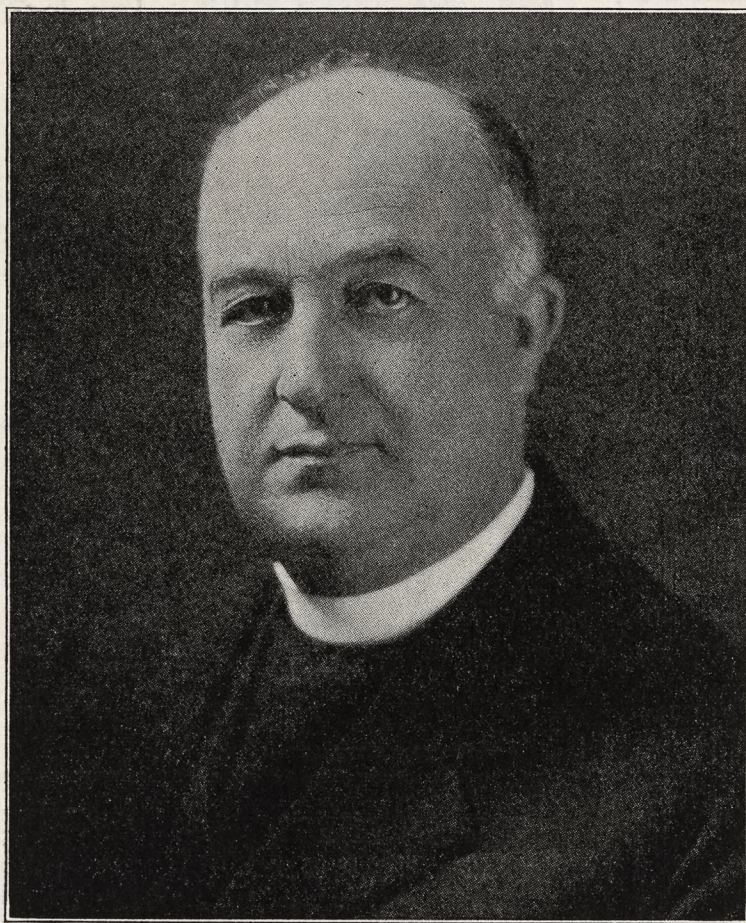


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## NEWS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Reported by

THE WITNESS STAFF IN WASHINGTON

**REV. GEORGE H. THOMAS**, rector of St. Paul's, Chicago, was elected Bishop of Wyoming on Friday on the third ballot; Rev. Frederick D. Goodwin, Richmond County, Virginia, was elected Bishop of Nevada, also on the third ballot; Bishop Thomas, suffragan of Southern Brazil, was elected bishop of that district, and Rev. Norman S. Binstead of Japan was elected missionary bishop of the district of Tohoku, Japan.

Prayer Book revision was finally disposed of on Friday when the House of Deputies concurred with the Bishops in laying on the table the question on the 39 Articles. Thus the question which was going to bring forth much oratory was not debated in either House.

There was lively debate in the House of Deputies over the question of joining the Federal Council of Churches. The opposition was led by Mr. Frederick Morehouse and Rev. George Craig Stewart, while Mr. G. W. Wickersham, Rev. Samuel Tyler, Mr. Edward Bonsall, and Dean C. E. Jackson favored closer relationship with the Council. The net result of the half day's work: The Episcopal Church is to cooperate with the Federal Council through the departments of social service and evangelism. The Bishop wanted also to join with them in their committee on Eastern Churches but the Deputies turned it down.

Somebody introduced a resolution to kill the depart-

ment of social service of the National Council but it was defeated in a hurry.

The Bishops have decided upon Denver for the next General Convention. The House of Deputies have yet to act upon the matter.

The House of Deputies want to elect the Presiding Bishop by the concurrent vote of both Houses. The committee of the House of Bishops have reported unfavorably but the matter is to come before the Bishops again during the final week of the Convention. At present he is elected by the Bishops and ratified by the Deputies.

There was considerable debate in the meeting of the Auxiliary over whether or not the Woman's Auxiliary should limit its work to missions or should also take up community and social service problems. They finally passed a resolution favoring the wider field. A more detailed report of this important matter will be printed here next week.

There are those in the Church who do not want the Church to have any interest in social and industrial problems. Resolution was introduced in both Houses to that effect. In the House of Deputies it was killed by acclamation; in the House of Bishops it was referred to committee, where it will be buried undoubtedly.

A gentleman in the House of Deputies launched into



REV. GEORGE H. THOMAS  
*Elected Bishop of Wyoming*



a speech condemning the Church League for Industrial Democracy, and Miss Jane Addams, who was to speak that evening at a meeting under League auspices. He was booed down. That evening four hundred people who attended the League meeting arose to pay Miss Addams tribute when she was introduced. Bishop Parsons delivered a stirring address at this meeting on the social implications of the Gospel.

An amendment to the canons requiring physical and mental examination before ordination was adopted by the House of Deputies after long debate.

A mass meeting of the American Institute for Negroes was held in the D. A. R. Hall on Tuesday evening when the Rev. Robert W. Patten presented his report and the Rev. W. W. Alexander gave a thrilling address on "Good Will Between Races." A chorus of negro voices rendered spirituals and plantation songs. There are now ten institute schools, ministering to about 7000 students during the year. Dr. Patten reported, amid applause, that \$580,000 of the \$655,000 for the work of the institute that had been authorized in the Advance Work Program of the Church, had been raised, with an additional \$60,000 raised for special work.

The Birthday Thank offering made by the children of the Church was presented in the Church of the Epiphany on Sunday last. The amount was over \$32,000. The offering was started nine years ago when \$8,000 was presented. The offering this year is to go to the Hooker School in Mexico.

Bishop Ward of Erie has presented a resolution calling upon the Church to reaffirm its position of three years ago on the matter of Prohibition. It praises the government for its efforts to enforce the law (a few snickers were heard at that point) and calls upon Church people to set a good example.

One of the most interesting meetings last week was the meeting on Thursday evening of the Church Mission of Help, when addresses were made on the work of the organization by Mrs. John Glenn, president, and Bishop Oldham of Albany and the Rev. Hugh Birckhead of Baltimore.

Resignations of the following Bishops have been accepted: Brewster of Connecticut, Burton of Lexington, Kinsolving of Southern Brazil, and Nelson of Albany.

Bishop Brent presented a plan for conferences with Methodists and Presbyterians looking toward Unity which was adopted by the House of Bishops.

There was spirited discussion in the House of Bishops over the Fourth of July Service in the new Prayer Book. Several Bishops felt that the service, and particularly the Collect for the day, kept alive international hatreds of a bygone war. Said Bishop Gailor: "I do

not like to say a prayer thanking God freeing us from the government of the English-speaking people. The more I read of the American revolution the more I am convinced that it is a mixed question. My ancestors fought in the Revolution—"

"On which side," called a fellow Bishop.

"That question is brighter than it is proper," replied Bishop Gailor. "They fought on the American side."

Bishop Manning also opposed the new service as did several others, but it passed by one vote.

A mass meeting on the rural problem was held on Tuesday evening, with Bishop Irving P. Johnson as the speaker. The Rev. H. W. Foreman, secretary of rural work, pleaded for a greater interest in the problem, stating that city populations are recruited from rural communities, which are devoid of all religious teaching.

One lay deputy mounted the rostrum to offer a resolution. He prefaced it by saying it would cast its own light—and then proceeded to read the wrong resolution, leaving everyone in the dark while he hunted for the right one. Then he read page after page covering thirteen separate recommendations couched in language fit for the Congressional Record. The House was illuminated to a point of physical infirmity.

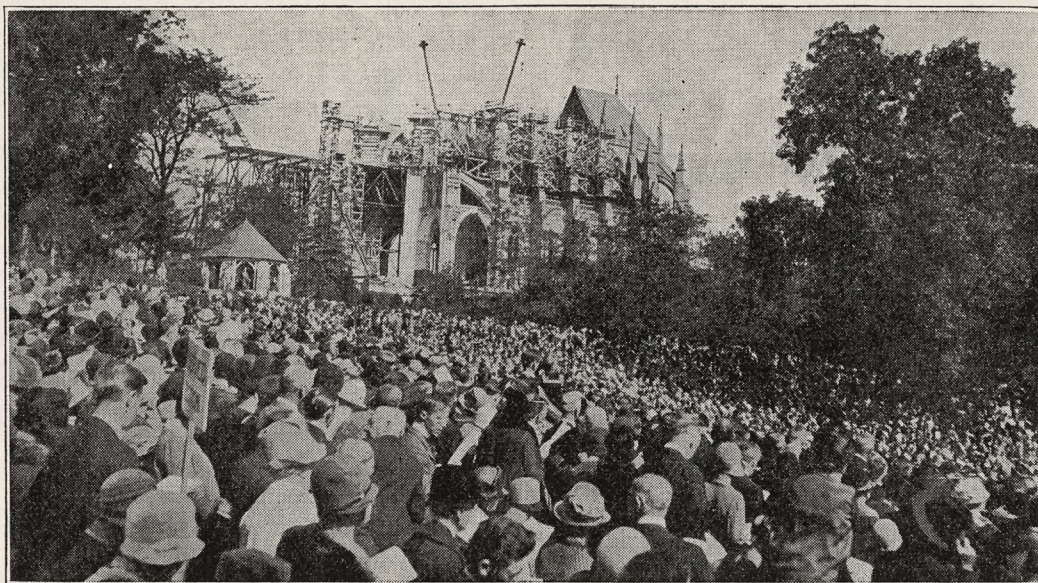
General Convention says there is to be a new diocese in Wisconsin. The see city is to be Eau Claire. It is made up of portions of the present dioceses of Milwaukee and Fond du Lac and starts off with an endowment of \$200,000. The primary convention for organization and election of a bishop is slated for November 21st at Eau Claire where the cathedral is to be located.

Dean Fosbroke presented the report of the General Seminary to the House of Deputies. There are 146 students at the General this year. Of the million and a quarter dollars that the seminary set out to raise last year but \$289,000 has been raised.

A resolution has been introduced in the House of Deputies indorsing the Kellogg Treaty for the outlawry of war.

Mr. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, delivered a great address at a mass meeting on industrial relations, under the auspices of the department of Christian social service, on Wednesday evening. Mr. Green stated that in fighting and struggling for the advancement of human welfare and human betterment among the masses of the people organized labor is paralleling the work of the Church. He said: "We want to help the Church by creating a healthy environment, a favorable psychological condition in the homes and communities where workers dwell so that the seed of the Gospel Truth may not fall upon stony ground, on beaten paths or among thorns but instead in good ground where it





A VIEW OF THE OPENING SERVICE

will bring forth an hundredfold. We wish to cooperate with the Church in promoting religion and morality and we ask the Church to understand us and to assist us in furthering our humane undertakings."

The problems of marriage and divorce were introduced into the House of Bishops through the report of the commission. Naturally the subject prompted the local newspapers to blossom forth with scareheads, one of which was in four-inch type, "CHURCH ADVOCATES CLASSES IN LOVE."

Bishop Anderson of Chicago has been elected vice-chairman of the House of Bishops.

Bishop Perry presided at a meeting in the interest of the work of deaconesses on Wednesday evening, at which ten minute addresses were made by six outstanding women workers of the Church. Most of the men here can learn a great deal from the women when it comes to making speeches. They all said a great deal in a short time. Deaconess Fuller of Chase House, Chicago, was elected chairman of the National Council of Deaconesses.

Bishop Burlison of South Dakota has been elected Assessor to the Presiding Bishop.

A commission has been appointed to work out a plan for a selective draft of newly ordained men for the missionary fields.

Miss Grace Lindley has been reelected executive secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary. The following were elected to the executive committee (there were eighteen nominated): Mrs. Robert Burkham, St. Louis; Mrs. Alan McGregor, Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. E. J. Randall, Chicago; Miss Lucy Sturgis, Boston; Mrs. Blair Roberts, South Dakota; Mrs. Harper Sibley,

Rochester; Miss H. H. Winston, Louisville, and Mrs. George Woodward, Philadelphia.

The Auxiliary listened to addresses by the secretaries of religious education of the National Council on Wednesday of last week. The day previous they had a speech by Dean Lathrop on social service.

A joint session of the two houses was held on Friday of last week to listen to addresses on Unity, Evangelism and Young People's work.

The present arrangement whereby the Church is represented in the Federal Council of Churches through the social service department is to be continued for another three years. The Convention voted to appropriate \$5000 toward the work of the Federal Council.

Bishop Reifsnider of North Tokyo resigned on the grounds that he was elected to aid Bishop McKim when the latter had charge of a larger field than he has at present, but the Bishops refused to accept his resignation.

Renewed efforts to achieve Christian unity is urged in the report of the commission on Faith and Order which has been presented to the Convention. Another conference such as the one held at Lausanne is hoped for.

The House of Deputies notified the House of Bishops that they had elected a messenger for the House of Bishops. The Bishops notified the Deputies that they were quite capable of electing their own officers and then proceeded to elect the same man.

Ten speakers addressed the meeting of the Auxiliary on Thursday. The subjects treated were evangelism,



Church Unity, Negro work, Latin American work, foreign born work, Indian work and the work in several mission fields.

Two thousand people have enrolled for the classes that are being held at the Y. W. C. A. on every phase of Church work.

Ratification of the Prayer Book is moving through both Houses more rapidly than was anticipated.

Bright sayings of the slave-driver (chairman of the committee on the dispatch of business): "If you don't get these rules straight someone will throw a monkey-wrench into the machinery and begin to rock the boat." "The House will begin with one section of Prayer Book revision. We will start at the beginning and go up to Baptism." Whereupon one deputy said, "To say the least, Mr. Anderson, we can't begin any earlier."

Permissive prayers for the dead have been approved by both Houses.

A public meeting presenting the work of deaconesses was held on Tuesday evening, the 16th.

Saturday afternoon many of the deputies went to Mount Vernon; some by boat, others by bus.

The Convention adopted a resolution pledging itself to raise a million dollars for St. Luke's Hospital in Tokyo. A group of laymen of all churches have promised to raise another million and a half.

## *Reports from Mission Fields*

MONDAY, the 15th, was a predominantly missionary day in the General Convention. In Joint Sessions of the two Houses and the Woman's Auxiliary and at a great mass meeting in Washington Auditorium, a vivid picture of the national and world wide work of the Church was painted. Bishop after Bishop contributed a chapter to the thrilling story of the Church's effort to spread the Gospel both at home and abroad, telling not only of the victories of the Cross but also of the problems and obstacles in the field and the crying need of the world.

Beside this was painted another picture, that of the remarkable organization, developing since its creation nine years ago, which promotes and carries on all the missionary and other work for which the Church is corporately responsible, the National Council. This companion picture took shape in the reports of the Executive Secretaries of the Departments of Missions, Religious Education, Christian Social Service, Publicity and Field. The Finance Department made its report to the Convention on Friday last, presenting at that time the Budget for the next Triennium,

which called for the expenditure of more than four million dollars per year.

Dr. John W. Wood, Secretary of the Department of Missions presented the report of the Department together with the budget and program for the ensuing three years. He said there were in the Church 3,847 American and Native Missionaries working in 1800 communities in various parts of the world. There were twenty hospitals treating half a million patients yearly.

The continental Missionary work was represented by Bishop William P. Remington, Missionary Bishop of Eastern Oregon who reported that there were fifteen Continental Missionary Bishops. The budget for this particular part of the work is 935,000 dollars per year.

Bishop H. H. Fox, Coadjutor of Montana, spoke for the 39 dioceses of the Church which received aid from the Department of Missions.

Bishop Frederick R. Graves of Shanghai, China, spoke on the question "Why carry on in China"—he paid a great tribute to the Chinese clergy and native Christians for their steadfastness during the Revolution in China.

Bishop Gouverneur F. Mosher, Missionary Bishop of the Philippines spoke for Missionary work in the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands.

Bishop John McKim, Bishop of Tokyo, Japan, described the attitude of the Japanese Government toward Missionary Work as sympathetic. Bishop McKim is now entering upon the 50th year of his missionary work in Japan. By a rising vote a resolution was adopted congratulating him on his long service.

Brazil and the work in Latin America was represented by Bishop William M. M. Thomas, Suffragan Bishop of Southern Brazil and Liberia was represented by Bishop Robert E. Campbell, Missionary Bishop of Liberia.

The Rev. Dr. H. P. A. Abbott of Baltimore, Maryland urged the acceptance of the budget of the Department of Missions which amounts to \$3,000,000 per year.

For the first time in the history of this Church a woman was appointed to make an address in the joint session. Mrs. Harper Sibley did so just at the moment the Graf Zeppelin was passing over the Convention Hall. In graphic terms she described the International Missionary conference which was held in the spring of this year at Jerusalem, attended by 250 delegates from 51 nations of the world and she spoke of the point of view of Missionary Work held by the women of the world.

The reports of all of these missionaries was listened to with interest by the thousands who crowded into the D. A. R. Hall where the joint sessions are held. And if it is any comfort to those of you who were unable to attend this great convention we might add that there are thousands here who have not heard a word of these joint sessions, since the Hall can accommodate not more than half of those who wish to attend. Each morning that joint meetings are held there is a mob of visitors in front of the Hall an hour or more before the session is called to order, but police



guards are at all the doors to keep them out. At one of the meetings one of the speakers, arriving on time, which was an hour too late, succeeded in getting to the platform only because a representative of THE WITNESS, armed with a magical press badge, was able to bootleg him in through a back door.

There was naturally great interest in the address of Bishop Roots of China, due to the unsettled condition of that country. He said that China was suffering from banditry, opium, ignorance, political corruption, militarism, revolution (political, industrial, social, educational, moral and religious, which seems to include about all the forms of revolution that one might desire). Bishop Roots praised the teaching of Sun Yat Sen, whom he described as a Christian man, whose Christian influence was today the most powerful force in China. He then stated that America could best help that country by understanding, sympathy, patience and cooperation, and by allowing Christ complete sway in our own lives so that the unchristian forces in China may see the fruits of Christian living.

Bishop Creighton spoke on the work in Mexico, another country where changes are going on rapidly. He said:

"The Mexican Government is not opposed to religion *per se*. It does want to know, however, who her religious teachers are and what kind of religion we are teaching. And I have never found in my experience in Mexico any opposition on the part of the Government offered to preaching the Gospel. Every request I have made to open a new Mission has been granted. I have made personal request to be registered for five important cities in the Republic and each time I have received my permission. We have been treated with nothing but courtesy and consideration by Mexican people and Government officials and the way has been opened to us to make a contribution to the spiritual life of the Great Republic of the South of us which makes us hope and believe that we are being received with the same paternal spirit that prompts us to extend our work south of the Rio Grande."

Bishop Rowe of Alaska received a tremendous ovation when he took the platform to speak on "Alaska, 1895 to 1928." He told of what he found there 33 years ago—a white population of 2000, living in the south eastern part of the territory, with the Church having three small mission stations in the far north. In 1897 came the stampede for gold, with more than 50,000 people rushing to the North. It was the Church's job to minister to them, body and soul, and how it was done successfully is one of the glorious chapters of Church history.

Bishop Barnwell of Idaho spoke of the work that is being done in that vast territory which lies between the crest of the Rocky Mountains and the crest of the Sierra Nevada, an area of nearly a million square

miles. Said he: "Our distances are vast, our people are few, our poverty is acute and our promise is great.

"This whole country today is new. Life is yet in a formative stage. The habits of thought of new communities are being formed. It remains for us to say how they shall be shaped. For the Church to fail to build itself into the lives of communities while yet they are new will mean that godless communities will arise. But we have a chance if we will accept it to cause cities to rise—cities which have foundations—and whose builder and maker will be God!"

## Reports from Dept. Heads

THE reports of the heads of departments of the National Council and of the various secretaries were full of interest and were well received. Miss Marie McDonald, the second woman to address the Joint session, spoke on Young People's work and asked for a National Evangelistic Campaign when an effort would be made to win the youth of the country to the churches.

The Rev. C. Leslie Glenn, secretary of college work, challenged the Church to tackle the problem of religion in colleges or else face a menace in the college output. The need, he said, was for men, not money. "You must give the college student a message. The altar and the pulpit must be the base of our work with them. And we need no more surveys and investigations. We have had enough of these to last for years, and there is a danger of paralysis by analysis."

The Rev. Charles N. Lathrop presented the report of the department of Christian Social Service in which he stressed the work that the department hoped to do in the rural field; of the work done with seminary students this past summer under the direction of Dr. William S. Keller of Cincinnati, and of the work with the institutions of the Church. Dean Lathrop concluding his report said: "The department keeps always before it as its main objective, the basic principle from which all its work must proceed, that the motivation which the Church must give its people carries out into every department of life. A healthy Christianity demands that there be a direct path from the sanctuary to the street, and this means that the communicant who has a grocery must apply in his grocery the principles and motives that he gets from the sanctuary and the pulpit. It was a matter of great encouragement and satisfaction to hear the Preacher of this convention sum up in his own words what are actually the objectives of this department."

Earlier in the day Dean Lathrop had presented to the Convention the report of the newly organized Industrial Relations Department of the Social Service Department, of which Mr. Spencer Miller is the head, and Mr. Joseph Fletcher the assistant.



A striking proposal in the suggested program is that the Church take the initiative in calling conferences of representative Churchmen and employers in such industries as coal, iron, steel, shoes, textiles and automobiles "to discuss the implications of Christian principles in industrial relations."

Another suggestion is that "in recognition of the constructive function of the trade union in modern industrial life, an effort be made at least yearly, on the Sunday preceding Labor Day or some other convenient time, to invite a representative of the trade union movement to address the congregation or other representative group in each parish on the relationship of Labor to the Church."

Other suggestions are that courses in industrial programs be given at all theological seminaries; that industrial institutes be held annually for the clergy on current developments in the field of industrial relations; that tutorial classes for the laity be established for the same purposes; that an effort be made by the clergy in each parish to come into close contact with employers or employers' associations "to express the concern of the Church for the problem of human relations in industry." Finally, it is demanded that "the Church formulate a more specific statement of the fundamental Christian principles upon which industry and industrial relations should be based, without seeking to present the particular methods by which they shall be translated into practice."

The Rev. G. Warfield Hobbs presented the report of the Publicity Department. He praised the American newspaper for the recognition it has accorded religious news and stated that newspapers were always willing to publish religious news of genuine public significance. He urged the Church to learn the value of advertising, and concluded his remarks by all too modestly calling attention to the work of the department at General Convention. There are nearly a hundred representatives of the religious and secular press here in Washington covering the Convention. A large room is placed at our disposal in the Willard hotel where everything is done for our comfort. And the members of the National publicity department, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Hoster, Mr. Fleischman and others, keep our files filled with news of the interesting happenings. They are doing a bang-up job, and if you folks miles away from these convention halls have been informed of what is going on here in Washington through your local newspaper, the credit for it belongs to the department of publicity of the National Council.

The Rev. C. E. Snowden, secretary of the field department, next reported on the work of that important arm of the Council. It is the job of those in this department to inform the Church of the needs and to encourage them to loosen their purse strings—no too pleasant a job. That it is being done graciously and well no one will doubt after the address by Mr. Snowden. The job in the future, he said, is to stress Ad-

vance Work and not the budget, so that we may all have the inspiration that comes from new victories.

The report of the Finance Department was reported in last week's paper. It calls for \$4,350,000 for the work under the National Council in 1929.

## *The Woman's Auxiliary*

By

MRS. GEORGE BILLER

LET me state very briefly some of the pertinent subjects that are being considered at the Woman's Auxiliary.

### PERSONAL RELIGION AND EVANGELISM

No subject in the Church is more important, for how can we reveal Christ to others unless we have in our own lives that close personal relationship with Him that is essential in eliminating hatred, intolerance, bitterness and all unworthy motives in our relationship with others?

### MISSIONARY PROBLEMS

Under this heading time is being taken to consider the fundamental causes that lead to anti-missionary propaganda in Oriental countries; the superiority attitude of Occidental nations; the lack of interest and intelligent understanding of the home group and workers inadequately prepared for the task given them to do.

### CHRISTIANIZING RELATIONSHIPS

Will the women of the Church show us the way to make home life the foundation stone for christianizing relationships in the social, industrial, racial and international world? "If we could but know one community, one little village anywhere, where all loved one another, and each life went out to each in eager service, would not that be like heaven? If we could know a single household where love reigned undisturbed by any irritation, any harsh judgment, any misinterpretation—could we not through that understand heaven?"

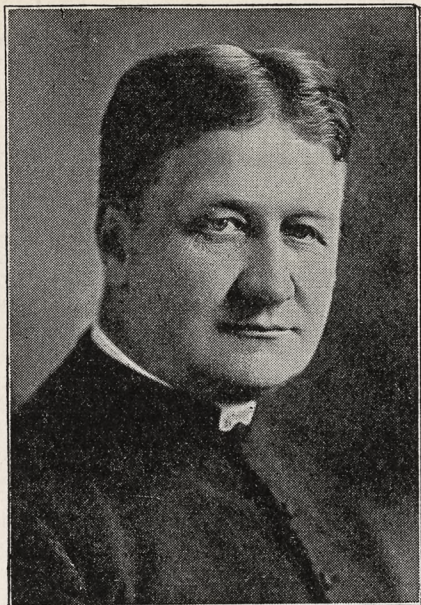
### EDUCATION

Education is being considered in such a way that it may become a strong factor in helping the Church to know the problems of a changing world and understand its responsibility in meeting these problems.

### WORKERS AND TRAINING

In all branches of Church work there is a demand for well trained, efficient men and women. In an attempt to meet this need the Woman's Auxiliary has established centers of training at Tuttle House in Raleigh, Windham House in New York, and is assisting the National Council in maintaining the National Center for Devotion and Conference at Taylor Hall, Racine, Wisconsin. These centers not only train for professional work but also provide an opportunity for volunteer workers to secure adequate information concerning the Church. How much do we care about helping our young people prepare themselves for service to humanity through the Church.





## Among the Leaders in Washington



**DEAN R. S. CHALMERS** (top-left)  
Head of the Convention Classes

**BISHOP BRENT** (top-right)  
The Leader for Church Unity

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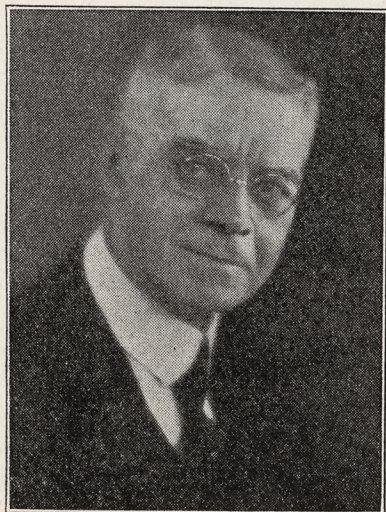
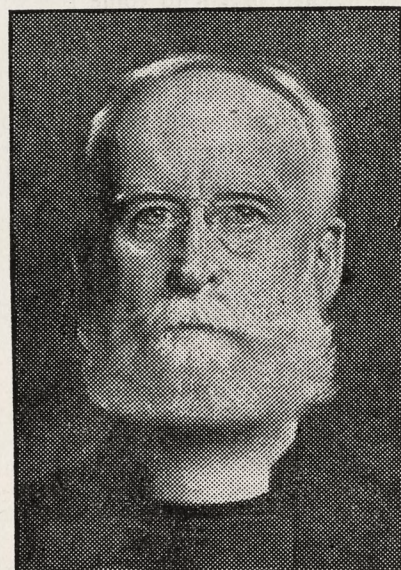
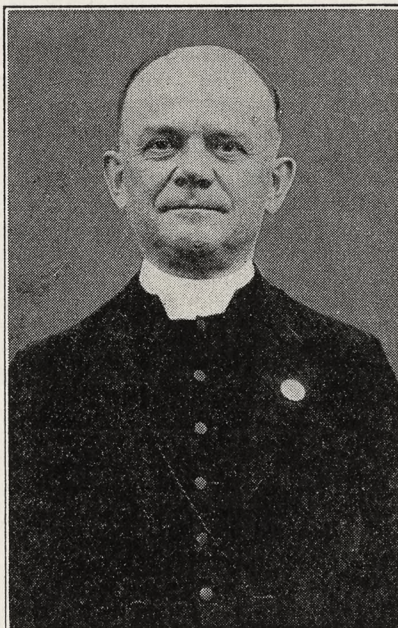
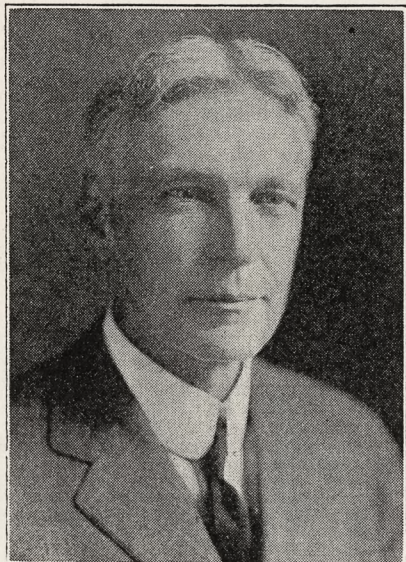
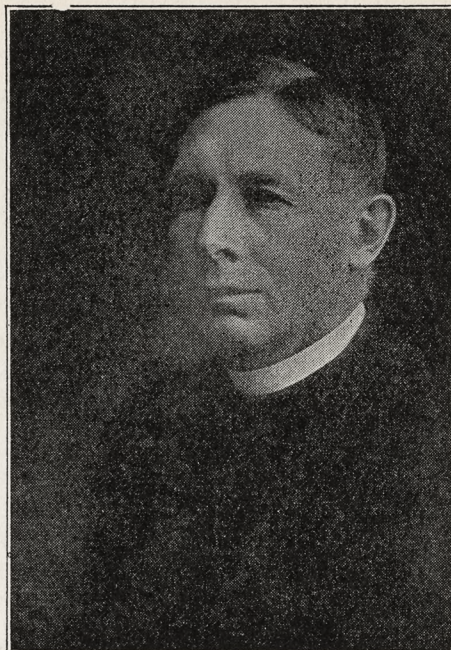
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# NEWS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Edited by

WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

THERE is a little matter over in the state of New Jersey recently before the public which seems to me to hold as much interest as anything that is apt to come before the General Convention. The Rev. William H. Bridge was the rector of the parish there. His living was made at Hunter College in New York City where he was a professor, but he served the parish as rector—well, simply because he was a parson and that was his job. And he did it, to my judgment, particularly well. A large front room in the rectory was turned into a community room where folks came for a quiet hour or two, knowing that there they would find on the table the best of the magazines and in the shelves the best of books. Then on Sunday evenings after service he had a forum in the parish house, with an address each evening by someone whom he felt might help enlighten the natives. I have attended his forum and can testify to the splendid job he was doing in Boonton.

One day a year or so ago he announced that Lucy Ames Mead, a woman who has strange ideas about war, was to speak at the forum. That is she thinks war is a rather silly business that the world could do well without. Mrs. Helen Brumley Baldwin, the head of the chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Boonton, was of the opinion that Mrs. Mead should not be allowed to speak in the town and wrote the papers to that effect. In the letter she quoted Captain G. L. Darte of the Military Order of the World War (whatever that organization is I do not know) to the effect that Mrs. Mead, the Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Oswald Garrison Villard, Jane Addams, Sherwood Eddy, Rabbi Stephen Wise, Stanley High and several others were dangerous folks who were "playing the communist game." Mr. Bridge replied to the letter in which

he defended his position and that of Mrs. Mead and referred to Mrs. Baldwin's charges as the "lying imputations of Mrs. Baldwin and her customary stunt of labeling anything and anybody she doesn't like as communists." Mrs. Baldwin promptly brought suit for libel.

Following this someone, though nobody apparently knows who, tried to have Mr. Bridge deported as an alien, the gentleman having been unfortunate enough to have been born in Canada. But he had his first papers, so that ended that. Then an attempt was made to discredit him at Hunter College where he has taught for five years, but they discovered that his record there was excellent. Then someone tried to prove that he had not always taught just the proper thing during the war when he was at Idaho State University. He was given a clear bill in each and every case.

Now the trial is on. Mrs. Baldwin has told the jury that she has been snubbed by her former friends and has been made to suffer in many ways because of Mr. Bridge's letter. On the other hand Dr. Holmes, Oswald Garrison Villard, Robert Morss Lovett

and several other notables have told the jury that it all seems very silly to them and that it had better be forgotten. Dr. Holmes, a brainy man, took considerable time in explaining to the jury the difference between socialism and communism; and the lawyer for the defense read a nice letter that President Coolidge wrote Miss

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And there you are; a parson of the Church on trial, as near as I can make out, simply because he wanted to run a rather harmless forum.

There is nothing perhaps that the Church can do about it, which seems to me to be too bad. I wish that we might have had some one there representing the Church who might testify to the fine work that Mr. Bridge has always done.

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Bishop Huston of Olympia is looking for a suitable priest to represent the diocese at the University of Washington. There are 7,000 students there.

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All of the seminaries had dinner meetings last Tuesday evening in Washington, at which the alumni gathered to talk of the good old days and to sing the praises of "the best seminary in the Church." Dr. Drury, rector of St. Paul's School, speaking at one of these gatherings, stated that most of this loyalty spirit was bunkum, and that he saw no reason why a man preparing for the minis-

try should not spend each of his three years in a different seminary and thus have the benefits of the particular contribution of each seminary.

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The head of St. Luke's Hospital, Toyko, in pleading for two and a half million dollars for that institution before the General Convention, dragged out the Yellow Peril and the Red Menace and played the game of "the goblins will get you if you don't watch out." He stated that Japan alone stood between America and chaos and suggested that unless Church folks raised up this hospital we might expect an influx of be-whiskered Bolsheviks and slant-eyed Orientals. One millionaire confessed to me that he was genuinely frightened, so much so, that he was inclined to believe money should go into battleships rather than hospitals.

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Bishop Stires has called a special convention of the diocese of Long Island for the election of a Suffragan Bishop. It will be held at the Cathedral, Garden City, November 14th.

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Seattle, said to be the largest city for its age in the world, is about to tear down by hydraulic pressure a hill which stands 400 feet above Puget Sound and covering 22 acres

of ground. This has necessitated the removal of St. Michael's Mission and St. Michael's House, which for the

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past three years has been in charge of the Rev. Dr. Staunton, formerly of the Philippines. The institution has been removed to the university district and made into a residence for students.

Bishop Gray of Northern Indiana has recently conducted an eight-day mission at Cockeysville, Maryland. Six months was spent in preparing the parish for it.

A hundred years ago on November 10th the parish of St. Mark's, Warren, Rhode Island, was organized, and the centenary is to be observed this coming month. On Sunday, the 11th, Bishop Perry is to preach in the morning and in the afternoon there is to be a service under the auspices of the Young People's Fellowship at which an historical address will be delivered by the Rev. Joseph Hutcheson, the rector. It is hoped that a new parish house will be the gift of the parishioners, old and new.

The congregation of St. Luke's, Repton, diocese of Olympia, have been worshipping for thirty years in a small shack. Not long ago a clergyman, the Rev. J. F. Pritchard, came out of retirement at the age of 72 and took charge there. Now they are building a fine church at a cost of \$15,000.

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subscribers asking us what has happened to the English editor, the Rev. A. Manby Lloyd. Not a thing, dear friends. It is simply that General Convention has crowded out of the paper many fine things. He will be with us shortly, as will also the Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, about whom there have also been inquiries.

Bishop Stires laid the corner stone on October 17th of the new church at Bellrose, Long Island, where his son is in charge. The new building, which is well along in construction, is to cost \$85,000, completed. On the same day Bishop Stires laid the corner stone for the new Church of the Epiphany, Brooklyn, Rev. Lauriston Castleman, rector. This too is to be a fine church. Then on the 8th of October Bishop Stires laid the corner stone for Adelphi College,

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St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, has issued its sixty-first annual report. For sixty years, day and night, it has worked in its increasingly crowded and needy district, rescuing, healing, strengthening thousands of Chinese men, women and children. Now the old brick buildings, with 155 beds, are crowded the year round; there is seldom an empty bed for a day, and sometimes tables and floors have to be used for repose. About a third of the patients are destitute people who can pay nothing; more than another third pay but a small part of the cost of the care they receive. There were 2,681 in-patients during the year; 4,690 accident cases were brought to the hospital, some of them slight, some of them so serious as to cripple perhaps the only breadwinner of a family already poor. Cases of attempted suicide by poison number 452; about 75,000 treatments were given in the out-patient department; over 10,000 laboratory examinations were made.

The staff includes five foreign nurses, seven graduate Chinese nurses, and a training school of fifty. There are nine internes. Fourteen doctors are on the staff, all Chinese but three or four.

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Midsummer work for the Rev. F. H. Harding, of Milledgeville, Ga., included visits to the state institutions included in his "parish." He writes: "One afternoon last week I preached for the chaplain at the prison for women, and sixteen women came forward to pledge themselves to a new life. We have all the state institutions here, and they afford a wonderful opportunity among men and women and also among the boys of the Training School. We have an insti-

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Fifteen priests of the diocese of Iowa were admitted to the Masters' degree of the Order of the Sangreal at a conference of the Iowa clergy held at Ames on September 19th.

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Crosses of Honor of the Order of the Sangreal were presented at the General Convention to all but three of the recipients. The presentation was made by Bishop Penick on Sunday, October 14th, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Frank E. Wilson of Eau Claire. On Sunday, September 30th the honor crosses were presented to the three who are not to be in Washington, Rev. Francis J. Hall, Rev. David E. Gibson and Mr. George Fyson, at the Church of the Advent, Chicago. The first degree ceremony was held at the same service.

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Bishop Freeman of Washington stated last Sunday that there is no place in this country for religious bigotry and intolerance. "Bitter feuds and rivalries have at times almost destroyed the usefulness of the church. But we are entering upon a better day and are beginning to realize that temperamental differences and early backgrounds largely affect our political and religious point of view."

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Bishop Manning of New York and Bishop Longley of Iowa were present at the laying of the corner stone last week of the Church of the Redeemer, Pelham, N. Y.

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An interesting report has been sent out by the commission on deaconesses, of which Bishop Rhineland is chairman. It states that the problem of women Church workers has not received the attention that it deserves and that the Church has never given to women workers the opportunities that their skill and training deserve. Many of the women of our own membership who offer themselves for spiritual service find that they must look elsewhere for their opportunities."

### Preacher, Pulpit and Pew

By E. P. Jots

HERE is a little story on a clerical deputy, though I cannot vouch for it. Being a bit worn out he was taking a nap in the House of Deputies while an important matter was being voted upon. He was suddenly awakened and informed that the vote was a tie and that his vote was to decide the matter. He rubbed his eyes and asked: "How did Fond du Lac vote?" He was informed that that delegation had voted "yes" whereupon this deputy, without in the least knowing what he was voting upon, promptly shouted "no."

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*Treasurer of the National Council*

TO THE

**General Convention**

Presented at a joint meeting of the House of Bishops and  
the House of Deputies on October 12, 1928:

"In the Church itself the record is no less impressive. For great cathedrals, for diocesan endowment funds, for Church hospitals, colleges, schools, including divinity schools, for new churches and parish houses, millions have been given. The devotion of our people for their Church is demonstrated by such splendid achievements as the raising of \$2,000,000 for the Pennsylvania Diocesan fund, \$750,000 for the Michigan Fund, more than \$500,000 for the Newark Fund, \$1,000,000 for St. John's Hospital by the Diocese of Long Island, nearly \$200,000 by the proposed new Diocese of Eau Claire, \$200,000 for the Spokane Cathedral, \$200,000 for St. Luke's Hospital, Boise, and the millions for noble cathedrals in New York, Washington, and other See Cities. Thus for many great and worthy purposes within the Church itself there has been poured out a golden stream."

The Pennsylvania Diocesan Fund, The Michigan Fund, The Newark Fund, The St. John's Hospital Fund, The Washington Cathedral Fund, mentioned by Mr. Franklin, is but a small part of the money that has been raised by dioceses and institutions of the Episcopal Church in campaigns under the direction of the firm of

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