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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Services Every Sunday at 11 a. m.

REV. CARY GAMBLE, Rector

Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia
THE RT. REV. ROBERT A. GIBSON, D. D.
Richmond, Va.

Number Communicants of St. Paul's Church, 170

VESTRYMEN

Dr. H. M. Clarkson, Senior Warden
Mr. A. St. E. Thorp, Junior Warden
" W. M. Jordan
" G. G. Tyler
" Macon Cave
" Lewis Burwell
" Abner Fletcher
" Eugene Keyser
" Bailey Tyler
" Robert L. Dulaney
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at 2 p. m.

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Mr. John G. White, Haymarket, Va.

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June 7th—Whitsunday
" 10th—Ember Day
" 11th—St. Barnabas
" 12th—Ember Day
" 13th—Ember Day
" 14th—Trinity Sunday
" 21st—First Sunday after Trinity
" 24th—St. John the Baptist
" 28th—Second Sunday after Trinity
" 29th—St. Peter

SERVICES

Holy Communion, first Sunday each month at
11 a. m.
Services every Sunday at 11 a. m.
Sunday School Every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

Parish Organization

THE RECTOR IS EX-OFFICIO THE HEAD OF ALL
ORGANIZATIONS

PARISH GUILD

The Parish Guild includes all the organiza-
tions in the Parish and meets the first Monday
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Reports are read from each organization with
general discussion following.

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Number of Members, 38

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Service second Sunday night in each month
Mr. Eugene Keyser, Superintendent
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Holy Communion quarterly
Miss Leathers, Organist
Sunday School every Sunday at 3:00 p. m.

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Holy Communion administered quarterly
Mr. Bailey Tyler, Superintendent
Miss Ada Gardner, Secretary and Treasurer
Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

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Service fourth Sunday night in each month
Holy Communion quarterly
Mr. John G. White, Superintendent
" Ashby Carter, Secretary and Treasurer
Miss Sanders, Organist
Sunday School every Sunday at 3:00 p. m.

WOOLSEY CHAPEL

First Sunday night at 8:00 p. m.
Sunday School each Sunday at 3:00 p. m.

Parish Organization of the Church of Our Saviour

WHITTLE PARISH, FAUQUIER COUNTY

REV. CARY GAMBLE, RECTOR

Services Every Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

Number of Communicants of the Church of
Our Saviour reported at last Council, 40

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" Wm. Beverley, Registrar and Junior Warden
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" D. M. Waller
" B. B. Turner
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Mr. C. P. Jones, Parish Treasurer and Treas-
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Number of Members, 22

Meets first Thursday of each month at 4 p. m.
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" Clara Stover, Secretary
" Gay Jones, Treasurer

SERVICES

Holy Communion second Sunday in each month
at 3:30 p. m.
Services every Sunday, at 3:00 p. m.
Sunday School, at 10:00 p. m.

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JUNE, 1908.

THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

The 113th Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia met in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, on Wednesday, May 20th. The opening service of Holy Communion was conducted by the Bishop, assisted by the Rector Robert J. McBryde.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. D. Smith of Winchester, from Acts 11:26: "And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." We wish that all our people could have been present to have heard this most excellent sermon.

After the service the Council was called to order, and the calling of the roll showed a good attendance of clerical and lay delegates.

The usual routine business was quickly disposed of. One of the most interesting committee reports was that of the Committee on Church Property, which reported that the final payment on the Episcopal residence had been made.

The Bishop's address contained many features of unusual interest which have occurred in the diocese during the past year; chief among which were—the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the planting of the Church at Jamestown, the visit of the Bishop of London to Virginia, the General Convention which met in Richmond in October last; and also the Confederate Reunion which met in the same city.

The Bishop's reference to the only clergyman of the diocese who had died during the past year, the Rev. George S. Somerville, was most appropriate. We wish all of the readers of The Church Messenger could have heard it. As soon as the Journal of the Diocese is printed, we hope to publish this portion of the address. The report of the Woman's Auxiliaries of the Diocese was most interesting. Their offerings in money and boxes, amounted to \$9,513.20. Those of the Junior Auxiliaries to \$1,692.52, and of the Babies' Branch, to \$343.49.

On Wednesday evening the usual Diocesan Missionary Meeting was held and a large congregation was present. The report of the Executive Committee showed a most encouraging condition of this most important branch of our work. The receipts for the year were the largest since the Diocese was divided—amounting to \$10,491.77. The Sunday Schools gave \$2,631.32 besides a special Advent offering of several hundred dollars.

The society has aided 49 missionaries. The

Bishop called upon several young missionaries to address the congregation and we were all agreed that they were by far the most inspiring accounts of missionary labours we have heard for a very long time. The Rev. W. N. Tillinghast, whose field is now self-supporting, Rev. David Lewis, Rev. W. R. Mason and Rev. L. C. Harrison, were the ones called upon to speak.

Of the funds of the diocese, the widows and orphans fund is greatly in need of more liberal contributions, for its present amount is greatly insufficient to meet the demands upon it.

The emergency fund in the hands of the Bishop is an agency for helping where no other means of assistance is available. "The benefits conferred by this fund" said the Bishop—"will appear some day, though of most of its achievements it is quite impossible to speak. The contributions of the Woman's Auxiliaries constitute the basis of this fund. Other contributions are uncertain but something from the different branches of the Auxiliaries is sure, and this certainly is worth more than I can say. It is the meal in the barrel and oil in the cuse which, though it may run low, never runs out." About \$6,000 have passed through this fund in the past years mostly, however, designated gifts or special offerings for Missions or Charities. "Some how or other," said the Bishop, "this Diocese has had for its missionary work during the past year \$35,000 and money did not make the work, but the tidings of the work brought the money. And let me say that the sum I have named has not all gone to the mountains by any means. Five or six of the most striking instances we have to show of energy and life are not in the mountains, but in Prince William, Stafford, Louisa, Goochland and Northumberland Counties and else where." As for the Mountain Mission, it has made the Diocese of Virginia known throughout the Missionary world of English speaking people. "A city set on a hill can not be hid."

We had a most interesting Foreign Missionary meeting on Thursday night and the principal address was by Rev. Reese F. Alsop. This gentleman went with Dr. Lloyd around the world and he gave us one of the most inspiring addresses we have ever heard.

On Friday morning the Bishop read the following important notice:

Fredricksburg, Va., May 23rd, 1908.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Virginia in Council Assembled:—I hereby ask the Council to take the necessary steps to secure, without unreasonable delay, a Bishop—Co-adjutor on the ground of extent of Diocesan work; and for a more vigorous prosecution of the same.

R. A. GIBSON.

This action of the Bishop's was the result of a petition which we, of the Piedmont Convocation at our meeting in Manassas last May sent to the Bishop asking for a Co-adjutor. We are indeed glad that it met the hearty approval of the Bishop and of the Diocese. The following Resolution was therefore passed;

"Resolved, That the Standing Committee

of the Diocese be instructed to obtain the consent of a majority of the Bishop's and Standing Committees to the election of a Bishop Co-adjutor for the Diocese of Virginia."

The Bishop was authorized to appoint an Archdeacon for one year.

After this the Council adjourned to meet in Leesburg, Va., next May. It is needless to say that the reputation of the historic and hospitable city of Fredericksburg was fully sustained and that we all returned to our parishes with most delightful recollections of the time spent among her most charming people.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Be sure and keep the Bishop's coming among us—constantly in your hearts and minds and ask yourself if you can afford to pass this opportunity by without injury to your soul's welfare; or if you have been confirmed, ask yourself if you can afford not to make an effort to at least get one person to be confirmed.

We are glad to be able to announce that a Sunday School has been opened at Woolsey Chapel and will we trust prove a great benefit to that community. The hour for the School is 3:00 o'clock every Sunday afternoon. Mr. Louis P. Burwell is the Superintendent.

There was quite a gathering of the Baptist brethren in our midst last Saturday and Sunday. Some eight or ten of the ministers of adjacent churches were present and several having charge of the general work of the church also came.

The gentlemen who preached and those who spoke on various subjects all did so with much earnestness. We hope their coming among us may redound to the glory of God and to the spread of this Kingdom on earth.

St. Paul's Guild gave an ice cream festival on Friday evening, May 29th, on Mrs. Jordan's lawn, and realized fifteen dollars.

There was quite an interesting ball game between the boys and the men of our community on Tuesday, June 2nd. The boys played a good game but the men were too much for them. The next game will be on July 4th.

Rev. A. Stewart Gibson, son of the Bishop, who has recently taken charge of John's Parish, Aldie, was married on May 25th, at Trinity Church, Arlington, Virginia, to Miss Etta Hull, the Bishop officiating.

The Theological Seminary Commencement will begin on Wednesday, June 17th.

Ordination of Southern Virginia men, of whom Mr. Lawrence is one, at 10:00 A. M. 8:00 P. M., Missionary Address—by Rev. A. S. Lloyd, D. D.

Thursday Graduation and Alumni Day. Friday, 11:00 A. M., Ordination.

Bishop Gibson sailed on June 3rd, for England to attend the Pan-Anglican Congress.

WHY DOES THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH REQUIRE PERSONS TO BE CONFIRMED?

The Episcopal Church requires persons to be confirmed because the Rite of Confirmation or "The Laying on of Hands" was service practiced among the Apostles which supplemented Baptism; and was intended for all who make a public confession of Christ before men. Read the Scriptures which teach this. Acts 8th Chapter beginning at 5th verse. "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, bearing and seeing the miracles which he did. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women."

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John; who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (for as yet he was fallen upon none of them; only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

Also Acts 19th Chapter, verses one to seven:

"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

And he said unto them, unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people: they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."

From these references we are taught that through this Rite a blessing known as The Gift of the Holy Ghost was imparted and that wherever a record of this service is made in the Holy Scriptures it always follows Baptism and is always administered by an Apostle.

This church insists upon the Rite of Confirmation because the scriptures plainly teach it to be not a mere custom of the Apostles, but a permanent scriptural method of making a public confession of Christ before men.

Of course if all the scriptures have to say on this subject is to be found only in the Acts of the Apostles, this church has no right to claim scriptural authority for the CONTINUANCE of the service, nor has she any right to insist upon the rite of "Laying on of Hands" as though it were a matter of importance in the christian life. And yet this is exactly the claim the church makes. For she not only claims that the "Laying on of Hands" was practiced among

the Apostles, and HAS BEEN preached in the church EVER SINCE their time, but that there is the clearest scriptural authority not only declaring the IMPORTANCE of the Rite, but also that this Rite was intended to remain a permanent institution in the church.

This church claims this to be the case from the teaching of Hebrews 6—verses 1 and 2—where Confirmation or "The Laying on of Hands" is clearly taught to be one of the six PRINCIPLES of the DOCTRINE of Christ.

A principle, of course, can in no sense be claimed to be a custom only. A principle teaches, of course, that it cannot be done away without injury to that which contains it. If we attempt to take a principle of any compound away from the mixture we destroy the mixture.

Then again the scriptures here also teach in language so clear that it ought not to be mistaken by any one—that Confirmation or the "Laying on of Hands" is not an indispensable principle of the doctrine of Christ, but also one of the six foundation stones upon which the christian doctrine rests.

Not laying again the foundation, (1) of repentance from dead works, (2) of faith towards God, (3) of the doctrine of baptism, and (4) of laying on of hands, and (5) of the resurrection of the dead, and (6) of eternal judgment.

This church holds, of course, that a foundation certainly can not be regarded in any sense a new custom but that it is a permanent structure. The Apostles language here is well chosen to teach that Confirmation is a Rite of importance and of permanency. Therefore this church claims that as St. Paul says there are six principles of the doctrines of Christ and that these constitute the foundation upon which the doctrine rests—she nor any one else has any right to say that only five are necessary.

For 1600 years the christian world universally adhered to the six principles as the foundation of the christian doctrine and no one that we know of ever questioned them and the office of Bishop was universally respected and christianity was undivided. But after the 16th century men began to claim five only to be of vital importance and this without the slightest scriptural authority, and the sad but inevitable result was christianity at once was divided into an innumerable number of parts each claiming to have the right to do away with any one of the six principles and foundation stones which suited their own individual tastes and the sad fact is that the foundation of christianity has been caused to crumble and fall.

A very handsome brass alms basin has been presented to St. Paul's Church in memory of Mrs. Bettim Davis Hayden and Miss Sallie Boyer Davie by their family.

To awake in the morning with a sure consciousness that Jesus is your friend, that he understands, is to have strength for all the day.

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION SERVICES.

Rt. Rev. Geo. W. Peterkin will confirm at St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, on Sunday, June 14th, at 10:00 o'clock.

At the Church of Our Saviour that afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock and at Holy Trinity Chapel, Thoroughfare, at night, at 8:00 o'clock.

All persons desiring to be confirmed are requested to notify the Rector at as early a date as possible in order that they may be named to the Bishop before the confirmation service.

The following subscriptions have been received since last issue of the Messenger:

Mr. Lawrence, 25c. Barley Tyler, 25c. Mrs. Blight, 25c. Miss Lucy Stewart, 25c. Miss Aldrich, 25c. Mrs. W. W. Smith, 25c. Miss Lywood, 25c. Mr. Henekin, 25c. Mrs. Lann, 50c. Miss May Lee, \$1.00. Mrs. Owens, 25c.

CHURCHMANSHIP AND THE LAWYER MIND.

The reason why so many, indeed why so vast a majority, of our great lawyers have also been great Churchmen, we Churchmen, understand. Our Church is a body with ancient law and ancient precedent. The reverent, serious-minded lawyer takes to it naturally. We are a part of the world's history, a great part of its gray, old story, in our own race, for the ascertaining and settling of human rights. The Church is no sect of yesterday, no hastily gathered expression of folk sacred about the salvation of their poor little souls. It has its grip on and is a part of the record of a human toil and human pain for the uplifting of men and the deliverance of God's world from evil. It was, and it is always, a republic; no king but Christ. An Archbishop of Canterbury wrote Magna Charta. Centuries after a Church clergyman offered the first prayer in the Congress of the United States, built on that same Magna Charta, as the foundation of an Englishman's rights, the world over, and to the end of time. Washington, Jefferson, Patrick Henry, the "Demosthenes of the Revolution," the Lees, the "singers" in great majority, were Churchmen. Another Lee, and the grandest of them all, and Jefferson Davis (I am giving only instances) were ours. But the lawyers, from Marshall and Jay down to our present bench, Mellville Fuller presiding, were ours on the bench of the most august court of Law in Christendom. And when you call the roll, the Ogdens and Hoffman's, Kent, and Ruggles, and Wharton, and scores of great jurists, great lawyers and great men, reply—Bishop Thompson.

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