

COTERIE OF PERSONS OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH EPISCOPAL GENERAL CONVENTION SESSIONS.

BISHOP OF CHINA TELLS OF LABORS

Christianity Declared Real Force in Orient.

BISHOP ROOTS IS HERE

Episcopal Dignitary to Ask for Release in Order to Accept Missionary Position.

From far-away China, as a representative of the diocese of Hankow, comes Bishop Logan H. Roots, who abounds in information of the progress of Christian work in China, and is interested in a new organization which is being perfected there, with the object of bringing the various denominations shoulder to shoulder in the promotion of the Christian faith and to bring about a feeling of accord between the many Protestant churches.

Bishop Roots has been honored by an invitation from the newly organized national Christian council of China to become one of the full-time officers of that body. The national Christian council was organized by the national Christian conference, which consisted of about 1000 Chinese and other delegates meeting in Shanghai last May. The conference represented about 130 different Protestant organizations throughout China. The council is the executive body of the conference.

New Force Nourished. The movement in which the bishop is interested sponsors the creation and nourishing of a new intellectual and moral force in China, the need for which has been created by the revolution seen in political, moral and social circles throughout the nation. Two methods of dealing with the movement presented themselves to the conference.

One was to establish ecclesiastical unity, particularly in the organic phases of the church. This was rejected, however, and it was decided to take the alternative of creating a feeling of mutual understanding between the Christian forces, and co-operation in a general way in matters where a church working alone would be inadequate. Others who have been invited with Bishop Roots to accept full-time positions with the council are an English Quaker clergyman, Henry Hodgkin, a clergyman of the Chinese Episcopal church, Rev. K. T. Chung, and a Miss Fan, secretary of the Chinese Y. W. C. A.

Army Largely Christian. Illustrative of the hold which Christianity is taking on the Chinese people is the tale which Bishop Roots tells concerning a division of the Chinese army in which probably 8000 out of 10,000 of the soldiers are dyed-in-the-wool Christians, led by General Feng Yu-Hsiang, whose personality has the strength of the Christian faith with countless numbers of Chinese who have not merely accepted Christianity in remote remote places but actually become imbued with the creed and are putting them into practice.

Yu-Hsiang, who travels from place to place among various of the dioceses, said the bishop, "has been reputed to be a man of sternness and has with sternness, but not harshness, put an end in various communities to the amount of vice which is above all a menace to Chinese life. He has managed to wipe out quarters of cities which have been set aside as gambling abodes and opium dens, and he has eradicated the houses of prostitution.

"Had we more Chinese leaders like this man, China would not be in the state it is today. He has made the power of Christianity felt in the army, an especially out-of-the-way place for it to show its strength."

Bishop Roots will present the plan of co-operation to the convention and seek to be released for a period of years from his present activity in China to devote time to the co-operative work.

Future Rests on Church. 60,000,000 in America Not Members of Religious Bodies. Little optimism was held out for the future of the world and humanity unless there comes a realization of the folly of society, brought about by a greater spiritual understanding and an active responsibility in the affairs of the church and religion, in a sermon delivered by Bishop Gaylord G. Bennett of Duluth, Minn., from the pulpit of St. Stephen's Cathedral at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The speaker declared the fact that of the 130,000,000 people in the United States today there are more than 60,000,000 who do not profess affiliation with any organized religious body.

FAITH HEALING IS ISSUE

WARM DEBATE BEFORE CONVENTION SLATED.

New York Bishop Indorses Practitioner, Declaring Prayer Cures Bodily Ills.

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Visiting Bishops Speak. Visiting bishops spoke in all the larger Episcopal churches of the city yesterday at both morning and evening services. There were no conferences or activities relating directly to the convention. Some of the speakers were: Rev. Dr. Arthur B. Kinsolving, rector of St. Paul's church, Baltimore; Rev. Dr. R. T. Phillips, St. Louis; Dr. George F. Henry, Joseph G. Minot and F. S. Edmonds. The three laymen represent educational and legal interests.

Memorial is Unveiled. Perhaps most notable among services of yesterday morning was that at Trinity church, where nearly 5000 people were within the chancel or congregation. The unveiling of a memorial tablet in tribute to youths of the church who have given their lives in the great war was a feature of the service, with General R. M. Blatchford of the United States army unveiling the bronze. Four bishops assisted in the services. They were Bishop Darlington of Harrisburg, who presided; Bishop Brewster of Connecticut and Bishop Tucker of southern Virginia.

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Left to right—Mrs. Louis F. Montague, president woman's auxiliary of the eighth province and member national executive board; Bishop Vincent of Oregon and Bishop Thomas C. Darst of East Carolina, known as the "evils bishops" because consecrated on the same day—January 6, 1913; Mrs. William Ford Nichols, wife of Bishop Nichols of California and honorary president woman's auxiliary of the eighth province. Below at left—Rev. Charles N. Lathrop, executive secretary of the department of Christian social service. At right—Rev. R. Bland Mitchell, field secretary of nation-wide campaign of the Episcopal church.

David's Episcopal church yesterday morning. Bishop Vincent was chosen as the convention preacher for St. David's because he had confirmed and ordained Rev. Thomas Jenkins, the pastor of the church, and because, he said, he felt himself to be the religious godfather of the local minister.

High-Paid Choir Rapped. EPISCOPAL COMMISSION REPORTS ON MUSIC. More Extensive Training Urged for Theological Students at Seminaries.

Plans for giving the clergy more extensive training in music and a suggestion that highly paid choirs are not always essential were embraced in the report of the joint commission of church music which will be presented to the Episcopal general convention. The report made an earnest plea for the maintenance of standards of music commensurate with those of the liturgy and the high office of music in the church.

Memorial at Trinity Episcopal Church to Heroic Members. At morning services yesterday at Trinity Episcopal church a memorial tablet to the young men of the church who paid the supreme sacrifice in the world war was formally unveiled. The unveiling was done by General R. M. Blatchford of the United States army.

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schools. Attention was called to the fact that the repertoire of music for church services is immense, the choice and maintenance of standards resting with the choirmasters under the direction of clergy. It was pointed out that standards are not well defined and that training in church music has suffered great neglect.

PREACHER ALSO COWBOY

REV. MR. LATHROP HONORED BY KING.

Executive Social Service Secretary of Episcopal Church Has Eventful Career.

A compliment from the late Theodore Roosevelt and honors at the hands of Herbert Hoover are things cherished in memory by Rev. Charles N. Lathrop, who lived his boyhood days in Walla, Wash., and is now executive secretary of the social service department of the Episcopal church.

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Oh, yes, about that compliment from Roosevelt. The late president knew of Rev. Mr. Lathrop's part in the San Francisco and California graft fights. When in San Francisco he attended service at Mr. Lathrop's church and heard him preach. When Roosevelt, many months later, was shot at and slightly wounded at Milwaukee, Bishop Sumner, then in Chicago, was among those who visited him. It was then Roosevelt mentioned the fact that he remembered well three or four sermons he had heard during his life. One of these, he told the present bishop of Oregon, was the sermon by Rev. Mr. Lathrop.

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