

GREAT CONFERENCE BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Blessing by Bishop Tuttle Ends Episcopal Session.

TRIBUTE PAID PORTLAND

General Conference Is Declared Largest and Most Successful in History of Church.

BISHOPS TO SAIL FOR ORIENT

Rt. Revs. Rogers Graves and John McKim to Return to Posts.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 23.—(Special.) Bishop Frederick Rogers Graves, one of the best known men of China, who has been passing several months in the United States...

Another passenger of prominence is Bishop Rogers Graves, who will return to the orient. Bishop McKim was consecrated a bishop in 1893.

IMPROVEMENT COST UP

ESTIMATE READY ON PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM.

Backers of Parkrose Improvement Compile Statement on Outlay.

A careful compilation of the costs of installation and operation of the proposed Parkrose water system, which the residents of that district will be asked to vote on at special election to be held in the clubhouse September 30, has just been completed by the Parkrose Improvement district.

In the provisions made by the surveying engineers at the direction of the commissioners, it was estimated that the present water system in the district, which is said to be inadequate to supply the needs of the rapidly increasing population, can be purchased for a sum of \$12,480, and this has been included in the \$50,000 bond issue which the residents will be asked to vote upon.

It was also estimated by the board of commissioners that the average monthly bill to each user in the district would be \$2.

J. E. Gratke to Address Grange.

The 1922 exposition committee will be represented at the meeting of the Grove grange at Hood River Monday, at which the proposed amendments to be offered at the November election will be discussed.

Sergeant Powers Relieved.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—Technical Sergeant Thomas R. Powers, who has been ordered to be relieved.

Budget Finally Adopted.

Final and formal action was taken in the morning on the big financial programme for the next triennium. The national council was authorized to apportion the \$19,500,000 budget among the dioceses.

The bishops refused to concur with the house of deputies in authorizing appointment of a joint commission to study the whole question of divorce and report at the next convention. This put a final quietus upon the tendency to continue agitation of the questions of divorce and remarriage.

Efforts to have the church adopt a coat of arms and a flag, were abandoned to be used on official stationery and as a seal by the presiding bishop were thwarted by the house of deputies, which turned down the idea.

Bishop Tuttle Complimented.

Resolutions were adopted thanking presiding officers and secretaries of the two houses, the ushers and those who assisted them and others whose work had not formerly been given such recognition. Such resolutions adopted Friday and yesterday expressed appreciation to the women of Portland who decorated the dining room, the motor corps, the press and publicity department, Bishop Sumner and the people of Oregon and Portland.

The bishops adopted a resolution of thanksgiving for the presence of Presiding Bishop Tuttle. "The members of the house of bishops," it read, "renew their thanksgiving to almighty God that he has vouchsafed to them again the benediction of Bishop Tuttle's presence and the benefit of his counsel, and they pray God to continue his accustomed loving kindness to this his servant, unto his life's end." The first part of the resolution cited the fact that Bishop Tuttle is in his 86th year.

Bishop Still Under Inquiry.

An interesting disclosure of the day's proceedings was the fact that the house of bishops has not dropped investigation of the case of Right Rev. William M. Brown, retired bishop of Arkansas, accused of heretical pronouncements. It developed that a committee of three bishops, to continue probing the case of Bishop Brown, had been appointed. Names of the committee members were withheld on the ground that one of the number had not signified his willingness to serve.

Possibility of a trial for heresy for Bishop Brown evidently still lingers. He now lives at Gallion, O.

BIG THINGS DONE AT CHURCH SESSION

Three-Year Programme Involves \$21,000,000.

CONCORDAT IS APPROVED

Some Groups Disappointed by Failure to Obtain Changes Sought at Convention.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS OF EPISCOPAL GENERAL CONVENTION.

Adopted \$21,000,000 financial programme for next three years.

Approved concordat as step toward unity with Congregationalists.

Approved to sponsor world conference of churches in 1925.

Gave greater measure of approval to "spiritual healing."

Disapproved of omission of women from Holy Communion.

Approved optional use of shortened form of the commandments.

Disapproved of marriage of defectors.

Amended canon to warn communicants against marriage to persons divorced otherwise than church permits.

Practically completed revision of prayer book.

Refused votes for suffragan bishops.

Refused to seat women in house of deputies; to license women as lay readers and to elevate women to diaconate.

Proclaimed against mob violence and certain secret bodies.

Picked New Orleans as 1925 convention city.

In the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church, which concluded a 16-day session in Portland yesterday, affairs of great importance to the 1,500,000 communicants and Sunday school children of this faith were planned and decided.

Through the work of the convention and its auxiliary bodies the Episcopal church was shown to be a highly organized body, well equipped for its mission in the world. Much of the organization and specialization has been worked out in very recent years. Even to many of the churchmen these functions were a revelation of the fact that the Episcopal church is now tackling present-day problems of religious activity with present-day methods.

The general convention, as the legislative body of the church, at its sessions here stood solidly behind the new programme and methods. Certain proposed innovations were rejected, certain advances were considered too modern, yet the progressives marked up some victories.

Seats Denied Women.

Not all legislation and enactments desired by delegates and communicants were advanced, toward inclusion in the constitution, canon and prayer book. Among proposals that marshaled many adherents who felt disappointed in their failure to pass were those to grant votes in the house of bishops to suffragans; to admit women to membership in the church; to make women eligible to become lay readers, and to elevate women to the diaconate.

Strong hopes had arisen that suffragan bishops would win votes in the upper house and that women would win seats in the lower house.

Prayers for the dead were added to the burial service and a greater latitude with regard to funerals for those who commit suicide is to be permitted the clergy.

Some of these prayer book changes can become effective only if approved again at the next triennial convention.

The convention re-elected all members of the national council, administrative body of the church, except Bishop William Lawrence of Massachusetts and F. C. Morison of Milwaukee, both of whom declined re-election. Bishop Thomas P. Gillier of Massachusetts, re-elected president of the council and Lewis B. Franklin was re-elected treasurer.

New Orleans was unanimously selected as the place for the next triennial convention, to be held in October of 1925.

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During debates it was frequently asserted, in both these cases, that failure to extend the franchise would shake the loyalty of those rebuffed.

That, however, was in debate, and the conviction remains that both the suffragans and the women will work loyally and ever during the next triennium and come before the next convention with increased support for their causes.

Another Group Disappointed.

Another group of bishops and churchmen was disappointed because the convention declined to join the federal council of churches of Christ in America. The conservatives had their way in this after many sharp debates, and the church is to continue affiliation with the federation only through its social service department and commission on unity. In taking this action, however, the plan of urging financial support to the federation was approved.

Turning to the many matters given favorable action, one of the first was the proposed expansion of the church. It provides for the expenditure of \$6,000,000 during 1923, \$7,000,000 in 1924 and \$8,000,000 in 1925.

Conference Workers Named.

Another project considered of much importance to the Episcopal church is that of the world conference on faith and order, which was proposed for during the convention. Right Rev. Charles H. Brent, bishop of western New York, was made head of the committee.

A woman delegate to this conference. It is a project in which the ex-chaplain general of the American expeditionary forces in France is being urged to participate. The convention voted \$25,000 a year for expenses of the committee.

Committees having the plans in charge.

Approval of the concordat, under which the Episcopal church and the Congregational churches of the United States is to be made possible, was voted.

Significant were the actions taken on messages from orthodox churches of the near east. Close affiliation and inter-communion with these churches was practically established. Affiliation with the Hungarian Reformed church in the United States was also practically established.

Churchmen consider of importance the resolution adopted which provides that communion must be refused to those who are members of churches which practice the marriage of defectors, which is to be taken up by a special committee.

Declaring Ministry Recognized.

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It adopted a social service creed which declares that "human rights must take precedence over property rights." This proclaimed against war and for arbitration between nations.

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VIRGINIANS PRAISE CITY

SCIONS OF FIRST FAMILIES COURTLY EPISCOPALIANS.

Messrs. Page and Beverly, Laymen and Convention Delegates, Elderly Aristocrats.

There are many "first families of Virginia"—self proclaimed "first families"—but in the history of the old dominion there are few names better known than Page and Beverly.

Two representatives of these houses were visitors at the general convention—Roswell Page of Beaverton and Robert Beverly of Blandfield. All the traditions, all the courtesy, the dignity and the refinement of the old aristocrats of the south are to be seen in these two elderly gentlemen from Virginia.

Mr. Page seems like a page from a book of the past. He lives on a 1000-acre plantation, which has been owned by his fathers for six generations. Many of his present plantation laborers are the slaves and the sons of slaves owned by his father. He is their counselor, their judge, their priest and their court of last resort. Being a lay reader of the church, he conducts religious services, buries the dead and ministers to the sick. On the Page plantation, his associates say, there is no "negro problem." Mr. Page is the "old massa" and is respected as such by his people.

The name of Beverly is one that has been written on the pages of American history. The historic house, Blandfield manor, was built in 1740. The plantation has been the home of the Beverlys for 220 years.

The two elderly men refuse to comment on their past, their family traditions or history. Modestly, they contend, is an integral part of

the makeup of a gentleman from Virginia—sub—your waterfalls beyond the power of description, your women and your daughters—sub—are beautiful. If we were not old men, and attached to the homes of our fathers, Mr. Beverly and I would move to your fair state—sub—for their kind-ness.

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PRAYER BOOK UNCHANGED

REVISION BLOCKED BY LACK OF QUORUM.

Shield and Flag Adopted by Bishops Falls of Approval in House of Deputies.

Lack of a quorum prevented the transaction of any important business at the final session of the house of deputies yesterday. After deputies had protested against the enactment of important prayer-book revisions when only a small number of the house was still in attendance, Dr. C. L. Slattery, secretary of the revision commission, gave up his attempt to secure final approval of the commission's work. A number of matters, not receiving the sanction of this convention, cannot become church laws until 1923.

The idea of a church coat of arms and flag did not meet the approval of the deputies. The shield and flag were adopted by the bishops several days ago, but when presented to the deputies were disapproved.

The prayer-book revision on the ordination service opened the meeting. After Dr.