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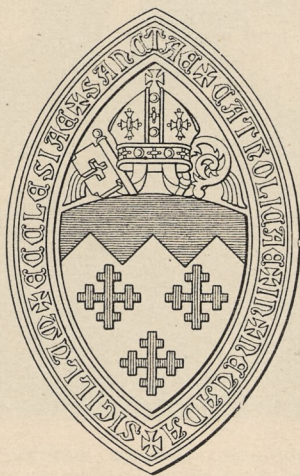








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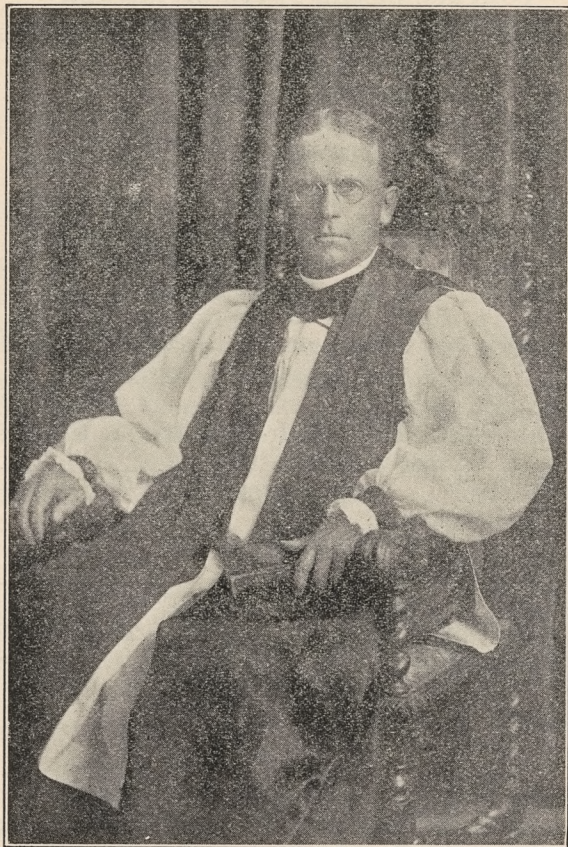


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Florida



1894





THE RIGHT REVEREND GEORGE COOLIDGE HUNTING,  
FOURTH BISHOP OF NEVADA, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY  
6, 1924, ONE WEEK FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE  
CONVOCATION HEREIN REPORTED.



# THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

COMPRISING THE STATE OF NEVADA

Area: 109,740 Square Miles—Population 77,407

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## OFFICERS

### BISHOP

THE RT. REV. GEORGE COOLIDGE HUNTING

Late Bishop of Nevada

THE RT. REV. ARTHUR W. MOULTON, D.D.

Bishop of Utah and Nevada

Residence 444 East First South Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

### ARCHDEACON OF LAS VEGAS

Ven. Percival S. Smith.....Las Vegas

### REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY

Rev. Edward Tanner Brown.....Reno

### TREASURER

Mr. E. D. VanDerLeith.....Reno

### CHANCELLOR

Hon. George S. Brown.....Reno

### COUNCIL OF ADVICE

Rev. Edward Tanner Brown

Rev. Stanley T. Boggess

Hon. George S. Brown

Ed. D. VanDerLeith

### PHYSICIAN

Dr. Sidney K. Morrison.....Reno

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## THE BISHOP AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

### DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

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Mrs. Fred Stadtmuller

Joseph W. Hall

### DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICE

Rev. Stanley T. Boggess

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Mr. David E. W. Williamson

## TRIAL COURT

Ven. Percival S. Smithe      Rev. Edward Tanner Brown  
Rev. Sterling J. Talbot

## EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

Ven. Percival S. Smithe      Rev. Edward Tanner Brown  
TRUSTEES OF THE WHITAKER-BURR FUND

## The Bishop

Rev. Edward Tanner Brown      Mr. Fred Stadtmuller  
DELEGATES TO SYNOD OF THE PROVINCE

Ven. Percival S. Smithe      George S. Brown  
Rev. Edward Tanner Brown      Harry H. Ward  
Rev. Seth Canfield Hawley      Albert W. Plummer

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. George A. Robison, Sparks.....President ✓  
Mrs. Samuel B. Doten, Reno.....Secretary-Treasurer ✓  
Mrs. Fred M. Schadler, Reno.....United Offering Treasurer ✓

## GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Mrs. Edward A. McGowan, Fallon.....District Secretary

## DISTRICT COMMITTEES

## ON LEGISLATION

Rev. Sterling J. Talbot      Hon. George S. Brown

## ON BUILDING

Rev. Edward A. McGowan      Fred M. Schadler



## ROLL OF CLERGY

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In order of Canonical Residence, January 1, 1924  
With their Cures and Post Office Addresses

Name.	Date.	Postoffice.
THE VEN. PERCIVAL SARGENT SMITHE.....	1915	Las Vegas
Archdeacon of Las Vegas and Vicar of Christ Church, Las Vegas, and Missions at Beatty, Caliente, Pioche, Goodsprings, Searchlight, Moapa.		
THE REV. EDWARD ALLEN MCGOWAN.....	1920	Fallon
Vicar of Trinity, Fallon, and Mis- sions at Hazen and Fernley.		
THE REV. EDWARD TANNER BROWN.....	1921	Reno
Rector of Trinity, Reno, and Vicar of Good Shepherd, Verdi.		
THE REV. STANLEY THEODORE BOGGESE.....	1921	Sparks
Vicar of St. Paul's Sparks, and Chaplain for Church Students at Nevada University.		
Name.	Date.	Postoffice



THE REV. STERLING JOHN TALBOT 1922 Winnemucca

Vicar of St. Mary's the Virgin's,  
Winnemucca, St. Andrew's, Battle  
Mountain, St. George's Austin, Gol-  
conda, Lovelock and Midas.

THE REV. HERBERT W. HUNTER.....1923 Carson City

Rector of St. Peter's, Carson City,  
and Vicar of St. Paul's, Virginia;  
Grace, Silver City; All Saints', Day-  
ton, and the Mission at Stewart.

THE REV. SETH CANFIELD HAWLEY.....1923 Elko

Rector of St. Paul's Elko, Vicar of  
St. Luke's, Clover Valley, St. James',  
Eureka, and Preaching Stations at  
Montello, Tuscarora, Palisade and  
Wells.

NON-PAROCHIAL CLEGRY

The Rev. Thomas Lloyd Bellam.....San Francisco, Calif.

The Rev. James Jay Hamilton Reedy.....Tulsa, Oklahoma

DEACONESS

Lucy Nelson Carter.....Nixon

CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS

Avery Winnemucca .....Nixon



# MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

## FIRST DAY

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Nevada met in St. Stephen's Chapel of Trinity Church, Reno, January 27, 1924, the Third Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion was celebrated by Bishop Hunting with the Rector of the Parish as Epistoler. The Bishop read his annual address. A Missionary Mass Meeting was held at the five o'clock Vesper Service with an address by the Rev. Sterling J. Talbot on "Work in China" and an address by Avery Winnemucca, a Piute Candidate for Orders, on "Our Indian Work." A service was held at St. Paul's Church, Sparks, at eight o'clock in the evening with sermon by Archdeacon Percival S. Smithe.

## SECOND DAY

Holy Communion was celebrated at 7:30 a. m. by the Rev. Edward A. McGowan.

Convocation as opened at 9:30 a. m. The following certificate was read by the Secretary:

January 26, 1924.

I hereby certify that the following clergymen are canonically resident in the Missionary District of Nevada, with the date of such connection:

George Coolidge Hunting.....	Bishop—1894
*Thomas Lloyd Bellam (retired).....	Priest—1892
*James Jay Hamilton Reedy (retired).....	Priest—1910
Percival Sargent Smithe.....	Priest—1915
Edward Allen McGowan.....	Priest—1920
Edward Tanner Brown.....	Priest—1921
Stanley Theodore Bogges.....	Priest—1921
Sterling John Talbot.....	Priest—1922
Herbert Warren Hunter.....	Priest—1922
Seth Canfield Hawley.....	Priest—1923

Those marked with an asterisk are not entitled to votes in the Convocation.

GEORGE C. HUNTING,  
Bishop of Nevada.



The roll of the clergy and of the lay delegates was called, a quorum declared, and after prayers, the Bishop announced the Convocation opened for business.

The Rev. Edward Tanner Brown was elected Secretary, the ballot being cast by the chairman. The Secretary then read letters from the two non-parochial clergy of the District, the Rev. Thomas L. Bellam now living in San Francisco, and the Rev. James J. H. Reedy of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Bishop appointed the following committees:

Bishop's Address and State of the Church—Rev. Seth C. Hawley, Mr. Allen McBride, Mrs. Joseph Williams.

Resolutions—Ven. Percival S. Smithe, Mr. A. W. Plummer, Mrs. Geo. A. Robison.

Nominations—Rev. Sterling J. Talbot, Mr. Harry H. Ward, Mrs. Brousse Brizard.

The following reports were read, accepted and placed on file:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONVOCATION

Jan. 27, 1923. Balance forward..... \$ 527.25

Apportioned as follows:

Eighth Province .....	\$ 8.46
Jerusalem and East.....	22.75
Nevada Missions .....	173.82
Episcopate Fund .....	216.50
L. B. Franklin.....	105.72

#### RECEIPTS—Missions:

Austin .....	2.70
Battle Mountain .....	46.32
Beatty .....	15.00
Carson City .....	1.00
Clover Valley .....	31.28
Elko .....	100.00
Ely .....	32.00
Eureka .....	31.38
Fallon .....	42.17
Fernley .....	1.00
Hazen .....	.95
Las Vegas .....	129.00
Midas .....	10.50
Montello .....	23.38
Nixon .....	67.14
Palisade .....	5.81
Pioche .....	125.00



Reno .....	467.88	
Sparks .....	44.00	
Tuscarora .....	12.30	
Virginia City .....	10.00	
Winnemucca .....	49.35	
Miscellaneous .....	39.00	\$1,287.16
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Jerusalem and East:		
Ely .....	2.00	
Fallon .....	3.95	
Goodsprings .....	2.80	
Las Vegas .....	7.50	
Pioche .....	6.85	
Winnemucca .....	1.65	24.25
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Sundays Schools:		
Carson City .....	5.31	
Elko .....	42.68	
Ely .....	50.00	
Eureka .....	2.50	
Fallon .....	10.62	
Nixon .....	46.18	
Reno .....	94.15	
Sparks .....	31.64	283.08
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Receipts .....	1,594.49	
Balance on hand, Jan. 27, 1923.....	527.25	
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Total Receipts .....		\$2,121.74
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DISBURSEMENTS:		
Thos. J. Garland, Jerusalem and East.....	\$ 47.00	
L. B. Franklin, Sunday Schools.....	283.08	
L. B. Franklin, Parishes.....	928.87	
L. B. Franklin, Advice Carson, N.W.C.....	1.00	
Nevada Missions, Episcopate Fund, etc.....	390.32	
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		\$1,650.27
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Balance on hand.....		\$ 471.47
Apportioned as follows:		
Eighth Province .....	\$ 8.46	
Nevada Missions .....	205.79	
Episcopate Fund .....	257.22	
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Respectfully submitted,

E. D. VANDERLIETH,  
Diocesan Treasurer.



## REPORT OF CHANCELLOR

January 26, 1924.

Rt. Rev. George C. Hunting, D.D.,  
Bishop of Nevada.

My dear Bishop:

You have requested me to make a report as Chancellor of the Missionary District of Nevada.

My difficulty in making such report is due to the fact that my official duties have been very light during the past year. You have occasionally conferred with me regarding some of the temporal affairs of the district and the advice which I was able to offer you did not demand very much legal knowledge or mental effort.

I assisted you in drafting some documents pertaining to property matters, the most important being those concerning the sale of the former site of Trinity Church and the purchase of the new church lots here in Reno. Let me add that I always enjoy our conferences together and that your kind expressions of appreciation for such slight services as I have been able to render you have more than amply repaid me.

Faithfully yours,

GEO. S. BROWN,  
Chancellor.

## REPORT OF ACCOUNTANT

Reno, Nevada, Jan. 17, 1924.

Rt. Rev. George C. Hunting, D.D.,  
Reno, Nevada.

Sir:—

In accordance with your request I have audited the accounts kept by you covering your office of Bishop of Nevada and have found the same to be correct for the year 1923. The balance sheet at the close of the year 1923 shows assets in the sum of \$13,956.41 as per the detailed statements on file in your office.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. TRANTER,  
Certified Public Accountant.

## REPORT OF EPISCOPATE FUND

Jan. 17, 1924.

To the Convocation of the  
Missionary District of Nevada.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1923.....	\$2405.14
Receipts .....	494.79
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1924.....	\$2900.93



Invested as follows:	
United States Liberty Bonds.....	\$2150.00
Savings Account, Washoe County Bank.....	750.93
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	\$2900.93

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. HUNTING,  
Trustee.

The Bishop made the following appointments:

I hereby make the following appointments as required  
by Canons and Resolutions:

Archdeacon of Las Vegas—Ven. Percival S. Smithe.

Chancellor—Hon. George S. Brown.

Physician—Sidney K. Morrison, M.D.

Whitaker-Burr Trustees in addition to the Bishop—Rev.  
Edward T. Brown and Mr. Fred Stadtmuller.

Council of Advice—Rev. Messrs. Edward T. Brown and  
Stanley T. Boggess; Hon. George S. Brown, Ed. D. Vander-  
lieth.

Building Committee—Rev. Edward A. McGowan, Fred  
M. Schadler.

Legislation Committee—Hon. George S. Brown, Rev.  
Sterling J. Talbot.

Examining Chaplains—Rev. Messrs. Percival S. Smithe,  
Rev. Edward T. Brown.

Acting under the provisions of Canon XV, section 8, of  
the Canons of this Missionary District I hereby appoint the  
Presbyters as eligible for election as members of the Trial  
Court of the Missionary District of Nevada. Three to be  
elected, by ballot.

Rev. Percival S. Smithe.

Rev. Edward Allen McGowan.

Rev. Edward Tanner Brown.

Rev. Stanley Theodore Boggess.

Rev. Sterling John Talbot.

Rev. Seth Canfield Hawley.

The following reports were read, accepted and filed :



**REPORT OF THE ARCHDEACON OF LAS VEGAS**

Rt. Rev. Sir and Brethren of the Convocation:

Just "marking time" is about all that can be said of the work in the southern part of the state during the past year.

The portable house purchased at Goodsprings, some years ago, has been moved to the Indian reservation at Moapa. It has been partly furnished; and, we hope it will soon be the center of the Church's life amongst the Pah-utes there. The government teacher, a Church-woman, has consented to give part of her time as our missionary. So the outlook is bright for real church work being done at this place.

Much needed improvements have been made on the church at Pioche; and that at Beatty is completed enough so that it may be used for services comfortably.

The communities in southern Nevada are quieter than we have ever known them to be. Many removals have weakened the work; only one, here and there, has come to take the places left vacant. However, we dare to hope that such conditions will not continue.

An expression of gratitude for the help given by the railroads and other transportation companies is most gladly made.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCIVAL S. SMITHE.

**REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC**

The fifth Annual Synod met in the city of Fresno at St. James Pro-Cathedral in the Missionary District of the San Joaquin from October 17th to the 21st. The Missionary District of Nevada was represented at the Synod by nine persons, which was a very creditable showing from Nevada, considering the distance one had to travel in order to attend. But that distance was worth the trouble, in the hospitality shown by the people of Fresno, in the fine fellowship manifested by all and in the interest there was in the matters brought before the Synod. There were very few idle moments in the Proceedings of the Synod, showing that our own Bishop, as chairman on the Dispatch of Business believed in work and in keeping things going. If any complaint was offered, it would be the complaint, that the calendar was too full of things of vital interest, that no one person could keep pace with the work set before the Synod for their consideration.

It would be impossible, in a short report of this kind, to go into any details as to the matters brought before the Synod for their consideration; but such matters that were considered only went to show that the Synod was alive and interested in the work of the entire Church, in spite of the dismal showing that is sometimes made in the carrying on of that work. The one thing that immediately struck me was that here at least was a band of people, both lay and clerical, who were interested in the life of the church not only locally but world wide in its scope. This spirit was shown in the manifest desire of a great many of the delegates to have the powers of the Synod en-



larged and to carry on some of the work being done now by the General Church. It seemed to be the general feeling that much of the work of the education of our people to their responsibility as church people, might better be accomplished by the use of our own western men, who knew better our western problems, than in depending so much on the General Church for such education and information.

The report of Social Service Department manifested quite clearly that our church is really alive to this important subject and is working along sane lines in this matter.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Convocation for the privilege to attend the Synod as a delegate and also that it was my fortune to have so congenial a companion on my trip over the Sierras, as the Vicar of Sparks, who also was a delegate and came well backed up by his lay delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. A. MCGOWAN.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF WHITAKER-BURR FUND

Reno, Nevada, January 6, 1924.

The Right Reverend George C. Hunting, D.D.,  
Bishop of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.

Sir:

In reply to your request for a financial report of the Whitaker-Burr Fund, from January 1, 1923, to date, inclusive, I submit the following:

#### CASH RECEIPTS

1923.

Jan. 1—Cash on hand, Washoe County Bank, Commercial Department .....	\$ 139.81
Savings Department .....	9,532.20
Jan. 2—Riverside Mill Co., Reno, Nevada, Interest on Bonds, \$2,000, at 6% for ½ year.....	60.00
Jan. 19—U. S. War Savings Stamps, sold.....	25.00
March 15—Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	29.72
June 4—Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	2.13
June 30—Washoe County Bank, Interest on Savings Accounts, at 4%.....	186.84
July 11—Riverside Mill Co., Reno, Nev., Principal on Bonds, 5th and final 20% payment.....	2,000.00
July 11—Interest on above Bonds, for ½ year.....	60.00
Sept. 15—Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	29.78
Oct. 15—Union Building & Loan Assn. Reno, Nev., 50 shares stock called in for cash surrender value .....	8,411.37
Dec. 31—Washoe County Bank, Interest on Savings Account, at 4%.....	217.01
Dec. 31—Farmers & Merchants Nat. Bank, Reno, Nev., Interest on Savings Account.....	56.07
1924.	
Jan. 2—U. S. Liberty Bonds, sold.....	600.00
	<hr/> \$21,349.93



## CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Sundry Dates—Union Building & Loan Ass'n.	
dues, at \$50 per month.....	\$ 500.00
Beneficiary No. 1.....	250.00
Beneficiary No. 2.....	100.00
May 31—Interest on Overdraft.....	.25
Sept. 22—Taxes on Salt Lake City Property.....	63.60
1924.	
Jan. 2—Sundry Bonds purchased (as per list	
appended) .....	20,398.39
Jan. 5—Cash on hand, Washoe County Bank,	
Commercial Dept. ....	26.64
Savings Dept. ....	11.05
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	\$21,349.93
The Investments of this Fund, as of January 6, 1924,	
are as follows:	
Salt Lake City Real Estate (estimated value).....	\$ 5,500.00
U. S. Liberty Bonds (face value).....	900.00
U. S. War Savings Certificates (value Jan. 1, 1924).....	920.00
5—\$1000 Bonds (Nos. 74 to 78 inc.) Snake River Irr., 6%;	
Issue of 7-1-23, due in 1942, at \$100.....	5,000.00
10—\$500 Bonds (Nos. 76 to 85 inc.) Blackfoot Ref., 5½ %;	
due 1943, at \$101.78.....	5,089.00
5—1000 Bonds (Nos. 149 to 153 inc.) Fremont Co. Idaho,	
5½ %; Highway Bonds, due 7-1-32, at \$102.50.....	5,125.00
10—500 Bonds (Nos. 43 to 52 inc.) Jerome, Idaho, 5¼ %;	
General Obligation Series of 1922, due July 1st; \$3500.00	
due 1939, at \$103.6436 .....	3,627.53
\$1500 due 1940, at \$103.7909.....	1,556.86
Cash on hand, Washoe County Bank, Commercial Dept.....	26.64
Savings Dept.....	11.05
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	\$27,756.08

Respectfully submitted,

FRED STADTMULLER.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY OF WHITAKER-BURR FUND

The Trustees of the Whitaker-Burr Fund met several times during the year, discussing the financial affairs of the Fund and making appropriations. A grant of \$25 a month for ten months, the collegiate year of 1923-1924, was made Miss Marie Hunter of Carson City and Miss Eunice Peters of Sparks was given \$150 for the same period.

E. T. BROWN,  
Secretary.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY OF COUNCIL OF ADVICE

The Council of Advice of the District of Nevada was organized for the year 1923 with the election of the Hon. George S. Brown as President and the Rev. E. T. Brown as Secretary. One meeting was called



during the year. Consent was then given Bishop Hunting according to the Canons to pronounce sentence of deposition from the Sacred Ministry of the Rev. C. E. Jameson.

E. T. BROWN,  
Secretary.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

For the Executive Council:

Rev. Edward T. Brown  
Rev. Stanley T. Boggess  
Rev. Edward A. McGowan  
Rev. Seth C. Hawley  
Mr. Albert W. Plummer  
Mr. David E. W. Williamson  
Mr. Frank D. Wilson  
Mr. Joseph W. Hall  
Mrs. John M. Fulton  
Mrs. Fred Stadtmuller  
Mrs. Harry H. Ward  
Miss Louise Sissa.

For Delegates to the Provincial Synod:

Rev. P. S. Smithe  
Rev. E. T. Brown  
Rev. S. C. Hawley  
Geo. S. Brown  
H. H. Ward  
A. W. Plummer.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS

To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Nevada:

Your Committee on the Bishop's Address wishes first of all to ask that the clergy and laity of the District determine afresh to give our Chief Pastor a thorough going support; for from his address we see how great are his burdens, and therefore how instant we should be in holding up his hands. We believe it would be a happy and thoughtful thing to declare by vote our loyalty to and our affection for him.

The Committee makes the following suggestions and recommendations based upon and inspired by the Episcopal address:

1. That a suitable resolution be passed memorializing the death of our revered Presiding Bishop, Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, whose departure, a great loss to the Church Militant, was especially felt in the District of Nevada, for upon three different occasions Bishop Tuttle was in charge of the District.
2. That a resolution be passed directing that the Bishop's Address be read to every congregation in the district at a regular service.
3. That inquiry be made as to the number of branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in the State, and that Convocation, realizing the value of the Auxiliary, urge the clergy to make a systematic effort to establish a branch wherever possible, and to cooperate with the central authorities of the Auxiliary in the District in doing this.
4. That our ideal shall clearly be to reach every member of the



Church and every un-Churched person with the ministrations of religion, however isolated he or she may be. This is no less than our duty to God and to the common welfare.

5. That a fresh effort be made in all congregations to meet their several apportionments for the general work of the Church. And in this connection it is emphasized that the official term for the Church's general work is The Church's Programme, this term superseding the terms Missionary Apportionment and Nation-wide Campaign. By explaining that the general Church must carry on its work; that to do so it needs a stated sum; that this sum can only come from parishes and that each parish should meet its share; we have a simple explanation that appeals to people and is productive of good results. And further, we ask could a reminder not be sent to the parish and mission treasurers monthly stating the amount of one-twelfth the apportionment and asking for the remittance of that amount?

6. That the present status of the divorce legislation be outlined briefly for the benefit of any who are unfamiliar with the situation and that a resolution be passed that the Episcopal Church in Nevada desires that the present divorce law be amended so that one year's residence is required before a divorce is granted.

7. That Convocation go on record as standing for law and for law enforcement.

8. That Convocation give special consideration to a centralized plan for reaching, through home department, Church children and those belonging to no Church, not now receiving any Christian training. Building up this branch of our mission might well be regarded as our great work for the year. We suggest for discussion whether this had best be taken up by the Board of Religious Education of the District of Nevada direct, the clergy furnishing names and grades, or whether the parishes send lesson material to those in their territories, the material furnished by the Board of Religious Education of the District.

9. That a plan requested by the Bishop to secure the reading of the Bible in the Public Schools of the State, the Authorized or Douai Versions, both Old Testament and New Testament, be outlined by a committee and presented to Convocation for action, said committee to be continued to bring the matter to the authorities until the order is issued or law passed.

10. That this Convocation go on record as thoroughly loyal to the Creeds and as grateful to the Bishops for the counsel and reassurance contained in the Pastoral Letter issued at Dallas.

11. That the Bishop authorize a prayer to be used regularly in the Churches of the District that our need for a sufficient number of good priests be met.

Respectfully submitted,

SOPHIE E. WILLIAMS,

ALLEN G. McBRIDE,

SETH C. HAWLEY.



Mr. E. D. Vanderleith was nominated and elected Treasurer of the District.

Noonday prayers for missions were read by the Bishop. Convocation adjourned until 2 p. m.

On convening at 2 p. m. elections were held, resulting as follows:

For the Executive Council—Rev. Messrs. Edward T. Brown, Stanley T. Boggess, Edward A. McGowan, and Seth C. Hawley; Messrs. A. W. Plummer, David Williamson, F. D. Wilson and J. W. Hall; Mesdames John M. Fulton, Fred Stadtmuller, Harry H. Ward and Miss Louise Sissa.

For delegates to the Provincial Synod—Rev. Messrs. P. S. Smithe, E. T. Brown and S. C. Hawley; Messrs. Geo. S. Brown, H. H. Ward and A. W. Plummer.

For members of the Trial Court—Rev. Messrs. E. T. Brown, P. S. Smithe, and S. J. Talbot.

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary being called for 2:45, the President of the District, Mrs George A. Robison, took the chair and reported as follows:

Another year's history in the progress of the Woman's Auxiliary in Nevada it is my privilege to record. A year filled with duties, opportunities, and pleasures. It is a matter of great regret that distances and expenses of travel are so great that it is impossible to visit the various groups of Auxiliary workers in the State and the work must suffer from a lack of interest and enthusiasm that is sure to result from personal contact and visits. I am glad to report that splendid auxiliary work is being done in nearly every corner of our State where our Church is active. The Auxiliary women of Reno and Sparks feel strengthened and supported each year by the two particular links which bind us to the splendid woman throughout the State—the box work and the United Offering". Mrs. Robison then read the detailed reports of the Reno and Sparks branch, also the record for the year of the Girls' Friendly Society. She concluded, "Between the lines of this yearly report may be read a story of loyal, self-sacrificing devotion to the extension of the Kingdom of God, which is above all price.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE ROBISON,  
District President.



The following report was presented and accepted:

REPORT OF THE THANK OFFERING CUSTODIAN

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1, 1923—Cash on hand.....	\$ 27.86
Interest on Savings Account.....	3.48
Offerings from the Branches at Reno, Carson City, Sparks, Ely, Elko, Nilon, Fallon, Tonopah and Beatty.....	128.01
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1924.....	\$159.35

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA SCHADLER,  
Custodian.

The session of Convocation was resumed at 4 p. m. The following resolutions were adopted upon presentation by the committee:

Resolved: That the Missionary District of Nevada expresses its sorrow at the loss of Bishop Tuttle and gives voice to its gratitude for his life and the work God permitted him to do, and, especially do we give thanks for his influence upon the Church in Nevada.

Believing that all interested in the work of the Church in Nevada should have the opportunity of learning what has been accomplished during the past twelve months, and what our Bishop's hopes and plans are for the coming year;

Be it resolved, That the Bishop's address be read to every congregation in the Missionary District of Nevada, at a regular service immediately following receipt of the same.

Resolved: That the Missionary District of Nevada publish a district paper for at least ten months of each year. That the clergy and lay delegates of this Convocation pledge their support to the advancement of this project.

By request of the Bishop, Mr. Earl T. Ross of the New York Life Insurance Company made an explanation of the insurance plan for increasing the Episcopate Fund. It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of this insurance be referred to the committee on finance of the Bishop and Council with power to act.

Convocation adjourned at 5 p. m.



## THIRD DAY

January 29, 1924.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 7:30 a. m. by the Rev. Seth C. Hawley.

Convocation opened at 9:50 a. m. The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, which were passed:

Resolved: That everything be done to arouse an interest in our communities in the Bok Peace Plan (or any reasonable one for the abolishing of war), and that efforts be made to secure signatures to forward such plans.

Resolved: That the members of Convocation strongly urge upon the parishes and missions of this District a complete loyalty to the program of the Church including organization of the congregations into groups (or as a whole) for purposes of discussion of the Church's program, and the faithful carrying out of the every member canvas.

Resolved: That Convocation commend the work of the week-day religious instruction; and urges a careful study of local conditions and the stimulating of interest to bring about a public demand for such instruction.

Resolved: That the Convocation welcomes most heartily the opportunity that makes possible the reading of the Bible in the public schools of the State; urges that the Board of Religious Education of the District commend to the State Board that passages from the Bible be read daily (without comment) in each schoolroom.

Resolved: That the Convocation stands for law observance, and would enlist all members of the Church in Nevada to cooperate in enforcement of the laws of the state and nation.

Resolved: That Convocation hereby goes on record as heartily endorsing the Bishop's stand on the matter of easy divorce, and suggests that every effort be made to lengthen the legal requirement for a decree to one year.

Resolved: That Convocation asks that the members of the District Board of Religious Education draw up suitable plans for the carrying on of religious instruction in homes far removed from the advantages of the local parish or mission, and recommends a thoughtful consideration of the Home Department plan.

Resolved: That Convocation is in sympathy with and approves of the resolutions presented at the meetings of the Synod of the Province of the Pacific held at Fresno, California, October 17-21, 1923, concerning Social Service, Religious Education; Revival of interest in the ministry and better support of the same, etc, etc., and desires that every effort be made to bring to pass the plans and suggestions thus put forth.

Resolved: That the sincere and hearty thanks of the Convocation



be given the Rev. Edward Tanner Brown, rector of Trinity Church, Reno, the members of the Guild, and others who have made our stay here so helpful and pleasant.

Resolved: That Convocation makes this record of its gratitude to the railroads, and other transportation companies for the help given the missionaries in this District to carry on their work, by granting them transportation.

Amidst the difficulties that arise in shepherding a flock so small and widely scattered as that in Nevada, we, the members of the Convocation, realize that many are the moments of utter loneliness that must come to you, our Chief Pastor and Father in God. We know of the many places long vacant that cause you many a heartache; we are aware of the lethargy of the people in the matters of law enforcement and the following of higher ideals when you have tried most earnestly and sincerely to lead us on.

Therefore in the spirit of loyal affection and good will we pledge you our cooperation and our prayers in all that you do for the strengthening of finer life in our state, and the upbuilding of the kingdom of righteousness for the salvation of souls.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCIVAL S. SMITHE,

A. W. PLUMMER,

MRS. GEORGE A. ROBISON.

The Rev. Stanley T. Boggess gave an interesting review of the book, "Belief in Christ" by Gore.

Prayer Book revision was discussed somewhat at length. It was moved, seconded and carried "that we memorialize the committee on Prayer Book revision that the word 'militant' be omitted from the phrase, Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant."

The following resolution was passed: Resolved, that there be appointed a committee of two presbyters and two laymen to confer with the Bishop on ways and means for securing additional priests for work in the District, and for retaining those already now engaged.

Convocation adjourned at 12:20 for luncheon.

The afternoon was spent in listening to three interesting book reviews, the Rev. S. J. Talbot reviewing Herbert's



"The Priest to the Temple"; the Rev. S. C. Hawley Savage's "Pastoral Visitation", and the Rev. E. T. Brown, Studdert-Kennedy's "I Believe."

No further business appearing the Convocation adjourned sine die after prayers and benediction by the Bishop.

EDWARD T. BROWN,  
Secretary of Convocation.  
(For the Rt. Rev. George Coolidge Hunting,  
Late Bishop of Nevada.)



# ***APPENDIX***



## BISHOP'S ADDRESS

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Brethren of the Clergy and Laity of the Church in Nevada:

The Grace and the Peace of God be with you all. Amen.

As we meet again in Convocation our first thought should be of Him who is the Head of the Church, whom we serve and whose Holy Spirit guides and strengthens us.

In the past year the whole Church was bereaved in the death of the beloved Presiding Bishop, Daniel Sylvester Tuttle. He was preeminently a great missionary leader. In his remarkable career in the Church, spiritual, strong, gentle, humble, just, modest, he, as layman, priest and bishop was a living example of what a Christian man can be among men. The record of his life is an inspiration.

From our official family we have lost John David Weeks, warden of St. Luke's Mission, Clover Valley. A hard-working, kindly Christian man, sorely beset, we mourn his loss, and will remember him with love.

The Rev. James MacLaughlin, after five years of service at Ely has cast in his lot with Wyoming, and we wish him Godspeed.

The Rev. Francis C. Murgotten resigned the rectorship of Carson and returned to his beloved teaching profession, and is at the State University at Reno.

The Ven. John J. Cowan gave up his hard work as Archdeacon of Reno to take up a much harder task in Central America. Fitted by temperament for it, and acclimated, he felt a real call which could not be denied. We miss in our work his faithful earnestness.

The Rev. Seth C. Hawley came from the East, a wise man, to Elko and its missions. He has thrown himself enthusiastically into the work. His ministry is most acceptable and he is making real advance. He is heartily welcome.

It was my painful duty to depose from the Sacred Ministry the Rev. C. Elmer Jameson, at one time in charge of Trinity Church, Reno, for a year. It is always sad to see a career terminated, which began well and might have been most useful.

As you know, every clergyman must make an annual report—the priest to his people and the Convocation; the bishop to the Convocation and the general Church. If those to whom the report is made would take as much interest in and put as much time on it as the one who makes it, much mutual benefit would accrue.

I attended the Annual Convention of the Diocese of California, making some addresses.



Took part in the conference of Directors of the Church's Program in this Province, at San Francisco.

Bishop Thomas of Wyoming being abroad I took some confirmations for him in his District.

During two weeks had many confirmations in Idaho for Bishop Touret who was ill, and in a hospital.

Met with Council of Continental Domestic Missionary Bishops in Manitou, Colorado, to go over budgets for 1924.

Took part in meetings of Synod of this Province at Fresno, Cal.

At the request of the Bishop of Arizona had three day conference with his clergy on the Church's Program.

Attended sessions of the House of Bishops at Dallas, Texas.

Assisted at an ordination to the priesthood in Salt Lake City and addressed the Church students at the University of Utah.

These outside things take time and effort, but seem to necessary for the work's sake.

During the year I visited in the interest of the work the following places in Nevada:

Battle Mountain	Glenbrook	Reno
Beatty	Goldfield	Silver City
Caliente	Goodsprings	Sparks
Carson City	Las Vegas	Stewart
Dayton	Lovelock	Tonopah
Elko	Mina	Virginia City
Ely	Moapa	Wells
Fallon	Nixon	Winnemucca
Galilee	Pioche	Yerington

I confirmed 103 persons: Reno, 21; Ely, 14; Carson City, 13; Fallon, 11; Elko, 9; Sparks, 8; Stewart, 8; Virginia City, 7; Las Vegas, 5; Pioche, 5; Lovelock, 2.

I held 107 services and gave 131 sermons and addresses; baptized 4 persons and read the burial service twice.

Letters Dimissory were accepted of the Rev. Seth C. Hawley, and given to the Rev. Messrs. John J. Cowan, Francis C. Murgotten and James MacLaughlin.

Consent was given to the Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Frank William Sterret as Bishop Coadjutor of Bethlehem; the Rev. Robert Edward Lee Strider as Bishop Coadjutor of West Virginia; the Rev. Alexander Mann as Bishop of Pittsburgh; to the translation of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Herman Page from Spokane to the Diocese of Michigan, and to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of Montana. Refused to consent to the election of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Albion W. Knight as Bishop Coadjutor of New Jersey, and to the



Consecration of the Rev. Dr. James E. Freeman as Bishop of Washington.

I received notice of the deposition from the Sacred Ministry of the following:

Edwin Wallace Hunter.....	Louisiana
George Henry Summer.....	Idaho
Byrle Jacob Osborn.....	Montana
Carroll Earle B. Peeke.....	California
Earl Hamilton McCollister.....	Oregon
Basil Murdin.....	Fond du Lac
Malcolm B. Ayres.....	South Florida
Carl H. Williams.....	Oklahoma
Carl Augustus Nybladh.....	Chicago
Pierce Butler.....	Chicago
William E. Gilliam.....	Central New York
Alfred E. Race.....	Central New York
Ernest Melville W. Smith.....	Spokane

My books have been audited by a certified public accountant and his report will be presented to Convocation.

The balance sheet is as follows:

#### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1923.....	\$25,422.20
District .....	262.05
National Council .....	16,007.50
Indian Specials .....	510.50
Miscellaneous .....	5,879.73
Episcopal Trust Funds .....	2,301.20
	<u>\$50,383.62</u>

#### EXPENDITURES

Salaries .....	\$ 8,157.00
Travel .....	1,083.77
Insurance and Taxes.....	715.83
Repairs .....	273.80
Women Workers .....	840.00
Discretion .....	200.00
Education .....	50.70
Office .....	243.08
Miscellaneous .....	11,702.11
Indian Specials .....	381.00
Episcopal Trust Funds .....	7,881.69
Transferred to Episcopate Fund .....	2,405.14
Refund to National Council.....	2,492.65
	<u>\$36,426.77</u>

#### BALANCE

Episcopal Trust Funds.....	\$12,388.37
National Council (to be refunded).....	1,169.29
Indian Specials .....	340.78
Miscellaneous .....	57.97
	<u>\$13,956.41</u>

Of this balance all except \$57.97 belong to various Trust Funds.



The material progress of the past year has been unusual and will certainly interest you.

Trinity Church, Reno, was moved to a new site near the University and remodelled. It contains Chapel, Social Hall, dressing rooms and kitchen and will be used in our work among Church Students at the University. These number, this year, 23 per cent of all those giving any religious affiliation. This unusual proportion is the result of our work in small communities and on scattered ranches. The new plant is named St. Stephen's.

The Church at Golconda, where we now have no Church people, was taken down in sections, moved to Lovelock, remodelled, two rooms added for the missionary and will serve this growing community.

A house purchased some time ago at Goodsprings was taken down and rebuilt at Moapa as quarters for the woman worker among the Indians and for meetings of various nature.

The Church at Silver City, rendered unsafe by a storm, was entirely taken down and a new Church erected from the old lumber. In all its new paint it is one of the most attractive Churches in the State. This was done through the generosity of the Church of the Incarnation, New York City, whose rector, the Rev. Dr. Percy Silver, was attracted by the need at Silver City, and its name.

The Hall which was purchased at Pioche and remodelled into a Church inside has been made to look more like a Church outside and with its cross above and its new concrete foundation below it is a safe Church materially as I know it is theologically.

The Church at Ely has been painted and the Church and rectory at Fallon have been painted by the good minister personally. It was a real task and he has our hearty appreciation and thanks. Fresh paint on our buildings occasionally, preserves the fabric, helps our reputation in the community, and adds to the better spirit of all.

A fine Parish Hall is practically completed at Fallon, it contains hall, stage, dressing rooms, guild room and kitchen. It will be a great asset to the work there and add much to our effectiveness in the town.

The debt on the splendid Church at Ely was paid and the Church was consecrated Easter Day. Now the people are talking of a Parish Hall.

The Churches at Pioche, Goodsprings and Beatty were dedicated to religious worship. They were carefully not consecrated according to the order in the Prayer Book, that we might allow their use by ministers of other Churches and not conflict with the Canons of this Church.

The great expanse of roof on the Church at Virginia City has been reshingled through the efforts of the Woman's Guild.

Services have been started at Montello by the rector of Elko. This is an important point and I am very glad we have taken hold.



The Whitaker-Burr Fund has reinvested its principal in securities bringing higher interest. The past year two young women have been assisted at the University. Since the beginning the Fund has given outright the sum of \$2025.

The Bishop's Banner is awarded each year to the Church School making the largest per capita offering in the Lenten Mite Boxes. Elko won in 1923. I am wondering who will receive it next Easter. The smallest school has an equal chance with the largest. The total offering goes to the general work of the Church. The goal for the children of the Church this year is half a million dollars. Think of the untold help this great sum will be.

The Woman's Auxiliary is working steadily at its appointed tasks, prayer, mission study, united thank offering and box work. It is all a great joy and satisfaction to its members. If other women of the Church could realize this there would be more rapid growth of this splendid organization in Nevada. Its activities in no wise draw from parish work or needs, but instead always create a spirit that is manifested in larger enthusiasm for home affairs. The Auxiliary gives substances to the words "The light which shines farthest, shines brightest at home."

In this annual message there should be some discussion of the Christian life of Church people in Nevada since the message is not only a report of activities but a charge and letter set forth by the Bishop in obedience to the law of the Church and to his duty as chief pastor.

Earnest and thinking people in every walk of life today seem to feel the outstanding need to be such that it may be well expressed in the missionary slogan of several years ago—"Christ in every life and in all of life." Christ in the personal life and its intimate relations with God, and Christ in the life of the world—the relations of man with man and nation with nation.

It is distinctly easy for human nature to live without regard for God as it is distinctly difficult to live in the world today mindful of Him. But how true it is now as in Isaiah's time that "All we, like sheep, have gone astray." Nothing but the unthinking following of a leader; certainly neither calm reason nor the sight of faith, has brought us to our present unhappy state of life. And it will be the renewal of a "right spirit within us" which will save us before we go too far into danger.

We, professed followers of Christ, known to men as such, have a grave responsibility not only for our own souls but for the world of our times. Much is expected of us to whom much has been given. We are set on a hill. By our words and life God expects us to bring mankind to Him.

I would call you to private and common prayer and study of His word in your homes and in your Churches. Neither side of our spiritual life may be neglected. Husband and wife and children must live as unto Him to make a home—He is the unseen Guest at every fireside and table and there we come to know Him best. His word read



and prayer offered to Him in this little circle, just as He knew it in Nazareth, gives the strength needed out in the world.

Friends and neighbors in the larger life of the community must also live to Him and in the common prayer and worship of the Church build up their spiritual lives and prepare themselves for the community tasks of service which call so insistently and which we cannot and would not ignore.

I would call you to the Lord's Table. Only through the feast spread there can we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, a memorial of that sacrifice which alone can save us. So only does Christ come into our lives, are our sinful bodies made clean, our souls washed and we evermore dwell in Him and He is us. Our sad neglect of this first obligation is to our shame and the peril of our immortal souls. I recall to the clergy our avowed duty to read the exhortation before the confession in the Communion service at least once each month, and a part or all of an exhortation at each time of giving notice of a Celebration of the Holy Communion that all our communicants may be reminded of their duty to receive after suitable preparation therefor.

I am fully justified in discussing financial matters in this address for two reasons—the need of it and the fact that it has always been an important part of Church affairs. It has been found that one verse in seven in the Bible has to do with material possessions and their use, and one-third of the Parables of our Lord center about, or involve, money and material wealth, and that one-half his entire teaching has very definite implications and imperative applications with regard to property, its origin and use, directly or indirectly. Let me quote from a recent book:

"Some object to 'too much talk about money from the pulpit' or that 'the pulpit is no place to discuss questions of property'; would they have rebuked Christ when He discoursed in detail concerning pounds and their use, or concerning the loan of talents and the duties of trading therewith and of bringing the increase to the owner, or when He depicted a Samaritan as setting the wounded object of his neighborly love on a horse which cost money, after pouring into his wounds wine and oil which cost money, binding his hurts with garments which cost money, and paying the inn-keeper for food and room and care with money and gave the promise of more money?"

Do you recall how Jesus on the very last day of His public ministry gave a parable of a landowner who rented his well equipped property to tenants and went into a far country? And do you recall what Jesus pictured as the punishments of those tenants who refused to pay the rentals due the owner, who oppressed the servants and slew the son who were sent to receive the rents?" And this just before He Himself, the Son, was slain!

However much property we may hold in fee simple according to human laws, not one of us can own a foot of ground or a dollar's worth of wealth in fee eternal. God's right of eminent domain remains forever. We are stewards of the Owner and Banker of the Universe.

How much can a steward spend on himself? What are the justifiable expenses of the stewardship? Can he justify the returning an-



nually to the Owner only so much as he pays for a suit of clothes, or a rug, or gasoline, or club or lodge dues?

We are not good stewards in Nevada. Our communicants do not average \$1 a year return to the Owner for carrying on His operations in His vineyard. Nor do we properly care for our own part of the field—the workers, your clergy, are not adequately paid even with the help from outside—they have not proper equipment and tools for good work.

And here I want to give them the praise and honor due them for splendid work despite the limitations thus imposed upon them, despite their personal financial worries, their wide fields, their lack of helpers and backers. They will get their reward eventually, but deserve some of it now. Let us all pray God to give us an understanding of the obligations and joys of stewardship and a spirit to practice it in our relations with Him.

The effort to change the divorce law is at a standstill for the moment. It will be renewed shortly. There were more divorces granted in 1923 than in 1922. The scandals revealed are as usual. There is the same feeling of disgust in right-minded people over them, the same remarks that something should be done, the same apathy or fear keeps all but a handful of courageous people from doing anything.

As Christian citizens we have a definite duty at this time which it is our obligation to do, as it should be our pleasure. It is to observe the law; and not only to keep it carefully ourselves but counsel like observance in others. We tend to make light of certain laws in conversation if not in actual breaking of them. Law is an essential part of the foundation of government, and government is materially weakened by ridicule or any non-observance of it. Disregard for one law which we may not approve easily breeds disregard for authority, which in a nation leads to anarchy. Let us obey and uphold our laws while they are on the books.

Statistics show there are about 15,000 children of school age in Nevada, and about 7,000 scholars in Sunday Schools of every name. Some of these latter are younger or older than the public school age, which means that over 8,000 children are receiving no religious training outside their homes. We know from observation and report that they are receiving little within their homes. Most serious minded people recognize the need of religious training and the lack of it today. Certainly the minimum is some knowledge of the Bible. It is not feasible to have Sunday Schools in every one of the 400 school districts in Nevada, but it is possible to read the Bible in every school room. The Supreme Court of Nevada has decided that reading the Bible in school is not sectarian instruction in the meaning of the Constitution. Books of selected readings have been prepared. Personally I would be glad to see either the Authorized or Douay (Roman Catholic) version used. The only possible objection could come from Jewish people if parts of the New Testament are read. I ask that Convocation consider this problem and devise a plan by which we can start something looking towards putting the Bible into the Public Schools of Nevada.



I do not feel that I can make this address to the Church in Nevada without mention of the controversy now going on in religious circles and particularly as it presents itself in our own Church. With us there is no division into Fundamentalists and Modernists, for I doubt if a respectable minority could be found as fundamental as those who deny evolution and hold the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, nor for the most modern position which denies without qualification, articles of the faith held for centuries.

I was at Dallas and voted for the resolutions reported by a committee in reply to a request from certain laymen for an answer to definite questions. When it was proposed to send this answer out to the Church as a Pastoral Letter I privately questioned the wisdom of such action, but made no attempt to prevent it. I wrote in a private letter that day that I felt we had unnecessarily started trouble.

Personally I can say the Creeds with my whole heart. In the words of another, "They are a challenge to service and a flag to lead us on." In the words of the Apostles' Creed "I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary."

I know that the words "born of the Virgin Mary" were added to the creed 250 years after Christ's death; that the Nicene Creed was finished before the Apostle's Creed; that two Gospels do not give the circumstances of the birth of Christ, and the probable reasons therefor, remembering too that writers of the two Gospels which carry the story received it from Joseph and Mary the two persons best prepared to tell it; that St. Paul does not write of it; and above all I know what both so-called Fundamentalists and Modernists know that the FACT of the Incarnation—that Jesus Christ was made man—is not dependant on the circumstances of His birth. In other words those who believe in a literal interpretation of the words "conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary" and those who cannot believe in such literal interpretation, all have a place in our great Church, for they all stand on the fact of the Incarnation—that Jesus Christ is perfect God and perfect Man.

The years pass and the day of world peace is not yet. Indeed some statesmen fear another and greater war. By some we are told that the destiny of the world—peace or war—lies with America. This nation must cooperate in either. A plan for our cooperation for peace was proposed by our late lamented President and his Secretary of State—entrance into the World Court with certain limitations. We are blessed and cursed with a Congress and politics, and the ear to the ground is always with us. A plan for peace is now before us—its definitions probably much like those behind the other, and we are asked to express our desires—shall it be tried or not?

Let this people so earnestly approve that the Congress will hear and obey the unmistakable sentiment of a great people who are through with war and policy and hidden diplomacy.

In many ways our lot is cast in a hard field. Our industries are difficult to carry on—heat and cold—flood and drought—work against us injuring our ranches and our live stock. Only those who live in



mining communities know the toil and the toll of lives given to extracting metals from the earth. But these very things give us the virile people for which the West is noted.

You who have known the Church here for many years know its difficulties. A transient population, seven days of labor in mines and on ranches, changing shifts and unusual hours for use of water, the manifold temptations of the old camps where many of us lived, abnormal exaltations and unusual discouragements, towns dying out, the lack of ministers of religion and places of worship, children growing up without opportunity for baptism, marriage by law and without thought of it as a sacramental rite, burial without benefit of clergy, all tend to living without the Church and organized religion and make the carrying on of these agencies of the spiritual life unusually difficult. But these very things ought logically to make us strong spiritually. It is war with nature's obstacles which make a strong people, and war with spiritual obstacles ought to make strong Christians. The war with nature must be waged that we may live and obtain the rewards of the world; we recognize this and fight. We do not seem to recognize the need of fighting for our spiritual life and its rewards. Yet it is of infinitely more worth than the few days of earth. You were enlisted in baptism under the banner of Christ. The first prayer said over you after you became a Christian was a plea that you would fight manfully for Christ and not be ashamed to confess your faith in Him.

You are on the very frontier of battle. Your officers, the clergy, are eager to lead you on to victory for Christ over the powers of darkness. Will you hold them back? Will you fail them? How one longs to stand before God's people and shout the battle cry, to pour into them the spirit and power of their Leader.

Go forward, Christian soldier!  
Nor dream of peaceful rest,  
Till Satan's host is vanquished  
And heaven is all possessed!  
Till Christ Himself shall call thee  
To lay thine armour by,  
And wear in endless glory  
The crown of victory.



REPORT FROM JAN. 1, 1923 TO DEC. 31, 1923 TO CONVOCATION OF 1924	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	Total Baptisms	Confirmations	Marriages	Burials	Baptized Persons	Communicants	S. S. Teachers	S. S. Scholars	Total Receipts	Property Values
Carson	5	13	18	9	2	7	205	113	4	46	*	\$ 16,000
Elko	10	13	23	9	9	2	185	81	6	51	2,282.41	25,500
Reno	5	9	14	21	8	46	558	269	9	112	8,765.64	50,000
Austin							28	5	2	25	173.23	4,700
Battle Mountain		1	1		2	2	72	23	3	40	956.09	10,000
Caliente		2	2				14	2			93.61	
Clover Valley						1	10	4	4	12	33.32	4,540
Dayton							20	9	*		*	1,100
Ely				14	5	7	100	60	5	53	1,426.39	25,000
Eureka							56	32	5	40	75.03	1,000
Fallon	4	10	14	11	2		104	43	3	22	2,711.15	7,400
Las Vegas	2		2	5			62	30	3	14	381.10	9,300
Lovelock	1	4	5	2			25	7			200.80	4,000
Pioche	4	2	6	5		3	90	30			990.87	2,100
Sparks	2	2	4	8	1	8	201	105	6	50	2,016.94	8,000
Tonopah							100	50			*	10,000
Virginia City				7			120	60	*		*	8,000
Winnemucca					3	2	118	33	2	20	1,600.04	12,000
Beatty							7	3			33.80	550
Fernley							6	1			.80	300
Goldfield							20	5			*	5,000
Goodsprings							20	4			185.75	600
Hawthorne							10	1			*	
Hazen							5	1			.95	
Manhattan							6	2			*	
Mason							10	3			*	150
Midas		1	1				20		3	35	58.64	
Mina							10	2			*	2,000
McGill							25	10			*	
Moapa		2	2		1		6	1	1	18		600
Montello		4	4				17	8			29.58	
Nixon		7	7			7	350	36	2	45	121.86	5,600
Palisade							13	6			5.81	
Round Mountain							25	2			*	50
Silver City							35	11				2,000
Stewart				8			42	20	1	*		
Wells							19	9			.90	
Yerington							20	5			*	500
Scattered							250	50				20,000
Totals	20	55	75	111	33	85	2984	1138	59	583	\$22,144.71	\$235,990

\* Not reported.











