

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF OREGON IN COOPERATION WITH THIS WEEK

Speakers of Outstanding Ability to Be Heard at Public Mass Meeting at the Pro-Cathedral Wednesday Night at 8 o'Clock.

THE 14th annual convention of the diocese of Oregon of the Episcopal church will open in Portland tomorrow, although the business meeting will not start until Wednesday. Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner announces that the first event of importance for the convention will be the dedication of the Theodore B. Wilcox Memorial hospital, twenty-first and Marshall streets, tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Tea will be served to visitors at 5 o'clock.

Attendance will be present at the convention from all parishes and missions from Ashland to Astoria. One of the principal matters to be discussed will be the general convention, which will be held here in the fall.

Tuesday will be devoted to the annual meeting of the branches of the women's auxiliary, and will commence with a celebration of the holy communion at 10 A. M. in St. David's church. Wednesday, the 23rd, marks the beginning of the convention proper. At 10 o'clock the bishop will preside at the opening of the pro-cathedral, Thirteenth and Clay streets, which will be the meeting place of all convention activities. All the clergy of the diocese will be present, vested and with white stole.

The great public event will be the annual meeting of the diocese at 8 o'clock in the pro-cathedral. Speakers of outstanding ability will present vital aspects of church work. The Rev. C. P. Deane, pastor of St. Francis, will speak on "The Church's Work Among the Suffering." The Rev. J. W. McMichael, pastor of St. Paul, will discuss "Religious Education," and the venerable Jay C. Black will depict the various missionary activities carried out in the diocese.

Thursday will be a busy day, entirely devoted to business sessions. The venerable Jay C. Black will be inducted as archdeacon in the diocese of Oregon by Bishop Sumner at the pro-cathedral. The service at 11 o'clock of the holy communion, at which the archdeacon will be the celebrant. The special sermon will be preached by Deane at 8 o'clock.

The new archdeacon was born at Astoria, O., December 5, 1854, and is a graduate of the Western Theological seminary, St. Paul, Minn., in 1881, and in 1893 and was presented in 1910 by Bishop Anderson. He formerly held charges in Dundee, Ill., in 1882 and in the city of Chicago. In the last few years he has devoted to a special work at Marshall, Ore., where, at Emmanuel church, he has organized a system of organization that is not excelled in the diocese. The new archdeacon plans to go out into the country and visit the churches, infusing energy to building them up into greater efficiency and wider usefulness.



Leaders of the 14th annual diocesan convention of the Episcopal church to be held here this week are, from left to right—Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, Archdeacon Jay C. Black and Dea Vincent, who is a prominent layman in the church.

It is interesting to observe that every one of the major religious bodies in Oregon has reported an increase in membership during the past year. The population of the city, which has made an increase of 25 per cent during this same period.

The Christian churches of the city report the largest increase in Sunday school enrollment, with a 1921 enrollment of 2194 representing an increase of 142 per cent; the Lutheran second with an increase of 123 per cent; United Evangelical third with 88 per cent increase; United Presbyterian, 75 per cent; Methodist Episcopal, 64 per cent; Presbyterian, 51 per cent; United Brethren, 45 per cent; Baptist, 21 per cent; Congregational, 11 per cent; Episcopal, 6 per cent.

The churches have not made so noticeable an increase in Sunday school enrollment as in church membership. The school population, according to the office of the superintendent of schools, has increased 50 per cent during the decade. The Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal and United Brethren show a Sunday school increase less than 50 per cent, and the Presbyterians show an increase of 51 per cent, a gain over the school population of 1 per cent during the decade.

A more noticeable gain appears when finances are considered. During the past year the United Brethren report the largest percentage increase, 331 per cent in expenditures of all kinds including both congregational and diocesan work. The United Evangelical ranks second with 211 per cent increase; the Lutheran third with 169 per cent; United Presbyterian, 135 per cent; Baptist, 123 per cent; Episcopal, 64 per cent; Methodist, 51 per cent; Congregational, 23 per cent; Congregational, 18 per cent.

The School of Prayer announces its first series of class instruction in scientific mental training. The course will be held at the pro-cathedral, Thirteenth and Clay streets, on January 22, and continue for five days at 3 P. M. and at 8 P. M., and will be given by John W. Parsons, secretary of the International New Thought alliance. Weekly hearing meetings are held Friday at 8 P. M. and a children's class will start Monday at 3 P. M. These meetings are open to the public. A reading room is maintained by the school, which is always open to the public.

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The morning speaker at Centenary Wilbur Methodist church will be John Laine, Mr. Louis Lang, Mrs. C. Dr. E. C. Hickman, former pastor of Wilbur church and now president of Kimball School of Theology. He will speak on the Methodist world programme. In the evening the delegates at which the missionary convention will give a symposium on "The World and the Response of Methodism."

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"Paganism at Home and Abroad," Moving Picture Theme.

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At the question forum which will precede the talk on Buddhism, Dr. McElveen will answer two questions:—Is it right to burn corn as fuel for millions of people? On Tuesday night "All children should work," is he loyal to the "child labor law?" At this morning's service, Dr. McElveen will speak on "Paganism at Home and Abroad."

The four endeavor societies of the First church will have a celebration today. The members of the Alumni Endeavor association will pay the tribute to the question service of the church an official visit. At 6:30 P. M. there will be a reunion service in the church parlors. Mrs. Helen J. Bell will be the soloist.

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The Juliaanna circle at the home of Miss Nora Martin, the accomplished blind pianist.

W. H. St. Clair, superintendent of the Rose City Park Presbyterian Sunday school, gave a banquet at the Hotel Benson Tuesday night to the officers and teachers of the Sunday school. This has become an annual event, and last night's entertainment was voted the most enjoyable ever held. After a most elaborate dinner and a brief teachers' meeting a social hour followed. An altogether original program of entertainment was a quartet rendered by Dr. J. W. McMichael, W. F. Birk, Ralph McAffee and Arthur Bull. The selection of the quartet was an encore, and the words of which were composed by Dr. McMichael. The quartet was truly more appealing than classical. Several of the members were "in the mood" mercifully, but they were entirely "game," and the selection was loudly applauded. The tables were decorated with red carnations and ferns, and Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair were voted royal entertainers.

The evening auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary society will meet in room A Tuesday night. Miss Viola Charlson will be leader. The subject will be "The Church and the World." Miss Emma Warren will lead the devotional service and Mrs. Fletcher will be the soloist. The subject will be given by Major W. S. Gilbert, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Astoria. Major Gilbert saw service in the Philippines during the war, and the world war. Women of the congregation and their friends are invited.

The Men's club will meet at 8 P. M. Tuesday in the Sunday school auditorium. "Washington, the Christian," will be the subject of an address to be given by Dr. William Johnson, associate secretary of the board of temperance and moral welfare of the Presbyterian church. All men are invited.

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Tuesday the women meet for a special day of sewing from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. Urgent call has come from the welfare bureau for more bed clothing, which will be much needed. The women's guild sews every Wednesday for the children's home. A collection of 150 has just been given for the Sunday school for the Armenian children.

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