

EPISCOPAL WOMEN FINISH CONVENTION

Final Service to Be Held at St. Mark's Today.

THANKS EXTENDED CITY

Many Delegates Said to Have Left for Homes in Remote Parts of Country.

Business of the triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church was brought to a close yesterday with an all-day session devoted almost entirely to final reports and duties. The final service will be observed this morning at 10 o'clock at St. Mark's church with the celebration of holy communion. The address will be made by Rev. Louis Childs Sanford, D. D., bishop of San Joaquin.

The closing sessions of the auxiliary have shown that many of the delegates and visitors have already departed for their homes, many having come from remote parts of this and other countries. It was estimated that approximately 385 authorized delegates were present at the auxiliary meetings, representing 95 dioceses. In addition there were hundreds of visitors from out of town as well as from Portland churches. Mrs. Wilson Johnston, president of the auxiliary and of the women's auxiliary of the diocese of Oregon, has presided over all business sessions of the national body.

Debate Is Lively.

Lively discussion was aroused yesterday by the introduction of a resolution by Mrs. Loaring Clark of Tennessee, to the effect that each national woman's organization in the church, recognized as a co-operative agency by the national council, should, if it so desire, be represented on the executive board of the auxiliary by one member whom it should elect or appoint. The vote, which followed a rapid-fire debate, taken by diocese, turned out a tie. Mrs. Johnston, as chairman of the meeting, cast the deciding vote on the negative side.

Bishop Rennie Innes, bishop of Jerusalem, told of the existing conditions in Palestine among Christians, Jews and Moslems, the desire for peace and the part western civilization is playing in bringing this about. He gave an account of the work of the church of England in schools where Christian, Jewish and Moslem girls and boys are being taught the principles of Christianity with the consent of their parents.

Secretaries Give Talks.

Various secretaries of the church addressed the afternoon part of the closing auxiliary session, giving a look forward in church work. Those included were Dr. John W. Wood, executive secretary of the department of missions; Rev. W. E. Gardner, executive secretary of religious education; Bishop Childs Sanford, president of the council; Dean Lathrop, executive secretary of the department of Christian social service; and Lewis F. Smith, treasurer of the church and vice-president of the national council.

De Wood Urged the Women to Aim at tasks in place of dollars, and Mr. Gardner asked for increasing interest in young women in colleges, for more faithful daily reading and for support of scholarship funds.

Education Declared Need.

Bishop Gallor, pronouncing the auxiliary the moving force in the church, said: "What the church needs is education, a spread of the knowledge of what our church is and what religion is."

Other speakers of the afternoon were Miss Eva Corey, chairman of the committee on the dispatch of business, who made suggestions concerning the kind of social service which might be rendered by the auxiliary; Mrs. Montague of California; and Deaconess Newell, representing the women from her field of work in Mexico.

Portland Is Thanked.

A resolution of appreciation, presented by Miss Ruddle of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee on courtesy, expressed the appreciation of the auxiliary for courtesies extended by the city of Portland. Bishop and Mrs. Walter T. Sumner, Mrs. Johnston, the women of the various committees, by members of other denominations, the pages, ushers, boy scouts, the organist and choir, the press, the mayor of Portland, civic authorities. An additional resolution expressed the thanks of the auxiliary for the courtesy of authorities of the Portland central library, where study classes were held.

KLANSMEN LAUD CHURCHMEN

Episcopalian Resolution Hitting at Mob Violence Indorsed.

In resolutions sent to the Episcopal general convention yesterday, Luther Powell klan No. 1, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, realm of Oregon, commended the house of deputies for having adopted the resolution against mob violence and "so-called patriotic societies" it approved in a recent session.

The klan communication became public through being given to the

local press. It remains to be seen whether the resolution will be read before the deputies or receive attention or answer.

In a letter accompanying the resolution, Fred L. Gifford, excited cyclops of Luther Powell klan, says his "splendid organization, to a man, believes in the ideas as set forth in your resolution."

It was admitted that the convention resolution deprecating activities of certain societies, "whose masked and unknown members capitalize bigotry and hate," was directed specifically at the ku klux klan. Despite this fact the klan resolution quotes the convention comment and proceeds to give approval to it.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, referred to as "an American Christian fraternal organization" according to what follows, "numbers among its most loyal and zealous members many ministers and laymen of the Protestant Episcopal faith." After commending the "fearless stand" of the churchmen the resolution says:

"We reiterate our oft-repeated statement to officers of the law, that we expect them to enforce the law without fear or favor," says the resolution, adding that the klan stands ready to assist in this.

BISHOP IS ELECTED

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mission on concordat early in the convention sessions presented its report. Yesterday, when the question came before the bishops, Bishop Reginald H. Weller of the diocese of Fond du Lac, presented a minority report. It was signed only by himself, but he made a vigorous fight on the floor of the house for his contentions and had only five minutes when adjournment hour was at hand.

New Bishop Gratified.

Bishop Remington, interviewed after confirmation of his election, expressed himself as pleased with the prospect of coming to Oregon to take up the work formerly carried on by Bishop Paddock.

"The house of bishops," Bishop Remington said, "has selected me for this work and its wishes are supreme with me. But do not think I am at all hesitant about coming to Oregon. I see that there is a big work ahead here, a splendid field, and I shall be glad to enter upon my work in this field just as soon as I can conclude undertakings now under way in my district in South Dakota. I have been in missionary work four years and like it."

"In coming to Oregon I do not come without fair knowledge of the needs of just such a territory as that now given me. I have been working in an agricultural section, but where there are mines and timber as well; in fact, the two districts seem very much alike."

Prelate Young Man.

Bishop Remington is one of the youngest bishops of the Episcopal church. He looks decidedly younger than he is. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 13, 1875. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1896 and from the Virginia Theological seminary in 1903. From the university he received a bachelor of science degree and from the seminary that of doctor of divinity.

He became a deacon in 1905, and was ordained and made a priest in 1908. From 1905 to 1907 he was connected with Holy Trinity church in Philadelphia. From 1907 to 1918 he was rector of St. Paul's church in Minneapolis. In 1918 he was consecrated as suffragan bishop of South Dakota, the position he has since held.

Bishop Remington is one of the members of the house of bishops who saw service overseas. He was the only bishop consecrated in uniform, as he was under orders to proceed with base hospital No. 2 when the time for consecration arrived. This hospital unit was formed at Rochester, Minn., by the famous Mayo brothers, and also had a large contingent from the University of Minnesota. It was known as the Minnesota base hospital unit. As its chaplain the bishop spent six months in this country and six months overseas.

Wife Able Assistant.

In 1908 Bishop Remington married Miss Florence Lyman Allen of Burlington, Vt., who has ever since been an able assistant in his work as rector and bishop. Mrs. Remington is widely known among Episcopalian churchmen and is spoken of as a very capable and gracious woman. She is attending the convention with her husband. They have no children.

Bishop Remington is of slight build and rather thin face, giving those who meet him the impression that he may not enjoy robust health. He very much dislikes to have anyone think him "delicate" of health or constitution. To offset this impression his friends merely cite the fact that while he was in the University of Pennsylvania he was a member of the American athletic team which competed in the Olympics. He was a brilliant hurdler and jumper in his college days and retains that athletic prowess to a remarkable extent.

Unity Up to Deputies.

If the house of deputies concurs, the Episcopalian church, as a body, will join the National Council of Churches. Decision to this effect was reached by the house of bishops, convened in session last night. Over an hour of acrimonious debate preceded the ballot. The measure carried by almost a two to one vote. The invitation to join came in the form of a resolution submitted by Bishop Brent.

"For 12 years we have been ringing the church bell for Christian unity, asking others to join. But in those 12 years, we have stayed in the bell tower," he declared.

Bishop Gallor, in opposing, declared that the national council was antagonistic to the Roman Catholic and Greek churches and that he opposed to union with any organization that tended to cause further discord in the Christian body.

"Instead of bringing about Christian unity, they are further dividing the Christian people," he said.

"We've slapped our Protestant brothers in the face," testily declared Bishop Williams. Now is the time for us to put up or shut up on Christian unity."

An attempt to put over the matter of the concordat with the Congregationalists after three years was defeated and this subject was made a special order of business for today.

Ground to Be Broken for Church.

BEND, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Breaking ground for Bend's new \$20,000 Baptist church will take place within two weeks, Rev. F. H. Beard, pastor of the church, stated today. An effort will be made to swell the building fund to \$25,000 by Thanksgiving day.

MODERNISTS ROUT HIGH CHURCH CROWD

House of Deputies Fights Over Text of Bible.

CREATION IS ATTACKED

Parts of 10 Commandments Held to Be Fiction and Blasphemy During Prayer Book Debate.

Fundamentalists and modernists—high churchmen and low—clashed in verbal battle on the floor of the house of deputies of the Episcopalian general convention yesterday afternoon.

The inclination of the high churchmen toward Roman Catholics and medieval phraseology precipitated one fight; the old question of the authenticity and the literal translation of the bible was responsible for the other. The low churchmen won their point and the modernists routed the fundamentalists in their controversy.

Commandments Are Assailed.

The argument was furious, one minister, during the debate, shocked the conservative element by declaring that he believed a certain portion of the ten commandments was blasphemy. During the conflict Dr. Alexander Mann, presiding officer, was obliged to stop the debate while the house bowed its collective head and prayed for charity and spiritual guidance.

Like other questions which have stirred the convention, the matters on which the battle hinged were relatively unimportant in themselves. But, representing as they did the general trend of the church, they are regarded as decisions of considerable importance.

Communion Starts Row.

The fight was begun over an attempt to introduce the words "the divine liturgy" and "holy eucharist" into the title for communion service. The battle was the result of the plan of the prayer book revision commission to make the reading of the commentary of the commandments an optional matter. Neither of these questions affected the laws, theories or doctrines of the church.

The storm broke when the message of the house of bishops, amending the title of the holy communion service, was read. This change would make the title read, "the divine liturgy, being the order for the Lord's supper or holy eucharist, commonly called the holy communion."

Church Split Predicted.

"You will split the church into two factions," heatedly declared Roswell Page, lay delegate from Virginia. "You will make yourself no stronger with the Catholics and you will weaken your church with the Protestant element."

"The men of this generation have neither the liturgical skill nor the piety to make this change," heatedly declared G. F. Henry of Iowa.

The high churchmen were not without their champions. In the midst of the debate Dr. Mann rapped for order and read prayers. The debate was renewed, the matter went to a vote and the high churchmen lost. The title of the service will remain the same as in the present prayer book.

Creation Declared Mythical.

The work of revision of the communion service proceeded smoothly until the commandments were reached. The prayer book commission, in its revision, has made the saying of the first part, or the commandment itself, obligatory, while the second part, or commentary, is optional. It was explained that the phraseology of the commandments is out of place in modern life.

"We used to believe that God made the world in seven days," said George Zabrutsky of New York. "We do not believe that now. We are distressed to hear priests say things which scholars know cannot be true."

"The young people of the present day are not impressed by the wording of the commandments," said Rev. W. B. Kingsolving of Maryland.

First Commandment Attacked.

The real fight was staged over that part of the first commandment reading: "For I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generations."

"There are many of us who do not believe that phrase," said Rev. W. F. Sterrett of Bethlehem. "If you omit it you do not force us to say things we do not believe. I myself believe that those words are blasphemy."

The champions of the fundamentalists rushed to the defense of the exact wording of the scriptures. Attempts to change or abbreviate the commandments were held to be a direct blow at the very foundation of religion. The authenticity of the Bible was upheld, the divine sanction of the book was pointed out.

The last commandment caused another clash. Rev. F. M. Kirkas of Wilmington would have substituted the word "automobile" for "ox," holding that the children of this generation, knowing nothing about oxen, would be more impressed by a phraseology which they could understand.

Another clergyman objected to the injunction against labor in the third commandment.

"What is the use of reading to the congregation the injunction against labor by 'thy son, thy daughter, thy man servant, thy maid servant,' when everyone knows that some member of the family is at home cooking dinner?"

In short, the modernists held that the phraseology of the old Mosaic commandments was so antiquated that the people could not understand the meaning of the injunctions themselves; the fundamentalists held that any attempt to modify the commandments was a sacrilege and a direct affront to the Deity.

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SUIT HITS AT TAX ROLL

Vancouver, Wash., Property Owners Want Assessment Reduced.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Louis Wise and his sister, Mrs. Carrie Mayer, have begun suit in the superior court of Clarke county against J. L. Garrett, auditor and clerk of the county commission.

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