

Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG. 4, 1897.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.

The letter of acceptance written by Bishop-elect Robert A. Gibson, to Rev. Everard Meade, secretary of the Episcopal Council of Virginia, has just been made public. It reads as follows:

Rev. Everard Meade, secretary of the Council of Virginia: Rev. and Dear Brother—Your letter notifying me of the election for Bishop Coadjutor held by the Council of you diocese on June 30th, and informing me that I had been chosen to that high and responsible office came duly to hand.

Allow me to reply to say that I appreciate fully the honor conferred upon me, and after consultation with Rev. Laundon R. Mason, D. D., and Mr. P. H. Mayo, the committee set on by the council to see me, I have this day written to the Bishop in response to a letter from him, recounging the call of the council, and have signified to him my acceptance of the election, subject to the consent of the standing committees and bishops, as required by canon.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT A. GIBSON.

Cincinnati, O., July 6.

Secretary Meade is now sending out letters to the standing committees of the various dioceses in the United States, informing them of the selection of Bishop Gibson and the latter's acceptance. As soon as a majority of these committees have given their consent to the election, similar letters will be sent to the various bishops in the union for their endorsement of the action of the Council of Virginia.

When this endorsement has been obtained from a majority of the bishops, presiding Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, will fix the day of the consecration and appoint the three Bishops to be consecrated Bishop Coadjutor-elect, Gibson, while a fourth bishop will be designated to preach the consecration sermon. It is not likely that the consecration will occur before the end of September or early in October. It will in all probability take place at St. James' Episcopal Church in Richmond, where Mr. Gibson has been assistant rector for a number of years under the late Rev. Dr. Joshua Peterkin.

By that time the renovation and improvement of the interior of the church will no doubt be completed.—Richmond Times.

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Loudoun County Bush Meeting.

For the above meeting at Purcellville August 3rd to 7th, inclusive, the Southern Railway Company will run extra trains from Alexandria and all intermediate stations to Purcellville at one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 2nd to 7th, inclusive, good to return until Monday August 9th. Special train from Washington August 4th and 5th, leaving at 7:25 p. m.

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Confederate Veterans.

For the accommodation of Confederate veterans, their families and friends who wish to attend the veterans' reunion at Fisher's Hill on August 7th, the Southern Railway will sell tickets to Strasburg and return August 7th, good to return until August 9th, inclusive. Tickets from this city \$2. Extra coaches will be attached to morning trains from this city and Harrisonburg August 7th and every facility will be afforded to make the reunion a success. Several distinguished orators have been invited to speak on this occasion. This reunion will be extensively patronized by old soldiers.

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