

At a meeting of the Vestry on Friday night
The 20th February 1857 Present.

The Rector in the Chair

Members F B Egg, James Higginz, Russell
Houlston & G M Begg

The Rector submitted to the Vestry
his opinion upon having all the pews
in the Church declared free for all
persons, and presented many reasons
which he urged it should be done.

Whereupon it was ordered, That the
Rector be authorised to call a special
meeting of the pew owners, pew renters &
all other members in good standing in
the congregation, to act upon the subject

and to decide upon what ought to be
done in the premises. And that he
shall give notice of such meeting on
the first & second Sundays in March
and that the same shall be held on
Monday the 9th March 1857, in the
afternoon.

Adjourned

G. M. Pogg
Secretary

At a meeting of the Congregation of said
Church held on Easter Monday April
13th 1857 the Rector in the chair. G. M.
Pogg Secy. The Rector submitted to the
congregation a resolution from the
last diocesan convention recommen-
ding a change in the articles of associa-
tion which on consideration was
unanimously concurred in and accord
follows: "All male persons of twenty
one year of age, shall be entitled to serve
as vestry men, and to vote in the election of
the vestry, who acknowledge the authority of
the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Dis-
trict of Tennessee, are regular attendants
upon the Public worship of the Church,
and whose names are accordingly
registered in a book kept for that pur-
pose by the vestry."

The congregation then proceeded
to the election of Vestry for the ensuing
year, when on motion of Thos. Wash-
ington Esq. The services hereafter

mentioned were duly elected viz;

F. B. Pogg W. Houston
J. S. Higgins M. Watson
John Roberts J. B. Johnson
G. M. Pogg

At a meeting of the congregation held on Monday the 9th March to discuss the question of secessions in the church the following resolution was proposed by Francis B. Pogg viz;

Resolved by the members of the congregation of Church Church Nashville

That the members of this church be and they are hereby authorized to declare the secessions in this church thereon and after the first of July next and that no pew rents are to be collected from that time until the further order of the congregation and Vestry;

Provided, that the individual pew holders will agree in writing that their several pews shall be assigned or leased to the Vestry for such time as the Vestry may require and also provided, that the Rector of this church reports to this Resolution and that a report be made to the congregation by the Vestry upon the execution of the assignments and leases on the first Monday in June next of which public notice shall also be given; which resolution was fully discussed and finally on motion of

Godfrey M. Pogg was put on foot with Carter Monday the 17th April 1857 and now at said meeting of the congregation on Easter Monday the said

Resolution having been called up a Francis B. Pogg moved that he have leave to withdraw the same from the consideration of the meeting altogether and upon the question being put by the Chairman leave was granted to withdraw the same by a majority of the voters present &c
The Meeting then adjourned sine die

G. M. Pogg Secy

At a meeting of the Vestry held on Easter Monday the 17th of April 1857 immediately after the adjournment of the congregation Present the Rector in the Chair Messrs Higgins, B. Pogg, Roberts, G. M. Pogg, Houston & Johnson

F. B. Pogg was duly elected Senior Warden & J. S. Higgins junior Warden & G. M. Pogg was also elected Secretary & Treasurer all for the ensuing year

F. B. Pogg, W. Houston & G. M. Pogg were then duly elected delegates to attend the next Missions Convention to be held at Jackson on the third ~~Monday~~ ^{Wednesday} in May 1857

Russell Houston & G. M. Pogg were then appointed a committee to prepare a plan for the appointment of a call on the pew holders & sufficient to pay the debts of the church with the balance due the Rector for his salary & to report to the next meeting of the Vestry & adjourned

G. M. Pogg Secy

At a meeting of the Vestry held on
Thursday afternoon the 30th April 1857
Present Francis B Pogg Senior Warden
in the Chair. Messrs Houston, John
Don, G. M. Pogg and James Rogers
A communication from the Rector
The Rev Charles Jones was read &
the Vestry by the Secretary resigning his
office of Rector of Christ Church and
asking to be relieved from his parochial
duties after the 1st Sunday in June
insuing for the reasons therein set forth
& after deliberating on the subject
the same was postponed until tomorrow
afternoon at 5 o'clock P.M.

The resignation of John Roberts & James
Rogers as vestry men was presented
when the vestry to an election & supply
their places, when it appeared that
Messrs John Shelby & James Bankhead
were unanimously elected,
Adjourned to tomorrow afternoon
May 1st 1857
G. M. Pogg
Secretary

At a meeting of the vestry held on Friday pursuant
to adjournment. Present Messrs Francis B Pogg
Senior Warden in the Chair Messrs Shelby Houston
Johnson, Bankhead & G. M. Pogg
When Mr Houston presented the following resolution
which was adopted unanimously
We the vestry of Christ Church have received the
resignation of the Rev Charles Jones as Rector of
Christ Church, and we cannot permit the

vacancy to pass without an expression of our regret
at the dissolution of the connexion which has so
long and so happily existed between him and the
vestry & members of the congregation. Therefore
Resolved That we retain undiminished confi-
dence in the piety & upright purposes of the Rev Charles
Jones, and regard & exceedingly that he has deemed
it his duty to tender his resignation of the
rectorship of Christ Church, with an earnest
request that it be accepted by the vestry.

Resolved That we accept his resignation &
tender to him on behalf of the vestry & congregation
our sincere thanks for the constant & faithful
performance of the arduous & manifold duties
that have hitherto devolved upon him as Rector
of this Parish.

Resolved That we request the continuance of
his services at the obituary until the first
Sunday in July next if not incompatible with
other duties as
Adjourned
G. M. Pogg

At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ
Church held on Monday the 8th of
June. Present Messrs F. B. Togg Senior
Warden in the chair, & Messrs Shelby,
Norton, G. M. Togg, Bankhead &
Johnson. The Secretary present
read a communication from the late
Rector the Rev. C. Gomez on which he
stated that the new duties imposed on
him would prevent him from com-
plying with the request of the Vestry
to remain until the first Sunday in
July & that he was compelled to cease
his parochial duties on the first
Sunday in June.

On motion of G. M. Togg it was ordered
that the Rev. Mr. Charlone be
requested to officiate in the church
until a clergyman is permanently
employed by the Rector that he be paid
the sum of one hundred dollars
per month for his services.

A communication was read from the
Bishops of the Diocese recommending
the Rev. Leonard Smith of Worcester
Massachusetts as a suitable person to take
the pastoral charge of this parish & on
motion it was ordered that G. M. Togg
be requested to address the Rev. Mr.
Smith and ask him to visit this
congregation as soon as convenient.

Ordered that Messrs Bankhead & G. M.
Togg be appointed a committee to make
arrangements about a choir and
a Sexton
adjourned
G. M. Togg
Secretary

At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church
held on the 8th June 1857. Present Messrs
Shelby, F. B. Togg, Watson, Bankhead,
G. M. Togg, and J. B. Johnson.
On motion it was resolved that
the vestry proceed to elect a Rector in
the place of the Rev. Charles Gomez
resigned.

D. S. Shelby, proposed for this office. The
Rev. Leonard Smith of Worcester Mass
Massachusetts when a proposition was made
he was declared elected & unanimously.

Resolved that the Vestry propose to
pay the salary of the Rector at the
thousand dollars per annum to com-
mence on the 1st of July 1857 to be paid
semi-annually in advance, \$500
in the first of ~~month~~ ^{month} of ~~year~~ ^{year} and
every year the first payment
to be made on the 1st of ~~month~~ ^{month} 1857.

Resolved that the Secretary
notify the Rev. Mr. Smith of his election.

Resolved that D. S. Shelby & G. M. Togg
be appointed to ascertain

What repairs are needed and to
to Superintend such repairs, and that
they be attended to forthwith &
adjoined
G. M. Pogg
Secretary

At a subsequent day, The Rev Leonidas
Smith sent his letter accepting the
office of Rector of Christ Church
on Sunday the 9th of August 1857.
he officiated in the Church
Aug 15th 1857
G. M. Pogg

At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ
Church held on Wednesday the 2^d
Sept^r 1857. Present The Rector the Rev.
Leonidas Smith in the chair, Messrs
T. B. Pogg, H. Rowton, W. Watson,
Bankhead & G. M. Pogg. The
following resolution was unani-
mously adopted.

Resolved that all the pewes in the
church (with the exception of No 25th del^d)
that have heretofore rented for \$35 per
annum, be increased to \$50 per
annum, say \$25 in advance, & that the rates on all other
pewes be the same as heretofore.

Matthew Watson was then duly elected
junior warden in the place of James
Siggers resigned
adjoined 8th Monday m^o
Sept^r next 5th 1857

At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church
held on the 30th of December 1857
Present The Rector in the Chair &
Messrs T. B. Pogg, Johnson, Bankhead
Rowton & G. M. Pogg.

The Treasurer presented a statement
of his accounts up to date and showing
that he had paid the Rector up to that
date the sum of \$973.35
that he had collected from pews
since the 1st of July \$812.50.
That there were pews due & not
collected - the sum of \$357.50
That there was still due to the Rector
a balance of about \$175
That he had had some collections,
in Church since the 1st of June \$441.60
& had paid out \$43.08
That the old debt of the church was
note due in Town to Mrs L - \$400
To T. B. Pogg for advances 718.75
1318.75

That the new debt was to purchase
for covering up the church - 281.
Mr. Keay & Wilson 92.
Mr. Storkell for planting, unknown
For supply of C^o of p^o 245.
\$578

That the above was approved of
by the Board.

On motion of J. M. Johnson It was
Resolved

That all assessments due
to the Church for the year 1856 & 1857
be placed in the hands of the collector
with instructions to close and settle,
by taking the parties notes, provided,
the money cannot be paid.

The following certificate from the
Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese
was ordered to be spread on the
minutes.

Diocese of Tennessee
That the Rev. Leonidas Smith, parson,
before me, satisfactory evidence of his
moral & religious character and that he
has been regularly and canonically
transferred to this Diocese by Letters
Dimissory from the Diocese of North Caro-
lina by the Bishop thereof, and a parson
in good standing.

Signed J. W. Alley
Bp. of Prot. Ep. Ch. in Tenn.

Admitted until 1st Monday in Feb. 1858

G. M. Boyer