EPISCOPAL BISHOPS ON WAY HERE FOR GREAT CONVENTION

Leaders Will Discuss Church Affairs One Week Earlier Than Opening of Triennial General Session—Changes in Prayer Book to Be One of Main Issues—Sweeping Revision to Be Asked—Many Will Attend.

BISHOPS of the Episcopal church are already coming west to attend the triennial general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church. The bishops will convene one week earlier than the date set for the general convention in order to discuss various church matters. One of these is said to be the report of the joint commission on the revision and enrichment of the Book of Common Prayer. This will be the main issue through the convention, it is said, as sweeping changes in the prayer book, reported to be 370 years old, are to be recommended.

An effort will be made, says a New York exchange, to eliminate in the book of prayer reference to Jews. A substitute phrase for that linking Jews with "Turks, infidels and heretics," which has been uttered for 370 years, will be offered by Rev. Dr. Charles Lewis Slattery of New York city, chairman of the joint committee on revision of the prayer book. The substitute suggested asks for mercy for "all who know thee not as revealed in the gospel of thy son."

The New York Sunday Times of July 30 said the following concerning the convention:

"The local bishops and clerical and lay deputies to the triennial general convention of the Episcopal church, which will be held in Portland, Or., beginning September 6, have received a letter from the Sanctity of Marriage association petitioning them to outlaw the remarriage of any divorced person under any circumstances during the life of the other party to the divorce. This is what the Roman Catholic church does. At present the Episcopal church permits the remarriage of the innocent party when the divorce has been granted for adultery if certain conditions are met.

"The communication also petitions the members of the coming convention to indorse formally the bill offered by Senator Wesley Jones of Washington for an amendment to the constitution permitting congress to enact federal statutes on marriage and divorce. The letter says it cannot be expected that the United States government 'will or can adopt the high standard of the church, but that almost anything to relieve 'the present national disgrace' is better than the present chaos in '49 states.'

"The president of the Sanctity of Marriage association is the Rev. Dr. Milo H. Gates, vicar of the Chapel of the Intercession, Trinity parish, this city. The Rev. Dr. Walter Gynne of Summit, N. J., is secretary. Its membership is composed of communicants of the Episcopal church.

"In the Roman Catholic church there is no such thing as divorce. A priest under no circumstances can perform a wedding ceremony for any man or woman whose partner in a former marriage is still living. When certain conditions exist a wedding can be annulled by the Vatican just as by the state. The Episcopal church for many years had a similar law, but during the last century it was amended to read as follows:

"'No minister, knowingly after due inquiry, shall solemnize the marriage of any person who has been or is the husband or the wife of any other person then living, from whom he or she has been divorced for any cause arising after marriage. But this canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for adultery; provided that before the application for such remarriage a period of not less than one year shall have elapsed after the granting of such divorce; and that satisfactory evidence touching the facts in the case, including a copy of the court's decree and record, if practicable, with proof that the defendant was personally served or appeared in the action, be laid before the ecclesiastical authority, and such ecclesiastical authority, having taken legal action thereon, shall have declared in writing that in his judgment the case of the applicant conforms to the requirements of this canon; and provided, further, that it shall be within the discretion of any minister to decline to solemnize any marriage.'"

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The pessimism of the critics who are proclaiming that the church is losing its hold upon the people is gainsaid by facts now available concerning the achievements of the past year, declares a report made by Rev. Charles L. Goodell, secretary of the federal council's commission on evangelism and life service, on the basis of information which has been received from several denominations and from various cities throughout the country.

It is the custom of the commission on evangelism to collect data from authoritative denominational sources as soon as possible after the special Easter ingathering. The present report represents the most recent information upon the increases in the membership of the Protestant churches and is later than any hitherto published.

The report follows:

"The Congregational church records, for the year ending May, 1922, a total of 78,285 new members, 42,875 of these having been received on confession of faith. This is a net gain over deaths and removals of 19,046—the largest gain in all their history. The net gain for the preceding year was 10,959.

"The Disciples of Christ report the reception of approximately 125,000, 75,000 of these being on confession of faith. This is a net gain of about 35,000. The Disciples' commission on evangelism estimates that fully 75 per cent of their churches with pastors held at least a week of special evangelistic services during the year, and declares that last Easter Sunday was the greatest single day for additions to church membership in their history.

"In the case of the Methodist Episcopal church, whose statistics are dependent upon reports of both spring and fall conferences, it is not now possible to give the final statement. For the calendar year 1921 the net gain was 92,301. For the last decade the net gain was 1,255,691. In the Methodist Episcopal church South the net gain in membership for the year 1921 was 82,216. For the quadrennium 1918-1922 there was a net gain of 162,093—the largest gain recorded in any quadrennium in the history of the church.

"The commission on evangelism of the Northern Baptist convention states that about 90,000 baptisms were reported at their convention in June. When to this number is added those received by letter, a very large increase in membership is indicated.

"The Presbyterian church in the United States reports for the year ending March 31, 1922, a gross gain of 149,778, including 93,259 on confession of faith, 62,224 by letter, 11,195 restored to membership. This is a net gain of 34,537. The Presbyterian church in the United States (South) records for 1921 a total increase of 42,258, of whom 24,369 were received on confession of faith. The net gain for the Southern Presbyterians is 20,541.

"The United Presbyterian church received in 1921 22,892, of whom 10,356 were on confession of faith. This is an increase of more than 5000 over the figures for the preceding year. The Reformed church in the United States had 24,542 additions, with a net gain of 2708.

"The Protestant Episcopal church reports for 1921 59,706 confirmed, with a net gain of 15,787. The record of the United Brethren shows an increase of 41,164, of which number 31,658 were received on confession of faith. The net gain for the year is 13,222.

"Five years' meeting of the Friends shows a net gain of 424 for 1921 as against a loss of 239 the year before. The Moravians report a gross gain of 1718 with a net increase of 323. The Seventh Day Adventist churches received, in 1921, 274 new members.

"Other churches from which definite reports have not yet been received will undoubtedly show similar results.

"Of particular significance are the reports from some of the leading cities of the country where special pre-Easter campaigns were held simultaneously by the churches of the community.

"Pittsburg, Pa., reports from 357 churches 15,357 additions. The estimated total for Pittsburg is 34,474. From Detroit, Mich., comes the report that 264 churches averaged 108 receptions during the year ending May 1, with an estimated total of between 25,000 and 26,000 for the city.

"Chicago has a record of 37,320 new additions—an increase of 12,000 based on the total church membership of approximately 300,000. Nearly two-thirds of the additions reported were on confession of faith.

"In St. Louis, Mo., the 19 denominations which have reported for the year ending at Easter had 10,781 additions, an increase of more than 1000 over the preceding year. At Indianapolis, Ind., the reception of new members is conservatively estimated at 10,000.

"In Cincinnati, Ohio, 85 churches report an addition of 2834. In Buffalo, N. Y., 29 churches report 5484 accessions for the year ending in May. In Baltimore, Md., 144 churches report 3249 received at Easter time. Washington, D. C., had over 2000 additions in the white churches during the pre-Easter period. Norfolk, Va., reports 583 in the Easter period from 20 churches, more than half of the churches of the city not having yet been reported. At Youngstown, Ohio, 1800 new members were received between the beginning of the year and Easter.

"In Sacramento, Cal., 26 churches received between Easter, 1921, and Easter, 1922, a total of 1241—a net gain of over 900, a gain of 14 per cent for the year. This is probably the greatest percentage of increase in any of the large cities.

"In Portland, Or., according to reports at present available, there was a pre-Easter reception of about 3600. In Seattle, Wash., the 12 denominations which have thus far reported had an ingathering of 3829 between January and May, 1922."

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President Pennington of Pacific college, Newberg, will be the speaker at Laurelhurst park this evening at 8 o'clock. Two duets will be rendered by W. H. Downing and John G. Kilpack. Mr. Kilpack will have charge of the congregational singing.

Dr. W. G. Light, M. D., of the Kenton Presbyterian church, will speak at the Forestry building park at 7:15 o'clock. Special music will be furnished by a mixed quartet.

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At Peninsula park today at 4 P. M., Rev. Mr. Blair, pastor of the Congregational church, Forest Grove, will speak. Special music is planned for the occasion. Fine interest prevails in these vesper services. Dr. Burnett of Canada was heard by a large audience last Sunday.

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The dedication of the Cloverdale Mission church will take place today at 10 o'clock. The Most Rev. Archbishop Christie will officiate. Large crowds are expected for the gathering from Salem, Mt. Angel, McMinnville, Hillsboro, Portland, Tillamook and the Bay City territory. In the afternoon all are invited to visit the best coast resort, Pacific City, for a carnival and other features. Mt. Angel band will give a concert, assisted by talented artists, the feature of the afternoon being an address by the well-known orator Dudley G. Woolen, ex-congressman, of Texas. The committee has spared no pains to take care of the crowds. There will be an old-fashioned barbecue and clambake.

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The Western Norwegian Danish Methodist church conference will meet in Portland September 20, and will be presided over by Bishop Wesley Burns. All sessions will be conducted at the Vancouver Avenue Norwegian Danish Methodist church. Representatives are expected to attend from several western states.

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The Jerry Jeter evangelistic party, consisting of Rev. Jerry Jeter, general evangelist, and Mrs. Jerry Jeter, missionary evangelist, of the Methodist Episcopal church South, will begin an evangelistic campaign under the auspices of the Portland Methodist Episcopal church South, in a tabernacle to be erected by the congregation of the church on the vacant lot next to the church at Union avenue and Wasco street.

Rev. and Mrs. Jeter are regular evangelists working under authority of the Southern Methodist church. They have had many years' experience in their work and have been instrumental in helping hundreds of people to a better life.

Rev. Jeter will arrive in Portland tomorrow to superintend the work of erecting the tabernacle. Sunday, August 20, Bishop DuBose, resident bishop in this area, will dedicate the tabernacle at 11 A. M. There will be preaching at 3 and 8 P. M. the same day.

After preaching here Bishop DuBose will leave for La Grande and preach there Monday night. Wednesday, August 23, he will open the northwest conference at Milton, Or.

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The August meeting of the superintendents and workers' union of the Baptist Sunday schools of the city will be held at the Lents Baptist church Tuesday night, August 15. The regular fellowship supper will be served at 6:30, followed by the meeting at 7:30. A special programme has been arranged and a large attendance is expected from all Baptist churches of the city.

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One of the outstanding events of the general convention of the Episcopal church will be a gigantic children's missionary service in the municipal auditorium Sunday, September 10, at 3 o'clock.

At the meeting of a special educational committee Wednesday preliminary plans for the celebration were arranged and a decision made to hold a similar service for the young people. To perfect plans for the later meeting all the city clergy and one person from each Young People's society is requested to attend a luncheon in the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria next Wednesday at 6:30 P. M. At last Wednesday's meeting it was suggested that the young people might have a corporate communion and a large mass meeting.

The committee decided to request Bishop Peter T. Rowe of Alaska to address the children, and at some time during the service to present him with a birthday offering for his mission work in the far north. The offering will be raised by each child in the diocese bringing a penny for every year of his age.

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"The chief hope for effective action on the part of the American government in the matter of protection of the Armenians and other Christian minorities in the near east lies in the creation of a great tide of public opinion, and the chief hope for creating such public opinion lies in the churches," declares Samuel McCrea Calvert, a general secretary of the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America, in a lengthy article.

"America is probably the one country which today has sufficient power and prestige to prevent the continuance of the atrocities against the Christian minorities in the near east," says Mr. Calvert. "At least the nations of Europe are not likely to take effective action without the moral support of America. According to latest reports, the proposal for an official investigation by British, French, Italian and American governments into the reported atrocities has now been given up. Are we so incased in insular provincialism that we do not feel our solidarity with our fellowmen in the near east, to say nothing of their being our own blood-brothers in Christ?"

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CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Episcopal church is about to publish a book which is expected to bring returns amounting to more than $21,000,000. It is the "Survey," or budget which will be presented at the triennial general convention of the church, which meets at Portland in September.

The survey will explain in detail the missionary, educational and social service works of the Episcopal church, both in the United States and in foreign lands, which call for the support of the church for the next three years. Besides the $21,000,000 budget there are several lists of "priority" askings for advance projects. One of these is for $1,000,000 for building projects in the various church colleges.

The general convention also will be asked to change title of the present governing body from the "presiding bishop and council" to "national council" and that of the "department of the nation-wide campaign" to "field department."

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ESTACADA, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The concluding conference of the church year was held in the Methodist Episcopal church at Estacada, under the direction of the Rev. W. W. Youngson, D. D., district superintendent, who preached a masterly sermon at the morning service. A basket dinner followed and then the conference. The parish was found in excellent condition and the pastor, Rev. A. F. Lacy, received a unanimous call to return for the next year.

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The Society for Spreading the Knowledge of True Prayer, as organized by F. L. Rawson, will meet in room 405 Fleidner building, Tenth and Washington streets, Monday at 8 P. M., when the subject is "Life Understood," and Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

The diocesan executive committee is supervising arrangement of all plans for the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America to be held in Portland, September 6-23. Left to right—Dean Vincent, general chairman; Dr. S. E. Josephi, vice-chairman; John W. Lethaby, executive secretary; Dr. H. C. Fixott, chairman of the entertainment committee.

"Strength of Stillness," Dr. Burnett's Subject.

Calgary Pastor Will Preach at First Baptist Church.

AT the First Baptist church (White Temple), Twelfth and Taylor streets, Rev. Christopher Burnett, D. D., pastor of the Crescent Heights Baptist church of Calgary, Alberta, will occupy the pulpit again today. He was well received last Sunday. In the morning his subject will be "The Strength of Stillness." At 8 o'clock he will preach on the topic, "The Best Drinking Water in the World." Walter Jenkins will lead the singing and sing solos at both services.

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Grace Baptist church, through the month of August, will have Rev. Charles J. Waehlte, who in the morning will preach on II Col. 2. In the evening his subject will be "Prophecy," Dan. 5, using his chart.

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Dr. W. B. Hinson, pastor of the East Side Baptist church, will occupy his pulpit at both services today. At 11 o'clock Dr. Hinson will preach from the subject "The Doctrine of Baptism." At 7:45 the theme will be "The Lord's Return." All of the services of this church are maintained as usual during the summer months.

The mid-week service Wednesday night at 7:45 will be conducted by Dr. Hinson, who will speak from the topic "If Christ Should Come Tomorrow."

The young people of the church hold their meeting in the lower hall at 6:30. Donald Hood will have charge of the service, taking for the subject "Can God Do Without Me?" All young people are especially invited.

The women of the church and congregation will picnic in Laurelhurst park on Thursday, August 17. A picnic luncheon will be served at noon and at 2 o'clock Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh will speak to the women concerning the "W. C. T. U. Children's Farm Home."

Hood River Pastor to Fill Dr. McElveen's Pulpit.

Rev. Mr. Boddy Will Officiate Both Morning and Night.

THE Rev. William H. Boddy, pastor of the Riverside Community church of Hood River, will preach at both services at the First Congregational church today. In the morning his subject will be "A Plea for the Priceless" and in the evening "Paths to Peace." Mr. Boddy was formerly a student and later a member of the faculty at Reed college. He is now pastor of one of the most progressive churches of the state. He is a frequent speaker at college and university gatherings. He will give the convocation address at Whitman college in September.

Granville Morgan, tenor, will be the soloist. In the morning he will sing:

"God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" ..... Cara Roma
"Teach Me to Pray" ..... Jewett

And in the evening:

"The Shepherd of the Fold" .... Bernard
"It Was for Me" ..... Burnont

George Baker will be the organist and will prelude both services with brief recitals.

Walter Huntington will give a lecture on "Characters of the New Testament" at the Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. This lecture will be illustrated with a number of pictures.

The Golden Rule forum meets in the pastor's study at 12:30 noon. The topic for discussion is, "Can the Good Samaritan Sidestep Politics?" H. E. Lee is the leader.

Dudley Kleist will lead the Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 o'clock. The topic is "Pride and Humility."

Thursdy night Rev. T. F. Murphy will lead the regular midweek prayer meeting. His topic is "The Origin of a Great Revival."

Dr. McElveen preached in Worcester, Mass., July 30. At that service a number of Christian Endeavor leaders who were part of a group of 150 young folk whom Dr. and Mrs. McElveen helped guide through northern Europe a number of years ago were present.

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The Atkinson Memorial Congregational church, East Everett and 29th streets, has a one-service programme today. At 10:30 the children will gather and at 11 the adults will unite in worship. Sunday school and worship will be conducted by Mr. Charles A. Eastman. A three-quarter of an hour worship, the evangelistic meeting, which will be held in October.

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Norman F. Coleman, president of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, will occupy the pulpit today at 10:30 A. M. at the Church of Our Father (Unitarian), Broadway and Yamhill.

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The Young People's society formerly of St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral will hold their regular weekly meeting in room "A" of the public library at 6:30 P. M. The Rev. R. T. T. Hicks will be the principal speaker.

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The morning sermon at St. David's parish church, East Twelfth and Belmont streets, will be on "What the General Convention Does," being the second in a series of sermons on the general convention. In the evening the congregation will rehearse some of the hymns to be sung at the general convention. The school meets at 9:30 A. M. The holy communion will be celebrated at 7:30 and 9:30. Miss Anna Lund is substituting at the organ during the absence of the choirmaster, Tom G. Taylor.

"Contagion of Character" Is Mr. Griffis' Topic.

First Christian Church to Meet at Lincoln Auditorium.

IN THE First Christian church service this morning at 11 o'clock at the auditorium of the Lincoln high school, Rev. Harold H. Griffis will speak on the two kinds of influence which every man carries through life, having for his specific theme, "The Contagion of Character."

The Bible school, which meets at 9:45 A. M., under the superintendence of E. Earl Feike, is continuing through the summer weeks with its regular schedule for the various classes and departments.

The music for worship will include the anthem, "The Spirit in Our Hearts" (Shelley), also the offertory solo, "Like as a Father" (Lansing), by Billie Frances Fennimore.

A special feature of the senior Christian Endeavor meeting in the evening at 6:30 will be a joint debate on the following proposition: "Resolved, That the compulsory education bill now before the people of Oregon should be supported by all Christian citizens." Miss Hulda Faust and Miss Jessie Bragg will uphold the affirmative and Robert Clifford and Russell Hendricks will defend the negative.

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At the Kern Park Christian church, Forty-sixth avenue and Sixty-ninth street, Dr. J. F. Ghormley will speak at 11 A. M., taking for his theme, "The Christian Jew." At 7:45 P. M. he will speak on "The Christ We Forget." The music, under the direction of Mrs. May Vall Billingslew, with Mrs. H. G. Hall, accompanist, will be a special feature at both services.

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The morning service at the East Side Christian church, East Twelfth and Taylor streets, will be featured this morning by a sermonette by Master Tom Galbraith, a reading by Master R. Tibbs Maxey Jr. and a duet, "The Touch of His Hand on Mine," sung by the two boys. These special features will precede the sermon by the pastor, Rev. Walter Scott Crockett, whose subject will be "Heavenly Service for Earthly Reward." In the evening Rev. Mr. Crockett will speak on "Rich Burden Bearers."

Mrs. Harold Moore will lead the senior Christian Endeavor meeting at 7 P. M., and Miss Gladys Pennington will lead the intermediate Christian Endeavor meeting. The Loyal Bereans Bible school class of young people will consider the Endeavor topic in the morning class. The young people lately have been given a new room for the study period. All young people living adjacent to the church who are not in attendance upon any other class are invited by the Loyal Bereans to become members of their class.

The Thursday-night prayer meeting will continue in preparation for

World-Wide Church Union and Creed Step Nearer.

Report on Movement Prepared for Episcopal Convention.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Church union and the possibility of all Christendom recognizing one creed appear to be a step nearer they they have for many centuries, according to a report of the commission on the world conference on faith and order which will be submitted to the general convention of the Episcopal church in Portland, Or., next month.

The report announces there will be a meeting in Washington, D. C., in May, 1925, of delegates from nearly 100 denominations, from a score of countries, to discuss the possibilities of Christian union. This will be a reconvention of the body which met in Geneva in 1920. Of this gathering the report says "deep differences were manifested but all were convinced that great progress can be made." At the Washington conference all the denominations present at Geneva are expected, including Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Czek, Armenian, Disciples, Eastern Orthodox Friends, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and reformed churches. Before the conference meets the committee suggests that fundamental questions shall be discussed as follows:

1. What degree of unity in faith will be necessary in a reunited church?
2. Is a statement of this one faith in the form of a creed necessary or desirable?
3. If so, what creed should be used? or what other formulary would be desirable?
4. What are the proper uses of a creed and of a confession of faith?

"Until Christians are agreed as to what the church is and the place and function of a creed," the report continues, "it seems futile to take up others. It has been well said that there is one church which has not something of value to give to its sister churches or to receive from them. If we believe that, let us test its truth."

At Geneva it was proposed that special commissions should be created for the study of dogmatic, historical and liturgical questions, and those concerning ministerial orders and authorities, affecting the differences between Christian communions, and that negotiations should be opened between related communions for closer fellowship as a step toward the goal of complete union.

The eastern orthodox churches are now very hopeful as to the world conference.

An encyclical letter of the Holy Orthodox Eastern church of Constantinople was issued in 1920, urging the promotion of closer relations of friendship among the churches, and to that end (a) the acceptance of a uniform calendar, (b) the exchange of brotherly letters, (c) a more friendly intercourse between the representatives of the various churches, (d) an intercourse between theological schools and the exchange of theological and ecclesiastical periodicals, (e) the exchange of students between the seminaries of different churches, (f) the convening of pan-Christian conferences to examine questions of a common interest, (g) impartial and historical examination of doctrinal differences, (h) mutual respect for the customs and usages prevailing in each church, (i) mutual permission for the use of places of prayer and of cemeteries, (j) the settlement of the question of mixed marriages and (k) the mutual support of the churches in the work of strengthening religious belief, of charity and the like. A favorable reply was made to this communication.

Dr. G. M. Beeler to Conduct United Brethren Service.

Evening Service to Be in Charge of B. J. Clark, Pastor.

THE morning service at the First United Brethren church, Fifteenth and East Morrison streets, will be conducted by Dr. G. M. Beeler. The evening service will be in charge of the pastor, Dr. B. J. Clark. Special music will feature both services.

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The pastor of the Second United Brethren church, Twenty-seventh and Sumner streets, is on his vacation and in his absence Rev. B. E. Emerick will have charge of the services. The choir will render special service in song.

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Rev. B. Ross Evans, pastor of the Fourth United Brethren church, Tremont station, will preach in the morning on "Repentance," and in the evening on "Where Is He?"

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Dr. Stephens, field secretary of the national reform bureau, will give an address in the auditorium of the Kellogg school, Sixty-eighth street and Powel Valley road, on the evening of August 16. The public is invited. This lecture is under the auspices of the brotherhood of the Third United Brethren church.

Rev. Dr. Close to Preach at First Methodist.

"Our Master's Programme," Topic of Sermon This Morning.

DR. RAY E. CLOSE, executive secretary of the Portland Council of Churches, will occupy the pulpit of the First Methodist church at both services today. In the morning, at 11 o'clock, he will preach on "Our Master's Programme," and in the evening, at 7:45, on "The Secret of a Strong Man's Power." Robert T. Blair, precentor and soloist for the month of August, will sing.

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The pastor of the Rose City Park Methodist Episcopal church, Dr. C. W. Huett, who has been in the east during the last month on a vacation, the pulpit being supplied by visiting brethren meanwhile, will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening. In the morning the theme will be "The Sleeping Sickness," and in the evening at 8 o'clock, "The Call of the Gospel." At the official board meeting held last Monday evening plans looking to considerable improvement of the present property were perfected and details for the erection of the new church building were discussed and within the very near future aggressive action will be taken. The present building will stand just as it is until the first unit of the new additions is built.

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At Woodlawn Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. J. H. Irvine, will take for his morning subject, "The Hosanna Day and Its Meanings." The evening forum will discuss "Savonarola, the Firebrand." Special musical programme, vocal and instrumental. Fine interest and attendance is maintained in our unique evening service.

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"But Gallio Cared for None of These Things, But Sosthenes Did," will be the subject of the Sunday morning sermon in the Clinton Kelly Memorial Methodist Episcopal church when the Rev. E. Sutton Mace will preach. He will speak about the things Gallios and Sosthenes care for. In the evening at 8 o'clock he will preach in the Westmoreland chapel, at Milwaukie street and South avenue. The Bible schools convene at 9:45 A. M.

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Dr. H. C. Jennings, one of the leaders of American Methodism, will speak this morning at Centenary Wilbur Methodist church. In the evening there will be an interpretation of "Ben Hur," given by readers of national reputation. Mr. and Mrs. William Morton Rasmus.

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At the Vancouver Avenue Norwegian Danish Methodist church, corner Vancouver avenue and Skidmore streets, the pastor, Gustava Storaker, will preach at 11 o'clock this morning on the text "Clothed With Power From on High." The evening service, at 7:30, is in English.

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"The Peacemakers" will be the subject discussed by the pastor at the First Norwegian-Danish M. E. church Sunday at 11 A. M. At 8 P. M. "Men's Misdeeds God's Chance", will be the topic. The usual young people's meeting Wednesday night with good programme and refreshments. Thursday night at 7:45 the Rev. C. August Peterson, who has just returned from a nine months' tour through Norway and Denmark, will give a lecture on his tour. He is a very entertaining speaker and all Scandinavians should come and hear him.

Christian Social Service Is Urged on Episcopalians.

Pursuit of Self-Interest Is Held Wrong in Church Affairs.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—A fundamental change "in the spirit and working of our social and industrial life" is necessary to restore the world to peace and order, according to a declaration of social service principles which has been adopted by the national council of the Episcopal church. The declaration has been recommended for adoption as the fixed policy of the church" by the Episcopal general convention, which will meet at Portland, Or., September 6. The fundamental change proposed can only be effected, according to the declaration, "by accepting as the basis of all our relations the principle of co-operation in service for the common good, in place of unrestricted competition for private or sectional advantage."

A definition of the meaning of social service, and a platform embodying that definition, were adopted at a recent meeting of the department of Christian social service of the national council, and by that body referred to the national council, which has now given them its indorsement with the recommendation that they be approved by the national church. The declaration is as follows:

Christian social service means the application of the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the relations into which men and women are brought, whether in government, industry, social or political life.

It means definite obedience, by all who bear the Christian name and accept the Christian religion, to Christ's law of duty toward one's neighbor—a neighbor being every person, whether living near or far away, with whom one can establish the relationship of service.

We understand the Christian religion to have a larger meaning and field than has been commonly recognized and that its message concerns justice and righteousness, fairness and the application of the golden rule to all men and by all men, in whatever position or relation in life they may be. We understand that a position of any advantage conferred by material means, education, social or official position, carries with it responsibility toward those with whom one has to deal and forgetfulness of such responsibility means the disobedience of the law of God.

The church must serve all people, the unprivileged and the privileged alike, and must continue to stand for mercy, charity and compassion toward those who are in trouble; but beyond that it must stand for social justice, remembering that Jesus Christ died for all and that one soul is in his sight, and should be in the sight of his disciples, as precious as another.

Those who are in positions in business, professions or any calling in life where they have the service of others, whether as wage-earners or in any other relation, should recognize the right of the employed to full opportunity for self-development. The welfare of human life should be emphasized above the value of property. Wages sufficient for a wholesome living should be the return for efficient service and the more that can be done in making the employer and the employed partners in business with a feeling of common and friendly interest and mutual service, the better.

We understand that Christian social service means following the example of the master, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to mean obedience to the law of God, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," and it is our work to bring the members of the church to realize this and so to fill out the ideal of Christ toward humanity.

The national council recommends to the general convention that in the name of the church it take action as follows:

Resolved, That in sympathy with the resolutions of the Lambeth conference of 1920 we desire to emphasize our conviction that the pursuit of mere self-interest, whether individual or corporate, will never bring healing to the wounds of society. It should be recognized as an outstanding and pressing duty to the church to convince its members of the necessity of nothing less than a fundamental change in the spirit and working of our social and industrial life. This change can only be effected by accepting as the basis of all our relations the principle of co-operation in service for the common good in place of unrestricted competition for private or sectional advantage.

Resolved, further, That in obedience to Christ's teaching as to covetousness and self-seeking, the general convention calls upon all members of his church to be foremost both by personal action and sacrifice in maintaining the superiority of the claims of human life to those of property. To this end it would emphasize the duty which is laid upon all Christians of putting human values first, of avoiding extravagance and waste, and of upholding a high standard of honor and thoroughness in work. In a word, they must set an example in subordinating the claim for rights to the call of duty.

"Soul" Is Today's Subject of Scientists.

Churches Will Hold Regular Service at 11 o'Clock.

"SOUL" is the subject of the lesson-sermon in Christian Science churches today.

Churches of Christ, Scientist, will hold regular Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock today. The evening service is held at 8 o'clock in First and Sixth churches, all other churches having dispensed with the evening service during August.

Pupils are admitted into the Sunday school up to the age of 20. The sessions convene in all churches at 9:45 and 11 except Third and Fifth, where the sessions are held at 9:30 and 11.

Testimonial meetings are held in all churches Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Reading rooms for the public are maintained at 1132 Northwestern Bank building, 33 North Third street, 133 North Sixth street, and 148 Killingsworth avenue, where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read or purchased.

The churches are located as follows:

First church, Nineteenth and Everett streets; Second church, East Sixth street and Holladay avenue; Third church, East Twelfth and Salmon streets; Fourth church, Vancouver avenue and Emerson street; Fifth church, 4224 Sixty-second street Southeast; Sixth church, Pythian building, 388 Yamhill street; Seventh church, 403 Smith avenue, St. Johns.

An invitation to attend the church services and visit the reading rooms is extended to the public.

Dr. Tully to Preach at the Presbyterian Church.

"The Risen and Glorified Christ" to Be Morning Topic.

"THE RISEN AND GLORIFIED CHRIST" will be the subject of the morning service today at the First Presbyterian church when Dr. Norman K. Tully will preach. His evening subject will be "An Ancient Pilgrim's Progress."

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At Central Presbyterian church, East Thirteenth and Pine, the Rev. Alexander R. Evans of Arbor Lodge Presbyterian church will occupy the pulpit. His topic at the 11 o'clock service will be "The Sovereignty of God."

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Rev. J. Ross Evans, pastor of Fourth United Brethren church, will be the speaker at the Men's Resort meeting today at 4 P. M. This will be Mr. Evans' first appearance here and a large crowd is expected. Mrs. Judge will be soloist and gospel songs will be sung off the screen. Alice Johnson will be pianist and R. Desmond song leader. These downtown church meetings are open to everybody.

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Piedmont Presbyterian church has obtained the services of Rev. P. O. Bonebrake during the vacation of the regular pastor. The Rev. Mr. Bonebrake has chosen as his topic for this morning "Christ, the True Light."

In the afternoon the church will participate in the Peninsula park services at 4 o'clock.

Revision of Episcopalian Burial Rites Advocated.

Sentiment Expressed in Office Declared Out of Harmony.

EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Declaring that "sentiment should make us reverent but not make us cowards," Dr. George Craig Stewart, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Evanston, favors a revision of the office of the burial of dead used by the denomination, in an article in the current issue of The Living Church.

The statement was inspired by the report of the church's committee on revision of the Book of Common Prayer.

"Sentiment shrinks from touching a form of service hallowed as this one is by centuries of use," Dr. Stewart said, in discussing the burial service. "There is woven into every phrase the tenderest, most solemn memories and to disturb a single word suggests desecration. Kings and peasants, bishops and laymen, aged saints and innocent babes have been buried with this service.

"Any change made in the burial office must be made with delicate hands, with sensitive awareness of 'the mystic chords of memory stretching from every word of it to almost every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land.'

"And yet the office needs revision. There are mistranslations of Scripture which must not be perpetuated; there are gruesome infelicities of speech which ought to be corrected, and there are arid waste places in the service which should be made to blossom with comfort and good cheer. The commission on revision has done its work with reverence and good taste and most of the proposed office has already been adopted by the house of deputies.

Two prayers for the dead are provided. How pathetic that we should have to record this as a new or distinctive enrichment of the church's office for burial of her dead. As if the church had ever denied this deep instinct of man who cannot cease to pray for his dear departed just because they have passed out of sight.

Baptists Seek to Eradicate Skepticism From Books.

Southern Church Takes Steps to Protect Word of God.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Complying with the instruction of the southern Baptist convention, the education board has named a committee to make an effort to locate Christian scholars who are competent to write first-class books in the various sciences that will not "seek to discredit the Christian conception of the Bible as the inerrant word of God."

The committee consists of Drs. W. C. James, corresponding secretary; A. R. Bond, editorial secretary; J. E. Dillard, former acting corresponding secretary and present pastor of the Southside Baptist church; J. C. Stivender and Mrs. J. C. Sharps, all of this city.

The education board, carrying out another order of the convention, has named a commission on standardization for southern Baptist schools. It organized with the election of M. B. Adams, president of Georgetown college, Georgetown, Ky., as chairman, and Dr. A. R. Bond of this city as secretary.

The commission will seek to bring all of the 120 Baptist schools in the south up to the best standards adopted by the educational world in the matter of curricula, faculties, equipment and endowment in the course of the next few years. It will also urge upon the denomination a fuller financial support of the schools to make the attainment of these standards possible.

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At the First Divine Science church, 816 East Clay street, near corner of East Twenty-fifth (take Hawthorne avenue cars), Rev. T. M. Minard will speak Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "Religion." Mrs. Fraser will sing a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Louis Philley. The mid-week meetings are intermitted until the first Thursday evening in September, when Rev. Mr. Minard will give the opening lesson in an advanced course of lessons in divine science.

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At 55 East Forty-seventh street North, corner East Couch street, the Independent Bible Spiritualistic society and church will give a lecture at 8 o'clock tonight, through their talented and gifted pastor, the Rev. Mrs. Ida M. Schorl. The topic will be announced at the meeting. A weekly meeting is held every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for all those interested in messages.

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At the Mystic Church of Bethesda, located at 409 Alder street, near Eleventh (upper hall), services will be conducted tonight at 8 o'clock by Rev. W. W. Aber, who will deliver a discourse upon a selected subject, and later during the evening will follow a "trumpet demonstration." A popular feature of the evening will be a vocal and a musical solo.

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The First Spiritualist church, East Seventh and Hassalo streets, will have a special programme tonight in addition to the regular services at 8 o'clock. J. Willard Hills, pastor, will lecture on the subject of "The Evolution of Spiritualism." Messages will be given by Mrs. Anna Lee Snyder, the blind medium, and Mrs. Irene Marcho of San Diego, Cal. Solos will be sung by Mrs. Snyder and possibly one or two others. "Grand circle night" every Wednesday at 8 o'clock, which is devoted entirely to messages.

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No services will be held today at the Clay street Evangelical church on account of the denominational campmeeting at Jennings lodge. The speaker at this camp meeting and convention is Rev. E. W. Praetorius of Cleveland, O., general secretary of the Sunday school and the Young People's Alliance of the denomination in the United States. He will speak at 10:45, 3, and at 8 o'clock. Mr. Praetorius was one of the speakers of the International Sunday school convention at Kansas City. This coming week the Sunday school and Young People's Alliance conventions will convene from Wednesday till Sunday, and the campmeeting will close next Sunday, August 20. Services at the Clay street church will begin again August 27.

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Rev. Edgar Strocher, general secretary of Christian Endeavor in China, will speak on young people's work in China, Tuesday, August 15, at 8 P. M. at the Clay street Evangelical church. Mr. and Mrs. Strocher are noted missionaries and have served for a number of years in China among the young people. They have been home on furlough for a year and will sail again for China the early part of next week.

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Trinity Lutheran church will worship at 10:15 in the English language. The church is situated at Ivy street and Rodney avenue. Take any car running on Williams or Union avenue and get off on Ivy.

Clean Coal Demanded.

"The cost of commercially clean coal is so slight in comparison with the increase in value to the consumer that cleaning should be insisted on in all cases," E. B. Ricketts told the American society for testing materials, meeting at Atlantic City, N. J., in an address in which he discussed "A Rational Basis for Coal Purchase Specifications." "Coal as it occurs in the ground," he said, "is not a pure substance, but contains veins or pockets of foreign substances which if allowed to remain in the coal materially decrease its value to the consumer. To a considerable extent these foreign substances can be removed by the installation of suitable apparatus at the mine. The apparatus necessary to remove the larger impurities, such as sulphur balls, parting veins and portions of the roof and floor is slight. In many cases, by the use of a more costly system, the percentage of impurities can be still further reduced."