

BISHOP SCADDING REVIEWS THE YEAR'S WORK

Shows That Church in Oregon Has Reached Majority and Cannot Rely on Aid From Outside.

POINTS OF BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The diocese of Oregon has reached its majority and cannot expect so much help in future from the general church.

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Recommends better salaries for clergy.

Urges clergy and laity to closer Christian unity and personal consecration.

At the afternoon session of the annual convention of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, Wednesday, Bishop Charles Scadding delivered his annual address, in which he reviewed the work that had been accomplished by the various institutions of the church during the year and presented the financial problems to be met during the ensuing term. The address was concluded with an inspiring call for Christian unity and personal consecration. The address was as follows:

My Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

At this 21st diocesan convention the diocese of Oregon comes to the end of a year of growth and progress. It is indeed a glorious, healthy child of the church, which today attains its majority, although to many of you who know its weak frame and the struggle of its youth, it may seem like "one born out of due time." I lovingly extend my hearty congratulations to this 21st annual convention, and wish you "many happy returns of the day." When we consider the years that are past, we have much cause for thankfulness for the noble work that God has done in the diocese of Oregon, here, as in the old time before them. But when we consider the growth of the state on almost other than religious—increasing population, its commercial and material development; or when we note the growth and missionary spirit in religious bodies around us, and remember that during the whole period of our existence only two native Oregonians have come into the sacred ministry; when we reflect on opportunities neglected, occasional evidences of unbrotherly spirit, faint-hearted co-operation on the part of some from whom we expect support and encouragement, we find much that should temper anything like glorification with a sincere and sane humility.

What have we really to show for our 21 years? What potent factor are we in the spiritual and moral growth of the state? Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for thy son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past.

But, as the bishop of California has told us, "sane humility for a corporate body as for an individual, is neither thanklessness nor faint-heartedness." It is hardly fair to ask a youth, who has just attained his majority, "What have you to show? What have you accomplished in your 21 years of growth?" We would expect him to answer: "Very little, I have simply grown, and tried to get strong, and to make preparation for my life's work." Without any undue glorification of the past, but with sincere thankfulness for this growth, I would say to Oregon, "God bless you, you are now of age, no longer can you expect the nurturing care of your mother—the General Church, in such a large degree as in the past. Stand squarely upon your feet, loyally and enthusiastically go forward, and let the church know that in you she has a loyal, liberal, generous son with force and initiative, who will do his best to establish her kingdom, which is also the kingdom of God, and of his Christ.

Necrology.

Since our last convention, God has taken to himself in the rest and peace of Paradise: The Right Rev. Henry Codman Potter, bishop of New York.

The Right Rev. Edward Jennings Knight, of Western Colorado.

Bishop Potter was my first bishop, and has been a true father in God to me all my ministry. He was a sincere friend of Oregon, was my adviser and counselor, and looked for great things from the church in Oregon in the future. He generously presented to us a full set of 11 handsomely bound books for the official records of the diocese, and in other ways showed his interest and sympathy with our work. He held a foremost place in the leadership in the councils and conduct of the church.

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Changes in Clerical Staff.

Changes in the clerical staff since the last convention have been as follows:

Rev. Henry Clinton Collins, M. D., transferred to Eastern Oregon.

Received by canonical letter, Rev. Edgar Remington, rector of All-Saints, Portland; Rev. Frederick B. Bartlett, M. A., priest-in-charge, St. Luke's, Grants; Rev. Samuel M. Dorrance, M. A., priest-in-charge, Trinity Church, Ashland; Rev. Henry Russell Talbot, rector, St. David's Church, East Portland; Rev. Oswald W. Taylor, St. John's, Seaside; Rev. Ernest Albert Dairymple, M. A., priest-in-charge, St. Paul's, Astoria; Rev. J. L. Forsey, has been transferred from Roseburg to Woodlawn and Woodrose; and Rev. George E. Van Waters resigned the rectory of St. David's Church, and has been acting as a general missionary at Woodstock, Portland.

The Rev. J. W. Macgregor resigned from the Church of the Good Samaritan at Corvallis, and has retired to a farm near Jefferson. The Rev. H. Chambers, as archdeacon, has done efficient general missionary work at McMinnville, Corvallis, Roseburg, Medford and Portmouth. While neither deacon nor priest, or even set apart as deaconess, Miss Caroline F. Sheffield has a place on the General Board of Missions as a woman worker directly under the bishop. She has

done most efficient service in several of our missions, notably at Roseburg, where she has made a list of 40 friends, has organized a Sunday school, and assisted Mr. Chambers in carefully preparing a large class of 17 for confirmation. I have no doubt that at Portmouth, which I believe to be a strategic and winning point.

Summary of Official Journal.

I present herewith brief summary of my official journal since last convention:

Marriages..... 2

Burials..... 1

Confirmations..... 1

Lay readers licensed..... 25

Postulants for holy orders..... 2

Foreign clergy licensed to officiate..... 1

Sisters of St. John Baptist working in diocese..... 5

Woman missionary worker under general board..... 1

Clergy received from other dioceses..... 1

Clergy transferred to other dioceses..... 1

Missions organized..... 1

Missions that have become parishes..... 1

Terms and addresses given in English..... 1

Sermons and addresses within the diocese..... 151

Lectures..... 1

Corner-stones laid..... 3

Benediction and dedication services..... 3

A Corporation Sole.

As a corporation sole certain trust funds and all property belonging to missions is held in trust by the bishop. I am glad to report that all property is in good state of repair, and all insured, and the funds for specified purposes have been carefully invested upon the advice of my legal adviser, Rodney L. Gilman. I desire to thank him publicly for the efficient service he has rendered me and this diocese. It is my desire that the office of Chancellor of the Diocese should be created as outlined in Article 10 of our proposed constitution, and I take the greatest pleasure in nominating Mr. Gilman to this convention for election to that office. I also wish to thank Charles B. Fabler, public accountant, for the expert service he has rendered in listing the property held by the bishop, in attending to taxes, insurance and in his careful book-keeping.

Pan-Anglican Congress and Lambeth Conference.

From June 15 to August 7 of this convention year, Mrs. Scadding and I were in England, and during that time I was in constant attendance at meetings of the Pan-Anglican Congress, Lambeth Conference, and missionary meetings in various parts of England. I have written at length about these gatherings, but I mention them now merely to express my thankfulness for the inspiration and the value. One will not soon forget the day after the opening of the conference at Lambeth Palace with the gracious Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Parkes, with the dear and kind and interested friends in London, and other parts of England. The hospitality of the English people was unbounded, and their interest in everything American most refreshing. Our trip over and back was a delightful experience. It will be pleasantly remembered and we thank God for it.

Lay Readers.

At the request of various rectors I have licensed 25 earnest, capable men as lay readers. I would thank them for the work they have done, and assure them of my appreciation. Let me remind them that today, the first day of every annual convention—every license expires, and I expect them to be laid on this table or returned by mail, with reports and a written request for renewal. I am of opinion that much more can be done by an efficient order of lay readers than has yet been accomplished in the diocese, especially in places around Portland. Until the diocese can support a larger clerical force we must rely upon lay readers. It is my intention this year to hold several conferences of those who will be licensed, and personally to give instruction in the proper conduct of services, reading, and effective delivery of certain sermons which I wish them to read, and by prayer and meditation to try to deepen their spiritual lives. Some lay readers have been, and others will be, the salvation of the church in our country districts; and please God some may be led to seek holy orders. The plan is well worth thought, prayer and effort. It is my wish that every lay reader will invariably be in a casebook and coita in conducting a service, and that he will counsel with me fully about his work, and his own personal spiritual life and problems.

Good Samaritan Hospital.

Full reports of our diocesan institutions will be read tomorrow and will be printed in the journal; and I shall but briefly refer to them. On June 2, 1908, the contract was signed for building the new brick central or administration building intended as a memorial to the late bishop of Oregon—the Right Rev. B. Wistar Morris. When completed, which will be within a few weeks, this building will have cost about \$115,000. It contains a memorial chapel (also to Bishop Morris) a memorial children's ward, in memory of a staunch churchman, Dr. Rodney Gilman, of this city, whose family provided a liberal sum for this purpose. Generous sums were also given to the memorial building by others, principally residents of this city, amounting during the past year, including the gift from the Gilman family, to \$10,474.45. When completed there will remain an indebtedness on account of this new building of about \$25,000, means for paying which must be provided in the very near future. This does not include the cost of furnishing, which will be several thousand dollars, and for which no provision has yet been made. The facilities in the new building for carrying on the hospital work are very complete. The roof garden is a prominent feature, as is also the ice and cold storage plant. The moving and refitting of the east wing to make room for the new brick building cost \$114. The carrying on of the ordinary work of the hospital during the construction of the new building, and the moving and refitting of the east wing is being accomplished with great difficulty. The noise and dirt incident to such a work have been suppressed as much as possible, and it has been quite beyond the reach of human possibility to be rid altogether of these objectionable but necessary interferences with the quiet and orderly conduct of such an institution. Happily these troubles are about over, the physicians, nurses and patients themselves have borne patiently with these trying conditions, and it will not be long before quietness and cleanliness will be restored.

Thanksgiving donations from individuals were \$1235.50, and from 18 parishes and missions \$111.57. Less than 50 per cent of the parishes and missions make a Thanksgiving offering for the hospital, although this is a canonical collection, and is obligatory upon every parish and mission.

The board of hospital trustees has received from the estate of Miss Rachel Morris, deceased, the sum of \$5000 for the endowment of a bed as a memorial to her parents, Samuel Wells and Anna Ellis Morris. Also from the estate of the late Mrs. Amanda W. Reed, toward endowment of a bed, the sum of \$1000. Through agreement with the trustees of the Reed estate, this sum has been joined with the Whitaker bequest to form a fully-endowed bed, of which each interest is to receive its proportionate benefit.

Every institution like this comes in for much criticism, much of which is fair, some of which is helpful. The Good Samaritan has had its full share of both. The board of trustees, the staff, and the management are glad to receive suggestions for the betterment of the work of the hospital; they are alive to the limitations and difficulties of the past. To me it is a remarkable thing that the work of the hospital should have been carried on so smoothly and efficiently during this trying season of rebuilding, and alteration. Frequent visits to the private room where my wife has been ill for the past three weeks, and many visits to the wards, and inspection of all the departments have brought the merciful ministry of healing of this splendid institution very close to my heart. I desire publicly to bear testimony to the faithful, economical management of Miss Lovelidge, who is giving her best years of her life to laying strong foundations; the skill in the surgeries where 16 operations a day have been performed, the efficient and careful nursing of our graduates and undergraduate nurses headed by Miss Welch, who, as head surgical nurse, is in the opinion of every surgeon and doctor in the city. It must be borne in mind that owing to the rapid growth of the city the demands upon the hospital force have grown out of all proportion; and yet without complaint or protest every officer has risen bravely to do his or her best to meet the situation.

While realizing the value of the classes held by Miss Welch in the training school, the board of trustees has found it only fair to her, and best for the larger interests of the hospital, to relieve her of this work as soon as possible, and to promote her to surgery, surgical nursing, and such instruction. Surgical nurses as may come to her in this connection, and lay out details of the work of a cheery, genial, home. The food provided for them must be of the very best, and should be prepared and served in the daintiest and most careful manner. There must be conservative administration, but no false economy in the training school or in the hospital. We cannot carry on our work with the same outlay of expense as

we did ten or even five years ago. More money and more skilled help is required.

To Dr. Joseph this diocese owes a debt of gratitude for his faithful and very satisfactory service in financing the hospital. When we get into the new building, I believe it will greatly help us in keeping up the standard of efficiency if we deal with problems and difficulties immediately they arise by having monthly instead of quarterly meetings of the board of trustees; and I would suggest that the Women's Auxiliary of the hospital can be of the greatest possible assistance if they would also meet monthly, and lay out details of the work to be carried on by their efficient committees. Our blessed Lord was on earth now we do it, and he who is most ready about know where he would be—by the bedside of the sick and dying, and with the suffering. A chaplain's work, if difficult, is fascinating because it is so real, spiritual and cheerful.

ing; and now that we have our beautiful memorial chapel, daily services will be held there, and every opportunity for the spiritual nourishment, and strength which God always gives in answer to prayer. In this connection I would express appreciation of the help and comfort given to many by the rector of Trinity Church, who, in his personal interviews, classes and lectures on the line of what is known as the "Emmanuel Movement," which signifies "God with us," as if our old thought of Jesus Christ were simply working more deeply into our interpretation of the fulfillment of the prophecy "Himself took our infirmities and bore our diseases." He who handles highly dangerous electric power is the one who is most ready about the sick and dying, and with the suffering. A chaplain's work, if difficult, is fascinating because it is so real, spiritual and cheerful.

concerned about the peril of foundering around among the live wires of this movement, that anyone not especially versed in it could possibly be. The church is to exist for the healing of humanity in all its area and in all its life, and our church hospital is one of its instruments for this purpose. The church's prayer is that the whole, body, soul and spirit, may be preserved blameless, "with all sanctification, rates bodily health as a "bonum," but not a "summum bonum." "It contemplates," says Bishop Lecholl, "the lunacy of the soul as well as psychotherapy, as it in all grace looks to the witnessing and working and healing the infirmities of our spirits with the Holy Spirit. It is a psychological and spiritual 'X-ray' in the diagnosis of character, and the 'X' of the ray is just nothing else than a cross."

From the superintendent's report we

learn that, notwithstanding the limitations and difficulties of the past year, the hospital has reached its majority, and cannot rely on aid from outside.

The other diocesan institution of which we are all justly proud is St. Helen's Hall, our school for the blind. This continues under the able management of the Sisters of St. John Baptist. These have associated with them a number of efficient teachers in various departments, and our curriculum is of high standing. The girls who come to St. Helen's are splendid material. They have good heads, warm hearts and fine physique. For the most part they were born and reared in Oregon and are fine, healthy children. They need precisely what the sisters and teachers of St. Helen's can give them—self-control, gentleness, culture and the cheery companionship of other girls of their own age, not merely in classes, but in the family life of the school at all hours. The school is in every way a success, and it was possible to revive our Bishop Scott Academy for boys. Many requests come to me from different parts of the state. The school board has secured a fine location—two acres of farm land—only 40 miles from the city, and I hope before many years that we will once more have a flourishing church school for boys.

St. Elizabeth's House.

The Sisters of St. John Baptist are purposing to open a home for fallen girls, and for those in danger of going astray. I heartily commend this undertaking. The sisters ask for the prayers, sympathy and co-operation of all who care for the restoration of poor, fallen humanity, and they will gladly give full information concerning the work to those who may desire it.

The Oregon Churchman.

One of the oldest institutions in the diocese is the Oregon Churchman. It has had a checked existence lately, but has been revived in magazine form. Its editor is Rev. Barr G. Lee, and business manager Dr. F. C. Rowland. It should be a regular monthly visitor to every church home in Oregon. It is the medium through which the bishop speaks to the church, and frequently to his people. Then it is a newspaper, which gives an account of what the church is doing, and what the interest in church and missions. While the paper is controversial and unpartisan, and tries to uniform common sense, it stands for definite, constructive Anglican principles of churchmanship. Its chief desire is to be an instrument for the unification of the diocese and to inspire all to loyal and hearty service in the building up of the kingdom.

The Episcopal Endowment Fund.

I would ask the special attention of the convention to the report of the trustees of the endowment fund, this being the fund from which the bishop's salary is paid. It is somewhat embarrassing for me to say much about its inadequacy. While in every diocese assessments have to be made on the parishes and missions for their bishop's salary, yet my hope for Oregon is that at an early date our endowment fund can be raised to such a sum that the interest thereon will pay an adequate salary to the bishop of Oregon without assessment on our parishes and missions, leaving them free to give more liberally for missions in Oregon. Bishops are not to be paid from the general treasury of the church, but from the endowment fund of the diocese, and it is my desire to keep it a center of gracious hospitality for me to refer to, I am forced to remind you that, while the official salary of 1908 was a moderate income for Bishop Morris, 20 years ago it has become a less sum proportionately for the present time, the cost of living having increased, as you all know, some 27 per cent in the last 10 years.

Our Diocesan Policy.

I love to think of the diocese, as it really is, as a family, and not merely made up of a number of isolated congregations, each thinking of itself, and all without coordination. We are a family in the Lord, and all our parishes and missions are brothers in this. Let us build up this family life, let us pray more, and help more on family lines. Our policy of having our family treasury—the diocesan mission funds—is working well. Into this "war chest of the diocese" all our parishes and missions give, into it also our appropriation from the General Board is placed, and also interest from funds invested by the bishop. From this central treasury, of which Paul Van Friesland is the faithful custodian, our missionaries are paid regularly every month. It is a laudable ambition that every unorganized mission should seek to become organized, and every organized mission should as soon as possible become a self-supporting parish; and I am of opinion, and I believe in the opinion of our Board of Missions, that to become an independent parish, the people should have proved that they can give, not for one year, but continuously, something like \$100 a year toward a clergyman's support, and that to become a parish, they ought to have raised for three consecutive years, approximately \$800 a year, toward the salary; and that those organized hereafter should realize that failure to keep up these standards would mean a forfeiture of their special privileges. Bishop Paddock requires this of Eastern Oregon. Parishes and missions for another cause, and I believe they are possibly in no way to blame, having fallen behind standards, will retain their self-respect and need not feel humiliated if they themselves apply to be placed on the diocesan level which, by the showing of their support, they are near to achieve, and that they make, is really theirs.

Missions in Southern Oregon under the two clergy of our association are doing well, and contributing very nearly the entire amount of the stipends; the Coos county like \$100 a year, and also responding; there are other parts of the field which do not yet begin to return half of the cost of the missionary. Unless these can promise to raise at least half the stipend for the next year it may be best for them to close, particularly if they are near to close, and then we should throw our strength into strategic points that will respond. To the chief needs of life to people is to pasture them, and this is equally true of missions. We must help them to help themselves. There is not a bishop in the Pacific Northwest who is not insisting that his diocese, or diocese, shall support its own necessities, and as far as possible meet its own requirements, and not depend on the indulgence and inefficiency. Oregon no longer occupies the center of the missionary stage. We must expect each year to receive less aid from the General Board, and must stand squarely upon our own feet. I realize that the support of a parish is mainly speaking, depends largely on the personality of its clergyman. Let me say to me, "Send us the right kind of clergyman, bishop, and we will soon be self-supporting." When I ask them for a definition of "the right kind of clergyman," I usually receive a long list of qualifications, the few possessors of which I find already rectors of large city parishes in the East. We must expect each year to receive less aid from the General Board, and must stand squarely upon our own feet. I realize that the support of a parish is mainly speaking, depends largely on the personality of its clergyman. Let me say to me, "Send us the right kind of clergyman, bishop, and we will soon be self-supporting." 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