

## WASHINGTON LETTER

[Special Correspondence.]

With impressive ceremonies, attended by the clergy of the Episcopal church of the diocese and a vast crowd of laymen, the ceremony of breaking the ground for the foundation of Bethlehem chapel of the Holy Nativity of Washington cathedral recently took place on the beautiful site of the proposed edifice.

Not since the cornerstone of the cathedral was formally laid by the late Bishop Satterlee, which was attended by President Roosevelt and clergymen from all over the United States, has a more picturesque religious service been seen in this city.

The chapel is dedicated to the memory of Right Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee, first bishop of Washington.

### Part of Great Cathedral.

The Bethlehem chapel will be an integral and important part of the cathedral. It will be a portion of the crypt directly under the altar of the cathedral and is the foundation of the sanctuary. As such it is properly the first part of the cathedral to be built.

The foundation stone laid by Bishop Satterlee on the feast of St. Michael and All Angels in 1907 is the first stone of the wall which will form the rear wall of the Bethlehem chapel and the substructure of the cathedral altar.

The chapel will be of Norman architecture. It is a small part of the entire cathedral, but will cost \$50,000.

### A Mighty Edifice.

When the last stone shall have been laid the national cathedral will compare well in size and magnificence with the great European cathedrals. The interior will be 450 feet in length, 93 feet in height and 132 feet in breadth. Estimating one person to occupy an area of 19.7 inches square, St. Peter's at Rome would hold 54,000 persons, Milan cathedral 37,000, St. Paul's at London 25,000, Notre Dame at Paris 21,000 and Washington cathedral 27,000.

Ten years ago the forty acre cathedral tract was purchased. The first of the list of ceremonies on the site was the raising of the peace cross Oct. 23, 1898. It is an Ionic cross of stone, twenty feet high, called the peace cross because it commemorated the ending of the war with Spain, and it also celebrated the first meeting in Washington of the general convention of the church.

### A Pulpit From Canterbury.

Near the Iona cross stands the Little Sanctuary, a tiny church with a square tower and a great archway called All-hallows gate. Through this gate can be seen the dome of the capitol across the stretch of the city. The Little Sanctuary is draped by nature with English ivy. Within are many treasures, one of which is the great Canterbury ambo, or pulpit, made of stones from the Canterbury cathedral. The stones were given by the archbishop of Canterbury in memory of Stephen Langton, who led the barons when they forced King John to grant them the Magna Charta. Another beautiful and historic treasure is the cathedra, or bishop's chair, made of stones from Glastonbury abbey, many of them original fragments as they were carved centuries ago. The stones, taken from a part of the abbey which was built in the twelfth century, were, as the inscription on the cathedra says, "given by the churchmen of Glastonbury to the churchmen of America."

### Stones From Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem altar in the Little Sanctuary, which will eventually be placed in the new cathedral, is built of stones that came from Jerusalem and were hewed in the "quarries of Solomon," just inside the Damascus gate. Another historic treasure which stands in the shadows of All-hallows gate is a little tree inclosed with a railing. This tree grew from a branch of a Glastonbury tree.

The interior of the font of the church is lined with stones gathered from the bed of the river Jordan under the supervision of the United States vice consul at Jerusalem at the ford on the road to Damascus near the spot described in tradition as the place where Christ was baptized.

Five years, the architects estimate, will be required to build the cathedral according to Bishop Satterlee's cherished plans.

### Capitol Park Extension.

The project for a magnificent extension of the capitol grounds to the north and northeast from the present limits so as to take in about thirty-eight acres of additional territory has received a long lift at this session toward ultimate realization. It is firmly believed by the men who have long been working to obtain this extension that in a few years at most it will be made possible to carry out the project.

One feature of the development scheme, as is well known, is to build a memorial to Lincoln which shall be one of the world's greatest monuments, as great and striking in its way as the Washington monument or the tomb of the Invalides in Paris.

### Palace For Supreme Court.

But beyond this and beyond the project of greatly extending the Capitol hill park it is in mind to erect another wonderful building for the supreme court which shall be the equal

in beauty and splendor of the library of congress. The latter, universally conceded to be the most beautiful building in the new world and by many called the most magnificent of modern times, is strictly an American production, designed by American architects and executed by American architects, engineers and builders.

Properly to balance off the building scheme of Capitol hill there is demand for another structure which should add one more to the number of architectural show places of the continent.

CARL SCHOFIELD.

### Better Farm Conditions.

The question that is uppermost in the minds of many is "How to better conditions on the farm?"

First, I think one should practice thrift, economy and industry. An industrious and prosperous farmer is known by his surroundings. Strangers passing along the highways see the comfortable homes, and the fences in good condition, the home surrounded by beautiful flowers, could see at a glance that the farmer is prosperous. We should endeavor as far as possible to live close to nature, and surround ourselves with everything that is beautiful.

Beautiful trees, beautiful gardens, beautiful home and above all a beautiful character.

The farmer has the advantage over his city brothers in a good many ways. He has plenty of wholesome food, breathes the fresh, pure air and, in fact, lives as close to nature as anyone could get.

The table is supplied with plenty of fresh laid eggs, and crisp vegetables from the garden, and the chickens at their disposal, fried chicken whenever it is wanted.

In fact, the conditions on the farm are growing better every year. With the telephone, so that social communications are almost as easy and as pleasant as in town, and there is no reason why every farmer should not have one in his home. And the rural free delivery by which your letters and papers can be brought almost to your door. The time is not far off when the electric light will be in almost every farm house, and the phonograph is no longer a luxury—it is a necessity in every home, where there are children to enjoy it, there it belongs as a part of their education and entertainment. Where there are no children, it is equally essential for it takes the place of their merry voices and pleasant laughter, and let me repeat again, "How can we better the conditions on the farm?" We have it here in a very few words. The industrious farmer that knows how to manage his farm and lives up to all the requirements essential to farming and to his spiritual welfare, one that is kind to his hired help and to his children and to the dumb animals that come in contact with him, that man will better his conditions on the farm.—Mrs. H. H. Anders in Portland Journal.

Many road districts are voting special taxes for good roads.

Wheat crop prospects were never better at a year's end in eastern Oregon.

John D. Rockefeller's income or financial gains this year amount, it is said, to \$80,000,000. He can give away a few millions and still be happy, so long as he does not have to pay that fine.

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#### Bewildering France.

There are in France two Bordeaux, the one in the Gironde and a tiny place in the Loiret. There are two Toulouses, the old town in the Haute-Garonne and Toulouse du Jura, a village with 600 inhabitants, near Lons-le-Saunier. There is Tours in Touraine, Balzac's Tours in the Indre-et-Loire and Tours, a village in Savoy, near Albertville. There are seven St. Cyrs, simple St. Cyrs, that is, and twenty-four with something tacked on to them; seven St. Denises and forty-seven with some addition, fourteen St. Germaines and 114 with something tacked on.

#### Great Lovers of Water.

The Siamese are more devoted to the water than any other nation in the world. They are nearly always bathing, generally with their clothes on, and they never go anywhere by land if they can possibly go by water. The streets of Bangkok are like those of Venice, and the inhabitants say that their idea of paradise would be a town with canals where there were currents in both directions, so that they might be spared the effort of rowing.

#### Nice, Easy Job.

The following advertisement recently appeared in an English newspaper: "Man required for demonstration purpose an old English rack (star chamber pattern); would have to be slightly stretched to show how rack worked; man should be short to start with."

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