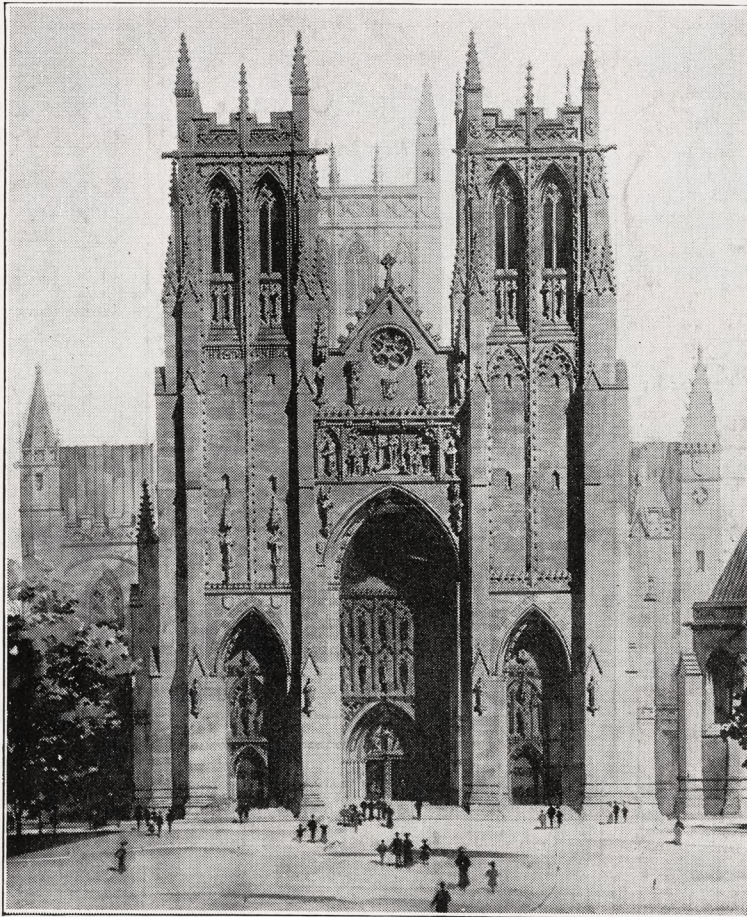


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## NEWS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION

*Reported by*

THE WITNESS STAFF IN WASHINGTON

JUST a word as to the method we have adopted for presenting to you the news of the Convention. Five people are representing the paper in Washington: Mrs. George Biller, Bishop Irving P. Johnson, Mr. George Wickersham, Rev. Frank E. Wilson, and Rev. William B. Spofford. We are pooling our literary efforts under the above heading, thus standing or falling together as far as these news paragraphs are concerned. In addition there will be signed articles giving editorial opinion if, and whenever, any of the staff care to write them.

First, a tribute to the way the Convention is being handled. Trains are not being met in Baltimore, but nobody can get off a train in Washington without being asked if he is attending the Convention, and if yes is the answer, even though he be but a reporter, he is bowed into an automobile and driven to a place to sleep, if he is fortunate enough to have one. There are those here, we understand, who did not make hotel reservations in advance. Just where they are sleeping no one seems to know. Anyhow, don't worry about them—the weather is ideally warm.

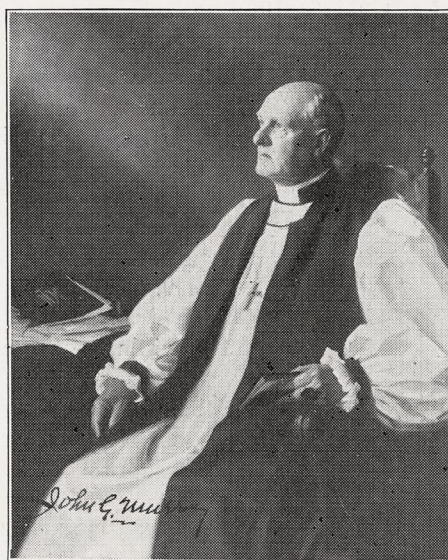
The Convention opened with a magnificent service in the outdoor amphitheatre at the Cathedral, with fully 20,000 people present. A great procession of clergy, hundreds of them, with the Bishops bringing up the rear vested in their purple and their brightly colored hoods, each with a chaplain preceding him, while an orchestra and a choir of 150 voices led the congregation in singing familiar hymns. The chimes

then rang out, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," after which Bishop Casady of Oklahoma read the opening prayers. The Rev. C. L. Pardee, secretary of the House of Bishops read the first lesson—beautifully read, too, though nobody seemed to pay much attention to it, least of all the Bishops, who were busy adjusting themselves to their small camp chairs, and looking over-

head to locate the plane that Mr. Hearst had sent up to get a bird's-eye picture for his dailies. The second lesson, thirteenth of first Corinthians, read by the secretary of the House of Deputies, the Rev. Carroll M. Davis, received the attention it deserved. Bishop John Dallas of New Hampshire finished reading the service; then a hymn, after which Bishop Freeman introduced Mr. Calvin Coolidge, who addressed the congregation, amid the clicking of newspaper-men's cameras and the grinding of movie machines and the droning of the radio announcer's voice as he described the pageant to those on their radios. During it all Colonel Edward Starling, chief of the White House police, walked up and

down to see that everything was as it should be with a congregation that was listening to the President of the United States. President Coolidge was followed by Bishop Anderson of Chicago who delivered the masterful sermon which you read in this paper last week. It was a great pageant, perhaps the finest that has ever opened a Convention of the Episcopal Church.

During it all the work went on with the Cathedral rising over the heads of this great throng of worshippers. A whistle would blow and a great steel arm



BISHOP MURRAY,  
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would swing a huge piece of granite to its place at the top of the mass of stone, with scores of stone masons attending busily to their jobs, apparently oblivious to the service. Those in charge perhaps missed a little detail there—how wonderful it would have been if seats had been reserved for this crew of men, following the Master's trade of building, so that they might have taken part, overalls, dirt and sweat, in this great service. It might have helped them; it would certainly have helped the Episcopal Church to have in that great congregation a handful of men who were called from their toil to attend. As it was, a pageant was being enacted; a magnificent service attended by thousands of finely clothed Episcopalians, and during it all, Labor—Italian hodcarriers and their Negro helpers—went on with their work of building in the Capitol of the Nation a great monument to Almighty God. The opening service did not touch their lives. Perhaps this Convention is not destined to do so either.

Men in the press room expressed disappointment that Babe Ruth broke up the world series before the Convention got under way. The story went around that three years ago in New Orleans many of the Bishops were in the street before a score board pulling for Walter Johnson to win his game. They were anxious to see if a quorum could be held in their seats with the Busting Bambino knocking them out of the park.

The most exciting event on the opening day was the election of a president. Those nominated: Rev. Z. B. T. Phillips, rector of the Epiphany, Washington, and chaplain of the United States Senate, nominated by Rev. E. S. Travers of St. Louis; Rev. George Craig Stewart, rector of St. Luke's, Chicago, nominated by Rev. Arthur B. Kinsolving, and seconded by the Rev. George Thomas of Chicago, who brought a laugh from the House with his insistence that he be recognized by Dr. Davis, who was in the chair; Rev. H. H. Powell, dean of the Divinity School of the Pacific, nominated by Rev. Alexander Allen of California; Judge Philip S. Parker, the only layman nominated, was put before the House by Mr. Joseph G. Minot of Boston. Dr. Kinsolving of Baltimore was also nominated, but withdrew.

The voting:	1st Ballot	2nd Ballot	3rd Ballot
Dr. Phillips .....	200	230	299
Dr. Stewart .....	156	140	99
Dr. Powell .....	166	157	132
Judge Parker .....	18	6	

Dr. Phillips was escorted to the chair by Dean Powell and Dr. Stewart.

The problem of the Church in China and the registration of school, over which fireworks were expected, was solved in a meeting of the National Council which met before the Convention was organized. Registration is to be allowed, with the understanding that nothing is to be done affecting the Christian character of the school; title and control of property is not to be

surrendered; the Council, through its representatives in China, are to have the power to remove directors of schools, determine their conduct and select the principals and faculties, and finally Christian services are to be a part of the school life. So one problem which was supposed to add spice to the Convention was solved before the delegates arrived, thus depriving the newspapers of snappy headlines. Both Bishop Graves and Bishop Roots, between whom there have been marked differences of opinion with regard to registration, have expressed themselves as well satisfied with this new arrangement, which leaves the matter of registration largely in the hands of each individual bishop.

The National Council at their final meeting passed a tribute of high praise for the gracious leadership during the past three years of the presiding Bishop and the president of the council, the Rt. Rev. J. G. Murray.

Prayer Book Revision is before the Convention as we go to press and will consume a good deal of the time of both Houses. Present revision of the Book of Common Prayer began in the General Convention of 1913, when a commission was appointed to undertake revision. In 1785 the first American Prayer Book was adopted from the English Prayer Book, with just those changes which were necessary to meet the changed political status of the colonies. After that there was no revision until 1892. Thus, this is the second revision of the American Prayer Book, and it is hoped that it may be completed at this session. The matter has received more attention in the press than is warranted, due no doubt, to the controversy over the changes in the English Prayer Book. To quote Bishop Slattery, the chairman of the commission: "The chief difference between the English and the American revision is that the English Church is providing for the reservation of the sacrament while the American book makes no such provision. In 1925 the House of Bishops adopted a measure allowing for reservation under certain conditions, but it was defeated in the House of Deputies." Bishop Slattery then goes on to state the improvements of the revised Prayer Book over the present one.

"Baptism is lifted into the expression of God's loving care for His children; the marriage services makes the wife equal with the man in privilege and responsibility; the burial service substitutes New Testament trust for Old Testament fear; aspirations of our time for social justice, good government, and world brotherhood are recognized; services may be made shorter, and with hymns and sermon, may have a new force and a new unity. In a word, without ceasing to be the book of the ages, the Prayer Book becomes also the book of this generation."

It is more than likely that the Thirty-nine Articles will be retained, not, as near as one can find out by talking to Bishops and deputies, because any one cares



much one way or the other, but because of a constitutional technicality which would delay action. It is therefore probable that that matter will be laid on the table, which will mean that the Thirty-nine Articles will be printed with the Prayer Book.

A committee consisting of Bishops Anderson, Fiske, and McDowell, to consider the great losses of Church members through the revision of parish lists has been appointed by the House of Bishops.

Bishop Lawrence presented a report of the expenses of the Presiding Bishop for the triennium just closed, which shows that Bishop Murray has saved the Church about \$5,000 a year during that period.

A committee consisting of Bishops Mikell, Bratton and Dallas has been appointed to consider the matter of retiring allowances for Bishops.

The opening ceremony in the House of Bishops was the introducing of the new Bishops and the reading of the roll of those who have died during the triennium.

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary were accorded official recognition by the House of Deputies for the first time at the opening meeting of that body. The House voted unanimously to give delegates to the Auxiliary the right of the floor and set apart a special section for their accommodation at joint meetings of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies.

These deputies and Bishops are all sold on unionism, at least as far as hours are concerned. The sessions are from ten until one and from two-thirty until five, with a half-day Saturday. That makes it a thirty-hour week.

Mr. H. Lawrence Choate was elected president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at the final session of their convention, Mr. Edward H. Bonsall of Philadelphia, who has served for nineteen years, declining re-election. He was presented with a watch and was elected a vice president, the others being, Messrs. Courtney Barber of Chicago, Walter Kidde of Montclair, N. J., G. Frank Shelby of Denver and Benjamin Finney of Sewanee.

The most delightful part of this convention, and of all General Conventions, is the meeting of old friends, and the making of new ones, in the lobbies of the hotels. Washington is an Episcopal city this month, with parsons every where, and lay communicants decorated with their convention badges.

The meetings in both houses are rather dead, most of the time being taken up with purely routine matters. But there are plenty of side shows and exhibits to hold the interest of the visitors. On Wednesday evening, the 17th, there is to be a great mass meeting under the auspices of the department of Christian

Social Service at which Mr. William Green is to speak—he is the president of the American Federation of Labor. There is the Institute in the Y. W. C. A. building where classes are to be held next week on every sort of subject having to do with the work of the Church; and the Church League for Industrial Democracy is having meetings with laboring men telling the Church folks of the aims of labor, and Miss Jane Addams and Bishop Parsons pleading for world peace.

Bishop Stevens of Los Angeles preached the sermon at the service in St. John's, which opened the meeting of the Auxiliary. The sessions opened on the 10th in the Mayflower, with delegates present from practically every diocese and most of the missionary districts here and abroad. Miss Elizabeth Mathews of Ohio is in the chair. There have been a number of interesting and important reports. As we have indicated in articles that have appeared in THE WITNESS there is apt to be more excitement here than in either House of the General Convention. Miss Lucy Sturgis of Boston, the chairman of the executive board and Miss Lindley, executive secretary, presented reports which urged increased activity on the part of the Auxiliary; co-operation with many forms of social service, rural work, Church unity work. But there are many members opposed to the entrance of the Auxiliary into these fields so that we shall hear more of this subject before the Convention draws to a close.

On the morning of the 11th the first service ever to be held in the National Cathedral was the corporate communion of the Woman's Auxiliary at which the United Thank Offering was presented on the Golden Alms Basin, which is used but once in three years on this occasion. It was a picturesque service, with hundreds of women present. The United Thank Offering is the largest single offering, year in and year out, that is received by the Church—probably by any church in the world. Three years ago it was close to a million dollars. The amount of the offering was announced at a great mass meeting of the Auxiliary that evening when workers from all parts of the world were on the platform, there to see the huge figure of the offering flashed in electric lights, while a radio sent it out over the country to the hundreds of thousands listening in at the meeting on the radio. The amount of the offering was \$1,101,450.40, a new record.

Poor Pennsylvania; now Bishop Cross has declined his election as Bishop Coadjutor. They have had two special conventions and both men elected have turned them down.

This is a good place to meet famous people. There is Mr. Louis B. Franklin, who during the war managed to float 21 billion dollars' worth of Liberty Bonds. As you know he is now the Treasurer of the National Council. There is Bishop Brent, chief of the chaplains during the war, now one of the country's foremost peace advocates; Bishop Gailor, who was an advisor to Presidents Cleveland and Taft. Among the



laymen there is William Cooper Proctor of Ivory soap; Haley Fiske, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; our Mr. Wickersham, who was attorney general of the United States; Stephen Baker, prominent on Wall Street. Then there is Charles B. Warren, former Ambassador to Japan and Mexico, and George Zabriskie of New York, who is an authority on many things, including ecclesiastical law; John Stewart Bryan, an editor of prominence; Whiteford R. Cole, railroad president. And what do you think, John Spargo is here as a deputy. Mr. Spargo was formerly one of the foremost Socialist orators in this country. We must not fail to mention Mr. Morehouse of the *Living Church*, who received a fine tribute the day the Convention opened. He went to the platform to second the nomination of Dr. Stewart and received the standing applause of the entire house. He is not a well man, having just left a hospital after serious operations. But he is on his way back to health. And Bishop Rowe—the Church has no one greater—a man's man, who has spent his life in Alaska; the prototype of one of the characters in a novel by Jack London and an intimate friend of Rex Beach, Tex Rickard and others who break into the headlines from time to time.

The Prayer Book commission hopes to be authorized to prepare a Mission Prayer Book, a shorter edition, with such typographical changes and changes in arrangement as may be of aid to those not familiar with the Prayer Book. The sort of a book, one judges, that Editor George Parkin Atwater has been suggesting for these many years.

Bishop Parsons of California has introduced a resolution against compulsory military training in schools and colleges. It is a strong peace resolution which praises recent efforts toward international peace, and speaks of the responsibility of the Church in this field.

Bishop Stires and Bishop Bennett addressed a mass meeting on Saturday on the work of the **Field Department**.

An extensive Evangelistic Campaign was launched on Sunday evening, the 14th, at a mass meeting in the Epiphany, when Bishop Vincent of Southern Ohio outlined a campaign that will take two years and will cover the United States, to be directed from the offices of the National Council in New York. Other speakers were Bishop Darst, Dr. Milton and Dr. Glazebrook. They announced that already ninety experienced missionaries have been enlisted.

Joint session on Friday, when reports were read by Bishop Murray and Mr. Franklin. The meeting was then turned into an appeal meeting for funds for St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo. Mr. Franklin announced that the deficit had been entirely wiped out, whereupon the Doxology was sung. He then presented the budg-

et of the National Council for 1929 which calls for \$4,350,000, an increase of \$137,630 over 1926-28. His report was received with tremendous applause.

The Bishop of Chicago evidently made a hit with the New York delegation—he did with everybody. Dr. Silver moved that 5000 copies of his sermon be printed, and New York offered to foot the bill.

Meetings of the Church League for Industrial Democracy are being held each afternoon at five, in the Y. W. C. A. with prominent speakers. On Thursday evening, the 18th, there is to be a Peace Meeting addressed by Bishop Parsons and Miss Jane Addams.

The President of the House of Deputies, Dr. Phillips, has threatened to scalp, flay and burn alive deputies who talk during sessions. Dr. Phillips, who is chaplain of the U. S. Senate, has apparently learned how to preside from Hell-and-Maria Dawes.

Denver and Minneapolis have invited the Convention of 1931 to their cities; Atlantic City has made a bid for 1934.

## Loyalty

An Editorial by

BISHOP JOHNSON

THERE are three words in our language which mean much to those who seek that which their words connote—fellowship and loyalty. They mean little to the mere money maker, the mere microbe hunter or the mere social climber, for they lie outside the realm which these people inhabit, but they have a deep meaning to those who try to love God and neighbor.

I know of nothing which the General Convention does or can do to compare in value with the power which this triennial meeting has to develop these qualities in those who have the privilege of attending its sessions.

### HOUSE OF DEPUTIES

The House of Deputies is composed of those clergymen and laymen who have a capacity for these things. That is one of the reasons they are selected by their fellows and each delegate looks forward with great joy to the associations already formed which the Convention tends further to cement. I account among my dearest friends those whom I have met in the Conventions which I attended as a clerical deputy.

Moreover it is my experience that the law breakers in the Church are seldom found among those who constitute this body. Attendance at the General Convention is a post graduate course in constitutional law and one learns to respect the actions of a body which so carefully weighs the pros and cons of each question before it is formulated into canon law. Somehow



respect for law comes to those who assist in formulating law.

#### THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

The House of Bishops is the most fraternal group that it has been my privilege to know. It seems as though each member becomes a personal friend and seldom is the fellowship marred by any act of pettiness or discourtesy. However widely bishops may differ in their views upon a question there is an atmosphere of sympathetic understanding in the group.

I am fully aware of the feeling that bishops do not rise to the opportunities of their office. This view is usually advanced by those who have had no experience in the limitations thereof; but however much one may have lost in personal contact with other folk is compensated for in the fellowship developed during the triennial sessions.

One marks with sorrow the places vacated during each triennium. I haven't been in the House for so very many years but I know that the absence of Bishop Talbot of Bethlehem, Bishop Brown of Virginia, Bishop Johnson of Los Angeles, Bishop Lines of Newark, Bishop Beckwith of Alabama, Bishop Guerry of South Carolina, will be keenly felt by all the members of the household.

It is one of the marks of the power of the Master that men can be drawn together from parts so remote into a fellowship so intimate, which leaves a memory so fragrant. It is something that I have never seen duplicated in any other assembly. The meetings may often be dull but the associations are never tedious.

#### MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER

After all it is the fulfillment of the Christian ideal that men shall be so related in Christ that they all feel that they are members, one of another in an everlasting brotherhood. Not only does this fellowship exist within both houses but the circle of fellowship extends to the greater company of witnesses who attend the Convention as visitors or as delegates to the various organizations which are so intimately related to the life of the Church. One wishes that all Churchmen could participate in this Convention. I am sure that they would carry back home renewed loyalty to the standards of the Church and a deeper sense of fellowship toward all who compose it, regardless of party differences, for it is seldom that any question of partisanship is able to ruffle the peace and joy of this homegathering. I am persuaded that neither things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God and fellowship with one another in this assembly. There are questions to come up which men feel deeply and will argue earnestly, but I am confident that all will be most anxious to keep the unity of spirit in the bond of peace rather than to seek the uniformity of a program in the bonds of prejudice.

The General Convention is one of the finest institutions in our country and it must be kept upon this high plane of fellowship and of loyalty to the common faith which is the inspiration of us all.

It is an abode of liberty and freedom, but also of

submission to the will of the majority guided by the Holy Spirit. Woe to that man who introduces a note of bitterness into its sessions.

Moreover we are enjoying the hospitality of our hosts in Washington. An appreciation of the difficulties which confront a diocese in entertaining so large a body will move us all to gratitude for the care bestowed. Let there be no murmuring at slight personal inconveniences, for while we have no destroyer of murmurers as in the days of old, I am reasonably sure that God does not admire them.

## Let's Know

By

REV. FRANK E. WILSON

FORTY YEARS

THERE is a report to come in at this year's General Convention on the whole subject of divorce. It is interesting to learn that a similar Joint Commission brought in a report on the same subject to General Convention forty years ago at its meeting in 1889.

It seems that the previous Convention had authorized a Committee of the House of Deputies to memorialize Congress for an appropriation to study the divorce situation in the United States. In response to this memorial Congress set aside a sum of \$17,500 for such an investigation, intrusting the work to the Commissioner of Labor. Apparently this was the first time the United States Government had ever frankly faced the divorce question, which is greatly to the credit of our House of Deputies. The following paragraphs are taken from the report of that Commission of 1889, signed by John H. Elliott and J. C. Bancroft Davis:

"The number of divorces granted in the twenty years from 1867 to 1886 was 328,716, of which number all but 2,099 were absolute. The total number of children involved in these cases, so far as ascertained, was 267,739. If this number be added to the number of the parents, unless the same person was twice divorced, we shall have for these twenty years a total of 925,171 persons involved in decrees of divorce.

"The prospect is that the number of divorces will increase. In 1867 the number granted was 9,937; in 1886 it was 25,535. This was an increase in divorce of about 157 per cent, while the increase in population was perhaps only about 60 per cent. By successive quinquennial periods divorces were granted as follows: In round numbers 54,000, 69,000, 89,000, 117,000. The growth of divorce is further shown by the statements, that while in 1870 there were 664 married couples to one divorce, in 1880 there were but 481; and that while in 1870 there were, in round numbers, 3,500 persons to each divorce, in 1880 there were but 2,500."

Recent statistics show that this forty-year-old report was right in predicting that the rate would increase.



In 1925 there was one divorce in the United States to every 6.6 marriages, meaning a total of 175,000 divorces. Regulations vary in different states, which complicates the whole situation terribly. In South Carolina there is no such thing as divorce recognized by law. But in Nevada there are actually more divorces than there are marriages. In the report of forty years ago it appears that there were about twice as many divorces issued on complaint of wives as on complaint of husbands and that proportion seems still to hold good. From this one might deduce either that men are the greater offenders or that women are more critical—as you choose. But the reason is more likely to be found in the fact that in many states there are provided for the wife more legal grounds for divorce than for the husband.

It is a fearfully complex business, even in the cold light of mere statistics. When the personal equation is added, the complications become enormously magnified. Yet for at least forty years the Church has been so deeply impressed with the attendant perils that it continues to struggle for some sort of Christian solution.

## *What the Bishops Say In the Witness Questionnaire*

*Edited by*

WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

YOU have had the replies from the clergy and the laity who are representing us in Washington. They were very generous in attending to that summer questionnaire. But the Bishops—but it will be as well not to start on that. There are 140 or more, of whom but 52 replied. Of these Bishop Hall of Vermont is the oldest, going on to 82, while Bishop Brewster of Connecticut is 79 years old. Bishop Penick is 41 and has been the youngest member of the House of Bishops for a considerable time.

### CHURCHMANSHIP

Sixteen of the 52 stated that they were High or Catholic in Churchmanship; a large number did not answer the question; while eleven wrote "Prayer Book Churchman." Bishop Sanford of San Joaquin says that he is an "eclectic churchman," while Bishop Casaday of Oklahoma wrote, "a good churchman I hope, but no one has been quite sure, least of all myself."

### MOST IMPORTANT MATTER

The Revision of the Prayer Book is the important thing to be settled this month in the minds of most of the Bishops, though several of them put down the Church Program, and five the status of Bishops in China in their relations with the National Council. Evaluation, Marriage and Divorce, Church Unity, Evangelism, and "how to make the Church more effective in spreading the Kingdom of God" were at the top of several lists.

### FEDERAL COUNCIL

The clergy and the laity expressed themselves

rather decidedly as opposed to joining the Federal Council of Churches. Strangely enough twenty-two Bishops stated definitely in the questionnaire that they hoped that the Episcopal Church would become a member of that body, whereas but 16 said no. These others either did not answer the question or said that they favored the present arrangement of having the Church represented through the department of Christian Social Service.

### EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT

Eighteen of the 52 stated that they would like to have the Convention put the Church on record as being solidly behind the 18th amendment. More said "keep out of it since it is a political issue," but it is interesting to note that a considerably larger percentage of the Bishops favored action than either of the orders in the House of Deputies. There was none of those who replied who stated that he was opposed to the present law.

### QUOTATIONS

Just a few quotations: Bishop Webb of Milwaukee: "I do not understand why a High Churchman should object to the 39 Articles. They are a safeguard against extreme modernism." Bishop Parsons of California and Bishop Penick of North Carolina both write that the matter of the 39 Articles is of minor importance. The former writes: "I imagine that the proposal to drop them will be side-tracked on account, not only of the opposition but the technical constitutional difficulty." Bishop Tyler of North Dakota: "The Convention should call upon the Church to outlaw war by passing resolutions with teeth in them. Also there should be larger giving for furtherance of the Gospel at home and abroad. Then we should inaugurate a great movement of evangelism throughout the Church." And this from Bishop Green of Mississippi: "The Church must find herself more surely than she has, resolve partisan attitudes in a self-understanding that is big enough and clear enough to be a solvent of non-essentials now ranking as major matters. And to wind this up let me quote the Bishop of North Texas, Rt. Rev. E. C. Seaman: "I earnestly hope that we may boldly speak the truth in love, that we may all realize that our only contact with the 'Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints,' is by and through the Protestant Episcopal Church, and that our effective witness to Christ must be largely measured by our loyalty to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church in which we have solemnly vowed to serve Him."

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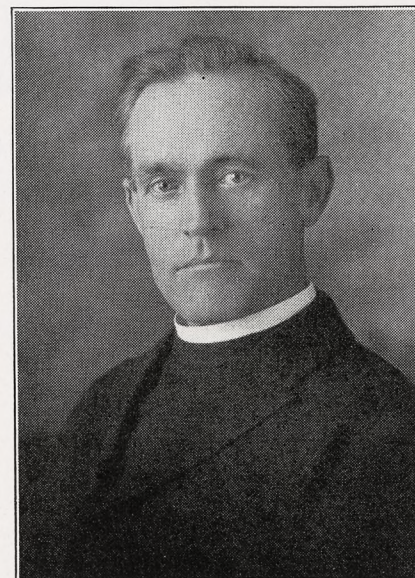
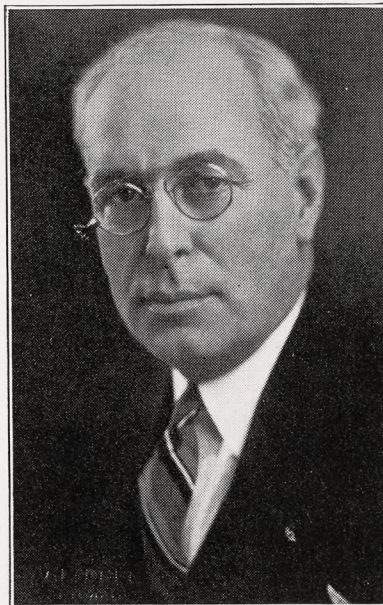
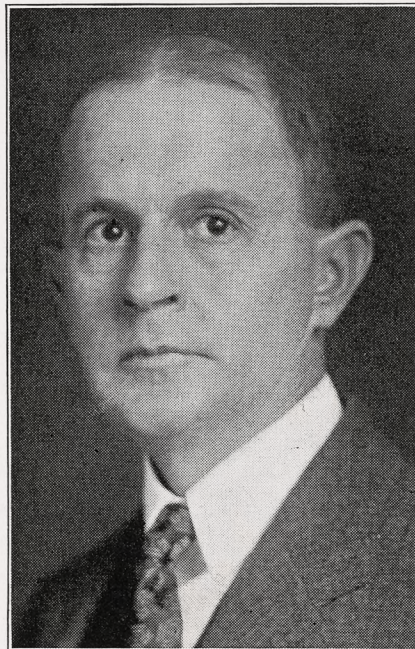
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# NEWS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Edited by

WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

SIX of the most valuable clergymen in the diocese of Maryland accepted calls outside that diocese within the past month. Rev. Wyatt Brown of St. Michael and All Angels is to go to St. Paul's, Buffalo; Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott of Grace and St. Peter's is going to St. Chrysostom's, Chicago. They are rectors of two of the largest churches in Baltimore. Rev. E. H. Gibson of Trinity, Ten Hills, has accepted a call to Galveston, Texas. In the rural field the Rev. T. H. Will goes to Ashland, Kentucky, while Mt. Calvary parish has lost two of its staff in Rev. T. B. Campbell and Rev. Sheafe Walker who have accepted calls elsewhere.

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A conference of Church workers among colored people was held last week at St. Augustine's, Brooklyn, with more than 125 delegates including 60 clergymen, representing every province of the Church except the Northwest and the Pacific Coast. Many most helpful and inspiring papers were read, and interesting facts were brought out. One fact that was stressed by the Rev. George M. Plaskett of Orange, New Jersey, may surprise you. The Province of New York and New Jersey has 12,000 of

the 40,000 colored communicants of the Church and last year contributed \$154,000 of the \$500,000 given by these people. Mr. Plaskett stated, and seemed to prove, that the "Black Belt" of the Episcopal Church is not in Mississippi or the Province of Seawanee, but in the metropolitan area of New York.

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Ground was broken last week for a new pavilion, to cost \$100,000, at the convalescent and fresh-air home for children at Milford, Connecticut, that is run by the New York City Mission Society.

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Education looking toward greater simplicity in funerals was one of the topics discussed at the meeting of the executive council of the district of Arizona last month. *Good idea.* Just read in the morning paper about a Brooklyn gunman—Brooklyn, mind you, not Chicago—being buried in a \$15,000 box.

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Vice-Chancellor Finney of the University of the South, Seawanee, announced on October first, that the university has qualified for a gift of over \$100,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation.

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The Rev. Raimundo de Ovies, who

has been chaplain at the University of the South but a short time, is to resign in order to accept the deanship of the Cathedral at Atlanta, Ga.

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Annual dinner meeting of Church School teachers of the diocese of Long Island was held last week at St. Ann's, Brooklyn, with an exhibit of recent material, and addresses by important people, including Miss Mabel Lee Cooper, national secretary of teacher training and Mr. R. F. Barnes, diocesan treasurer.

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Canon B. H. Streeter of England, whose books are so popular over here, said the other day that a modernist is a person who wishes to offer civilization a religion that is intellectually possible. He said further that the younger generation are largely dependent for the discussion of moral and religious questions upon writers like Bernard Shaw and H. G. Wells.

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St. Stephen the Martyr parish and  
Trinity parish, Portland, Oregon,  
have voted to combine and become the  
Cathedral of the diocese. The rector  
of Trinity, Rev. Dr. Morrison, is to  
be rector emeritus, and the Very Rev.  
H. M. Ramsey is to be the dean.

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All of the children of the Church  
School at the Church of the Heaven-

ly Rest, New York, have become mem-  
bers of the Audubon Society. It com-  
mits the children to the protection of  
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October 2nd, with classes at Garret  
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Dean Sargent of the Cathedral at Garden City, Long Island, is building a capable staff; Rev. Elmer S. Freeman, who lately returned from five years' work in Honolulu, has accepted the senior curacy and the Rev. Parker C. Webb, recently ordained, is to be the junior curate, with special work among young people. Mrs.

Mary M. Hickman is in charge of religious education and Miss Mabel Lee Cooper is to have teacher training classes. The Church School has an enrollment of 568.

"A Friendly Wednesday Evening," has been announced by the Rev. L. L. Riley, rector at Douglaston, Long Island; a half hour by the rector on some religious or social matter followed by a discussion; and then a social hour with food. A good idea except the food. I believe we eat if not too much, then certainly too often. Maybe I'm wrong.

Don't ask for proof of this item, but it comes first-hand from the missionary. In a Michigan church which had been closed for ten years, where services were recently resumed, the missionary found a women's guild

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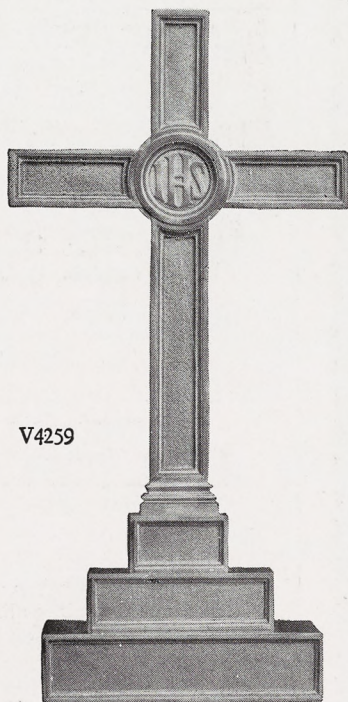


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