 33

The year for Rector's Salary expires July 1st. Salary paid as promised in full to date.

J. S. MANNING, *Treasurer*.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, LEAKSVILLE.

THE REV. ALBAN GREAVES, *Rector*.

Number of families 9. Whole number of souls 75. Baptisms—infants 5; adults 7; total 12. Confirmations 10. Communicants—admission 10; whole number added 10; present number 38. Marriage 1. Public services—on Sundays 55; other days 27. Holy Communion—number times administered, public 6. Sunday Schools—number 2; teachers—male 1; females 2; total 3; scholars—males 19; females 16; total 35. Other Parochial Institutions 2.

OFFERINGS.

Parochial—Communion Alms \$28.74. Missions—Convocation \$5. Rector's Salary \$300. Parish expenses \$105.59.

Diocesan—Bishop's Salary \$25. Diocesan Missions \$8. Thompson Orphanage \$2.80.

Contributions—Without the Diocese—Domestic Missions \$7. Enrolment and Woman's Auxiliary, &c., \$33.78. Aggregate \$515.91.

OFFERINGS.

Parochial—Rector's Salary \$200.00. Total \$200.00.

Diocesan—Bishop's Salary \$15.00. Total \$15.00.

Contributions—Without the Diocese—University of the South \$5.00. Total \$5.00. Aggregate \$220.00.

Churches—number 1; sittings in Church 200.

Estimated value of Church \$1,000. Total \$1,000.

The services generally have been well attended and much interest is taken by the people in Church work, but our growth will be slow for sometime.

ST. PHILIPS' CHURCH, DURHAM.

THE REV. T. M. N. GEORGE, *Rector*.

Number of Families 45. Whole number of souls 225. Baptisms—infants 16; adults 1; total 17. Communicants—added by removal 25; admission 4; whole number added 29; removed 14; whole number lost 14; present number 116. Marriages 4. Burials 5. Public services—on Sundays 100; other days 92. Holy Communion—number times administered, public 21; private 6. Sunday Schools—number (whites 1, colored 1) 2; number teachers, males 4; females 6; total 10; other officers 2; scholars, males, white 34; females, white 37; colored about 30; total 101. Parish schools—number 1, colored; number teachers 1; total scholars 16

OFFERINGS.

Parochial—Communion Alms \$19.01. Missions (colored) \$67.41. Rector's Salary \$1,000. Parish Expenses \$208 28. Miscellaneous—(Aid Society \$57.75) \$387.56. Total \$1,682.26.

Diocesan—Bishop's Salary \$66. Diocesan Missions \$83.40. Convocation of Raleigh \$7.50. Thompson Orphanage (including \$8 Woman's Auxiliary and \$3.72 Salem Chapel) \$58.83. Miscellaneous—From Woman's Auxiliary \$59.80. Total \$275.53.

Contributions—Without the Diocese—Domestic Missions (including \$7.98 S. S., \$1.57 Woman's Aux., and \$3.58 col. S. S.) \$22.29. Jewish Missions \$4 11. Foreign (including \$7.98 S. S., \$1.58 Woman's Aux., \$3.57 col. S. S.) \$19 25. Miscellaneous \$13.51. Total \$59 16. Aggregate \$2,016.95

Churches—number 1; sittings in Churches 250.

Estimated value of Church \$4,500. Total \$4,500.

Amount of indebtedness on Church property—There is a debt of \$250 for which individual members of the Parish are responsible. There is no encumbrance on Church property.

Among the services reported above is one held at Salem Chapel, Fairintosh; one of the burials was at Stagville. I have also officiated at a marriage in Marietta, Georgia.

The Chancel has been greatly beautified by the addition of a Memorial Window. New appointments for Vestry Room and Kneeling Benches for Church are among the past year's improvements.

By the consent of Miss Ledgers, the teacher, who is a communicant of the Church, and with the approval of the "trustees" (colored men), I have been enabled to practically turn a flourishing colored school into a Parish school. By paying the tuition of 16 scholars, I obligate them to attend the colored Sunday School, which I conduct on Sunday afternoons. But the entire school, ranging in numbers from 30 to 60 scholars, are, during the week, taught the Church Catechism and the use of the Prayer Book. I trust that ere long a colored Deacon may be sent to assist in this important work.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, REIDSVILLE.

THE REV. ALBAN GREAVES, *Rector.*

Number of Families 7. Whole number of souls 52. Baptisms—infants 8; adults 1; total 9. Communicants—added by removal 3; whole number added 3; removed 3; died 1; whole number lost 4; present number 25. Marriages 2. Burials 1. Public services—on Sundays 44; other days 3. Holy Communion—number times administered, public 5. Sunday Schools—number 1; number teachers, males 1; females 4; total 5; other officers 1; scholars, males 15; females 15; total 30. Other Parochial Institutions—Ladies' Aid Society.

OFFERINGS.

Contributions—Within the Diocese—Rector's Salary \$168.79. Parish Expenses (insurance) \$16.50. Miscellaneous \$15. Total \$200.20.

Diocesan—Diocesan Missions (Convocation) \$5. Total \$5.

Contributions—Without the Diocese—Domestic Missions (S. S. Lenten Offerings) \$2.66. Million Dollar Enrollment Fund \$2.26. Total \$4.92. Aggregate \$210.12.

Churches—number 1; sittings in Churches 300.

Estimated value of Church or Chapel \$1,700. Other Church property \$300. Total \$2,000.

Amount of indebtedness on Church property \$550.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, LEAKSVILLE.

THE REV. ALBAN GREAVES, *Rector.*

Number of Families 8. Whole number of souls 75. Baptisms—infants 1; total 1. Communicants—removed 4; whole number lost 4; present number 34. Marriages 1. Burials 1. Public services—on Sundays (with Missions) 52; other days (with Missions) 29. Holy Communion—number times admin-

has been of great assistance. Much is due to the energy and perseverance of Captain and Mrs. Gordon, who have kept up the Sunday-school, and the day school, taught by Mrs. Florence Wilson, has been of great service. A colored Deacon is much needed at this point, who would be able, on the foundations already laid, to build up an enduring work. This we hope may be done very soon.

Mr. McDuffey has been steadily progressing at Asheville, and is encouraged to hope that the new St. Matthias' Church, of which the cornerstone was laid last year, as already reported, may be put up and enclosed the coming summer. The brick is purchased and on the site, and as soon as sufficient money is on hand to complete the exterior, work will be begun. The day school has been very full during the session about to close, and emphasizes the necessity of larger accommodations. The outlook is more hopeful than ever before, due to the judicious management of the Priest in Charge. Mr. McDuffey is laying foundations deep and strong which, it is hoped, will bear works of great usefulness.

The Mission at Franklin, under the charge of Mr. Kennedy, has been steadily going on its way of usefulness, and the industrial work there begun promises to be not only of benefit to the pupils, but a source of income. Mr. Deal, in providing for this Mission so largely, has done a good work and laid a foundation for the time to come.

The Mission at Charlotte, under the guidance of its faithful Priest, the Rev. P. P. Alston, is making steady progress, but he is convinced of the necessity now presenting itself for a more extended and higher grade of instruction, and is satisfied that if we do not seize the opportunity others will slip in to do the work which we are better able to accomplish. To this end he pleads for more means to develop his already efficient school, and make it one of a higher grade. A movement is now on foot to finish St. Michael's Chapel, and we hope it may be speedily successful. This chapel has for some years remained in an unfinished state, and it is now necessary that an effort should be made for its completion.

Miss Caison, who has with heroic devotion maintained a day school at Lenoir, reports encouraging results and feels hopeful for the future. They should have some provision for regular ministrations, which as yet we have been unable to furnish.

The work at Durham was of such an unpromising nature that, with the consent of the Bishop, the teacher of the day school was removed to Pittsboro. While we had no property at Durham, and were obliged to rent a very small and inconvenient room, we had at Pittsboro a school-house which was unused, and we thought best to utilize it. We hope to revive the work in Durham in the near future with better prospect of success.

At Tarboro Mr. Perry has been faithfully carrying on his work. His people have been doing much to help themselves, and are about to coin-

STATISTICS OF WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

LOCATION.	NAME.	Families.	Persons.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools.		Parish Schools.		Chapels.	Parsonages.	School-houses.	Contributions.	Value of Property.	Insurance.	
									Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.							
Asheville	St. Matthias	34	188	12	11	78	4	4	9	76	2	92	1	1	\$	488	43	\$ 3,400	\$1,500
Burlington		5	13																
Charlotte	St. Michael	19	136	12	11	63	2	3	8	125	3	118	1	1	1	200	65	2,000	
Franklin	St. Cyprian	25	125	2		13	1		4	70	1	50	1	1	1	14	75	3,200	1,200
Lenoir				1								40	1		1			200	
Littleton		3	10	7		3			4	48	2	97	1			35	00	400	
Lincolnton	St. Cyprian	7	40	6	6	18	1	1	6	40			1			1	66	200	
Louisburg	St. Matthias	5	55	5	5	27	1	1	5	75	1	75	1			49	30	2,000	1,000
Lockville				1															
Morganton	St. Stephen's	8	35	1	4	20	1	1	2	55	1	60	1			43	25	1,200	800
Noise	St. Philip's	19	120	5		15	3	3	2		2	50	1	1	1			906	680
Pittsboro	St. James	19	95			39	1	3	2	34	1	27	1		1	34	32	1,280	600
Raleigh	St. Augustine's	27	191	7	20	114	2	2	10	255			1		1	284	37		
Tarboro	St. Luke's	21	125	3		68	1	2	8	80	3	72	1	1	1	247	86	2,000	1,250
Tryon			36	2		6			2	50			1					625	393
Warrenton	All Saints	7	45	1	2	16			2	35	1	35	1			70	27	400	300
Warren County	St. Luke's	6	28	1		15			2	20			1			5	25	200	
Wilson	St. Mark's	6	30			10	1		3	46	1	43	1			29	70	1,500	1,000
Weldon		7	13	9	1	9	6	2	2	15									
White Congregations																			
		218	1,285	64	60	514	17	23	67	1,024	19	759	15	3	6	\$1,504	91	\$ 19,511	\$8,723



Diocese of North Carolina, 1903.
Archdeacon Pollard

STATISTICS OF WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

CHURCHES AND MISSIONS.	CLERGY IN CHARGE.	Families	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Marriages.	Burials.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS		DAY SCHOOLS		Chapels.	School-houses.	Rectories.	Contributions.	Value of Property.	Insurance.
								Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.						
Charlotte, St. Michael and All Angels	P. P. Alston	25	12	13	105	4	2	8	125	5	130	1	1		\$423.85	\$132.50	\$5,000
Durham, Mission	Archdeacon	4													35.05		
Littleton, St. Anna's	Archdeacon	7	2		16			4	93	2	93	1	1		71.67	2,000	950
Louisburg, St. Matthias	Archdeacon	10	3	1	46	4		5	99	2	99	1	1		80.42	2,500	600
Moncure, Grace	Archdeacon															200	
Noise, St. Philip's	Archdeacon	9			22							1	1			1,000	600
Oxford, Mission	Archdeacon	1	8	2	2		3	4	70						65.01		
Pittsboro, St. James	J. E. King	7	5	3	33			1	22	1	22	1	1		46.29	1,280	600
Raleigh, St. Ambrose	J. E. King	38	20	10	126	2	1	6	80	2	120	1	1		409.67	3,000	1,000
Raleigh, St. Augustine's	A. B. Hunter	20	30	25	100	1	2	12	360						799.86	3,500	800
Satterwhite, Mission	Archdeacon	14	3		39		1	1	47						27.42	800	500
Statesville, Holy Cross	T. B. Bailey	6		1	7		1	3	42	1	36				31.90	400	
Tarboro, St. Luke's	J. W. Perry	23	9	5	70	1	4	8	88	4	119	1	1		350.00	2,700	2,000
Warrenton, All Saints	H. B. Delany	7			22		1	7	39	1	49				128.40	400	300
Warren Co., St. Luke's	Archdeacon	10			19			2	45						6.40	200	
Wilson, St. Mark's	B. B. Tyler	19	5	1	22		1	5	90	1	57				127.18	1,200	900
		200	97	61	636	8	20	66	1200	19	725	10	9	2	\$2,603.12	\$324.30	\$13,250



→ [In addition to this, I have conducted mission services at Louisburg, Satterwhite, Durham, Noise and Winston-Salem, each of which lasted from three to five days, and the results of which, under the stimulating effects of the Church's service, left impressions that could be seen as well as felt.

Among the important services in which it has been my privilege to assist during the year, permit me to mention, first, the great help that came to the brethren through the meetings of our Convocation, which convened in St. Mark's Church, Wilson; secondly, the ordination of two sons of St. Augustine's School, who have taken important stations in our missionary work in the Diocese; and lastly, the dedication of St. Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh. Under the providence of God, as builder, I had been privileged to lay the first and last stones in the construction of its walls.

→ [During the year two new Missions have been organized—one at Rocky Mount and another at Greensboro, under the care of the Rev. James K. Satterwhite; while a third, at Durham, has been revived and placed under the care of the Rev. Robert J. Johnson. In our efforts for organization we have been dependent upon the co-operation and aid of the rectors of the churches, and the willingness with which they have undertaken the task of aiding and directing us has been gratifying to a surprising degree.

A comparison of last year's report and the report of 1910 shows gain in almost every instance. The exception is in the schools. In the comparison referred to above we have lost in our day schools, 8 teachers and 336 students. You will at once observe that the loss of pupils has been the result of the loss of teachers, and our loss of teachers is due to the want of money to pay their salaries. Can we afford this?

Our Clergy and teachers are working heroically and without murmuring on salaries that would in some instances surprise you; one of whom, Mr. Joel T. Fuller, though a graduate of one of our best institutions of learning, took charge of one of our remote mission stations, where he labored for years until in the middle of last month he was called, we trust, to his reward. In our efforts for the better we shall continue to rely upon your liberality and counsel, and we pledge to you, as a result of your sacrifices to us, abundant fruitage in return.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. DELANY,

Archdeacon.

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE REV. JAS. E. KING, TREASURER OF THE COLORED CONVOCATION, FOR THE CURRENT YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

Received from congregations	\$201.33
Received from individuals	1.00
Received from Bishop Cheshire.....	44.09
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Total	\$246.42

St. Titus' Chapel, Durham, The Bush Memorial.

A Letter from Rev. Robt. J. Johnson.

This work is a memorial to the Rev. Franklin Bush, who labored so earnestly to establish the Church at Durham, and gave his life for the cause before his fondest hopes were realized.

The work was started twenty or more years ago but lack of funds made it impossible to maintain it. Five different men have worked spasmodically in this field. Some made a gallant fight and it looked as if they would surely succeed but there was no adequate support behind them, so the field was abandoned.

For eight long years no attempt was made to reopen the work. Scores of Churchmen longing for the Church to come and praying earnestly for its establishment, gave up in despair. They thought the Church was negligent and indifferent, but the true reason was the lack of funds.

Most of them joined other Churches in town because they thought the Church would never be established. Yet, a few held on waiting and hoping to welcome again "The faith once delivered to the Saints." The opportunity came in 1909 and a glorious TeDeum went up that 4th of July morning. The nine souls that gathered on the third floor in that little hall, sitting on seats made from planks, with dry goods boxes serving as altar and lectern, realized that once more God had answered their prayers. Their humble surroundings failed to dampen the ardor of their spirits.

The first few weeks were spent in listening to the failures and short comings of my predecessors and the inference was that this attempt also would fail as others had.

I then realized the meaning of the parting words of the principal of St. Augustine's School, as holding my hand he said, "Robert it will be no disgrace if you fail, but it will be a great credit to succeed in Durham."

We worshipped in this little upper room two months, paying \$8.00 a month rent. We next moved to a negro settlement on Pine street, paying \$4.00 a month rent. We stayed here for little over a year.

Our congregation and Sunday School increased. This location seemed such a good one, that we bent our energies toward obtaining a permanent footing on this street.

Friends came to our aid and we were able to secure a site on the corner of Pine and Proctor Streets with two houses on it. One, a two-room house which has been converted into a neat little chapel, and the other a five-room house that is now occupied by the Rector and family.

The chapel seats about two hundred persons. Nine persons have been confirmed and five baptised. The music is ably rendered by a vested choir. There are sixty-five children enrolled in the Sunday School. There is a deaf mute class connected with our Sunday School under the supervision of Miss Tillinghast. She has worked faithfully, meeting a mere handful every Sunday, rain or shine. Her sincerity and faithfulness has inspired and helped our struggling band. This fall a day school will be opened and a night school will also be conducted for the factory hands.

We are now striving hard to raise \$1,500. Of this amount \$250 must be in hand by the 29th of Septem-

ber. Circular letters have been sent out to which a few good people have responded. Our people are working hard to raise this money, but owing to our weakness we are obliged to call on the public for aid. We still pray that God in His time will open the eyes of the people and let them see the good they can do for this little work at Durham.

We have won the confidence of the white people of Durham, and the Rev. Mr. Bost has thrown himself in the breach and kindly volunteered to help us raise the debt. We have all the confidence in our Creator, and believe that He will raise up friends for our little mission, to enable us to carry on a good work so bravely begun, with small funds and under great and trying difficulties.

Resolutions Regarding the Death of Rev. Primus P. Alston.

WHEREAS, it has pleased our blessed Father in Heaven to gather into the calm and peace of His Heavenly Rest, the soul of our beloved friend, leader and father, Rev. Primus Priss Alston; and,

WHEREAS, we knew in his character a man of profound sagacity, administrative ability and conservative churchmanship; and,

WHEREAS, his was a nature so gentle, kind and true that none knew him but to love him, none named him but to praise.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, first, that while we blend our wills with the Divine Will in this dispensation, we seek solace in the comfortable hope to be found in the doctrines of our sacred religion.

RESOLVED, That this Convocation place itself on record in loving appreciation of this, one of our members, who was so preeminently exemplary in many of the points of truly noble and Christian manhood.

RESOLVED, That the members of this Convocation strive ever to perpetuate the spirit of Rev. Primus Priss Alston, and join with the workers at St. Michael and All Angel's, Charlotte, in every way possible to they shall annually keep their "Founder's Day," November 16th, which marks the opening of this long and faithful period of noble service.

RESOLVED, That the necessary space in the minute report of the Convocation be allowed for printing in full the part of our Bishop's address referring to the deceased as a memorial to our worthy leader.

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be published in the papers of Raleigh and Charlotte, and in the CAROLINA CHURCHMAN, and a copy be sent to the family of our beloved father and brother to assure them that while we mourn the parting, still we rejoice in the glorious heritage of a splendid life which he has left us all.

REV. JAMES E. KING, Chairman.
JUNE CLEGG,
A. MYRON COCHRAN,
Committee.

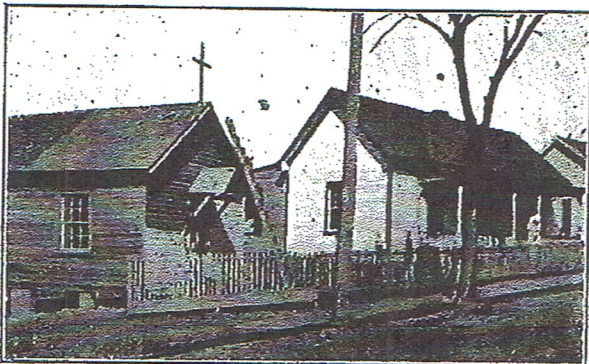
Sow the seeds of life—humbleness, pure-heartedness, love—and in the long eternity which lies before the soul every minutest grain will come up again with an increase of thirty, sixty, or a hundred-fold.—Rev. F. W. Robertson.

St. Titus Chapel.

There have been several attempts made for the past twenty or twenty-five years to establish a work at Durham, but somehow until recently nothing permanent was accomplished. Had the Church taken advantage of the early opportunity, and erected a church here, the congregation today undoubtedly would have been much stronger.

The first signs of the work appeared when Miss Ledger, of New York, in the early nineties, conducted a parochial school. She had a very large day school and a flourishing Sunday school. The white people of the town took a great deal of interest in the work. The Rev. Mr. George was particularly interested in the work. Mr. W. L. Wall for a long time acted as layreader and superintendent of the Sunday school.

For several years some of the ablest negroes in the Church today visited this town under the supervision of Archdeacon Walker. They were the following: Revs. Hannibal Henderson, Mr. Wilson, H. B. Delany, Mr. Dunn, J. S. Simmons, under the late Archdeacon Pollard and Prof. C. H. Boyer. The Rev. Franklin Bush gave some of his time to the mission, visiting the homes, conducting services for the sick, supplying the wants of the needy in every way possible, until his untiring efforts proved his inability to further the work, for while visiting a fever stricken patient, he



ST. TITUS MISSION, DURHAM, N. C.

contracted the disease and was called from labor to rest. As the membership was small it was a struggle for them to raise the hall rent month by month.

The inability to raise funds and erect a mission building in this town caused the work to fail. The nearest attempt to build was during Archdeacon Pollard's administration, but he died before he could accomplish it. His successor, the Rev. H. B. Delany, planned as soon as he was inducted into office to revive this work. He sent the Rev. Robt. J. Johnson to this field as soon as he had finished his course at the Divinity school.

The work was revived in 1909. The present rector visited Durham immediately after his ordination at St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, and met the members at the residence of Miss Kate R. Truman. Nine people were present at this meeting. It was decided that the services be held in the Fitzgerald building on West Main street. The first service was held Sunday morning, July 4th. The hall was rudely furnished with rough plank for benches, while dry goods boxes served as altar and lectern. About fifteen persons gathered on the third floor in this building for worship. A Sunday school was organized but owing to the location of the hall we were unable to get hold of the children.

The hall, too, cost us \$8.00 a month, and we found it hard to raise this money. We then decided to look elsewhere for a place to worship and found one on Pine street in the Odd Fellow's hall. The first floor of the building was rented to us for \$4.00 a month. Immediately our congregations improved and the Sunday School increased.

The first Confirmation service was held in February, 1910, at which time two candidates were confirmed by Bishop Cheshire. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, but it was very uncomfortable, owing to the impossibility of heating the open building.

In September we secured an option on a site that contained two buildings, one two room building that was later converted into a chapel and a five room house now used as the rectory. This site is a corner lot in the heart of a negro community and cost \$1700.

On the last Sunday in November we moved from the Odd Fellow's Hall, having worshipped there a little over fourteen months. The Archdeacon was present at this first service in our own chapel and preached to a large congregation. The offering amounted to \$12.93.

The work has increased steadily. Our Sunday school has sixty-seven pupils enrolled with an average attendance of thirty-seven. The parochial school recently started, has an enrollment of thirty-two pupils. Miss Sarah Towns is teaching the school and has rendered good service in the Sunday School and at the different services in the chapel.

During the two years the work has been opened: Four persons have been baptized, eight have been confirmed. There are four awaiting confirmation this year, and also seven are looking forward to baptism. Over \$600.00 has been raised; \$400.00 has been paid on the principal of \$1,700 and the interest, leaving a balance of \$1,300 to be raised this year. There are now 22 communicants in the mission.

We feel that the Archdeacon made no mistake in opening this work and in a few years we hope to have a flourishing congregation in Durham.

ROBERT J. JOHNSON.

Service in Honor of Washington.

A "Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the Birth of George Washington, especially prepared for the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, and to be used in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine," was read with much ceremony on the Sunday before Washington's Birthday. The great building was densely crowded with worshippers, and hundreds were unable to gain admittance.

Those who complain of or rail at missionary work in Africa, and who confine themselves to pointing out the undoubtedly too numerous errors of the missionaries and shortcomings of their flocks, would do well to consider that even if the light which has been let in is but feeble and gray it has at least dispelled a worse than Stygian darkness. As soon as native African religions (practically none of which have hitherto evolved any substantial ethical basis) develop beyond the most primitive stage they tend, notably in middle and western Africa, to grow into malign creeds of unspeakable cruelty and immorality, with a bestial and revolting ritual and ceremonial. Even a poorly taught and imperfectly understood Christianity, with its underlying foundation of justice and mercy represents an immeasurable advance on such a creed.—Theodore Roosevelt.

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