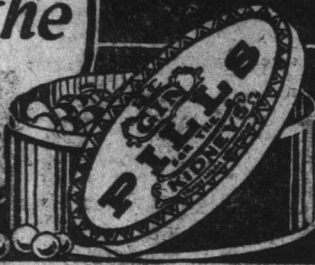


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American Church EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

Summary of Work Performed.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 24.—The Triennial general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which closed today after seventeen days of unvarying toil, completed a mass of business connected with the affairs of the Church.

For the first time in 140 years a new President Bishop was elected in place of attaining his position by seniority. For the first time also the high office is combined with that of President of the National Council and a new office which is said to compare to that of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Presiding Bishop, who will take office on Jan. 1, 1926, is Bishop John Gardner Murray of Maryland.

The Church wiped out its deficit of \$140,000 which it faced on Oct. 7. The enthusiastic support of all dioceses to the fund raising campaign makes unnecessary the resolutions which it had been feared would be necessary. The National Council was enabled to lower its budget by \$250,000 and at the same time reduce by 10 per cent. the quotas assigned to the various dioceses for carrying out the program adopted.

Although the Church refused to become an active member of the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America, a resolution proposed by George W. Wickersham of New York and adopted by both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, maintains the field of contact between the Church and the Federal Council by establishing new relations on six committees of the council.

Committed to World Court.

The convention committed itself to the World Court and it adopted resolutions for world peace suggested by Bishop Charles Brent of Western New York.

The word "obey" was stricken out of the marriage ceremony as was also the phrase, "with all my worldly goods I thee endow."

The Commission on Christian Health was discharged without the convention acting on its report. A new commission was appointed. The medical members of the commission included Dr. Charles H. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., and Dr. W. S. Winkler of Washington, D.C.

Women were denied the right to sit in pulpits and they were refused permission to act as lay readers. A special service was adopted concerning the celebration of desecrated graves. The convention witnessed the dedication of Bishop William Montgomery Brown, retired, of Arkansas, on charges of heretical teachings, after he had been twice convicted in lower ecclesiastical courts.

Washington was selected as the place of meeting of the 1928 convention. A movement to remove the national offices of the Episcopal Church from New York to Washington was given impetus by the adoption of a motion requesting the National Council to give serious consideration to the expediency of such a plan.

Bishop William Cabell Brown of Virginia was elected assessor or assistant to the Presiding Bishop, Dr. Ernest M. Stiles, Bishop Coadjutor-elect of Long Island and soon to be consecrated Bishop, was elected Chairman of the House of Deputies.

First Prayer Book Revision Since 1892. One of the most important phases of the convention's work was the revision of the prayer book. The work began in 1910 and will be completed in 1928, when new matter proposed at this convention will be acted upon. This is the first complete revision of the prayer book since 1892.

Those who worked on revision of the prayer book believe that when completed it will no longer represent the thought of the Middle Ages, but that of the twentieth century, although it will still retain many of the old liturgical forms. Some of the harsh theology has been modified. Men will no longer be "miserable sinners," or say that they were "conceived and born in sin." Many of the archaic expressions have been eliminated. Those which have gone into the discard include "the vengeance of God" and the "wrath of God."

Among the additional prayers are those for State Legislatures, courts of justice and schools and colleges. There is a new prayer for social justice and a new office of baptism. The convention made it permissible for a minister to anoint with oil a sick person who so desires and to lay on hands with a new prayer of healing. The thirty-nine articles of religion, adopted at the time of the Reformation, have been eliminated from the prayer book.

Travel by air is recognized in the litany which now petitions for those who travel "by land and water or by air."

Gratified by Unanimity.

At the closing session of the House of Deputies to-day the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stiles, the retiring Chairman, thanked the house for its tribute to him yesterday. He said he would still look wistfully in the days to come to the house and its members. He was glad that although there was great difference of opinion among the members, there was no recrimination. The delegates from Virginia, Massachusetts, Milwaukee and Fond du Lac sat side by side and he defied any one, from the utterances of the delegates, to know what school of thought in the Church they came from.

Following the adjournment of the convention, Bishop Manning, in reply to a question asking his impression of the convention, said: "In my judgment this has been one of the best conventions ever held, not only in the amount of work accomplished, but still more in the spirit in which the work has been done. The questions before the convention have been considered open-mindedly, with a remarkable absence of party spirit and with the desire to do whatever would best set forward the work of the Church. The spirit of the convention was shown notably in the pledges given to remove the large deficit of the National Council; in its practically unanimous adoption of the budget for the next triennium; in its attitude towards most of the questions involved in the revision of the Prayer Book and in its election of the Bishop of Maryland, one of the wisest, most trusted and most devoted leaders of the Church, as Presiding Bishop."

PASTORAL LETTER OF AMERICAN BISHOPS.

Issued at Triennial Convention—A Historic Document.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 24.—Determined to avoid a repetition of the furor caused in the church by the Dallas pastoral letter of Nov. 14, 1922, which insisted on a literal acceptance of every statement in the creed, the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church to-day made public its latest pastoral, a carefully drawn document of 1,000 words.

The letter, read by Bishop William T. Manning of New York, at the closing service of the General Triennial Convention held in Christ Church Cathedral, instead of stressing the creed to the exclusion of the Gospel, gave the creed but passing mention and shifted the emphasis to Christ and the Gospel.

The emphasis on evangelism instead of ecclesiasticism was received with warm approval by all parties in the church.

In substance the pastoral letter was a general survey of modern social, religious and industrial questions and contained the counsel of the Bishops to the church advising how these problems could be solved. Reference was also made to the danger of racial conflicts in Asia, the threat of social disintegration in Europe, the appalling growth of divorce and the lowering standards of home life in the United States.

The pastoral letter was prepared by a committee consisting of Bishop Manning of New York, Bishop James De Wolf Perry of Rhode Island and Bishop Thomas F. Gallor of Tennessee.

It was read by Bishop Manning at 10:30 in Christ Church Cathedral after a procession of vested Bishops. Those who took places in the sanctuary were Presiding Bishop Eikelbert Talbot, Bishop Gallor and Bishop David Seassum of Louisiana.

Following is the text of the pastoral letter as read by Bishop Manning:

Text of the Pastoral Letter.
Brethren of the Clergy and Laity: As those upon whom rests the responsibility of chief shepherds in the Church of Christ, we send our message of love and counsel to you at this time.

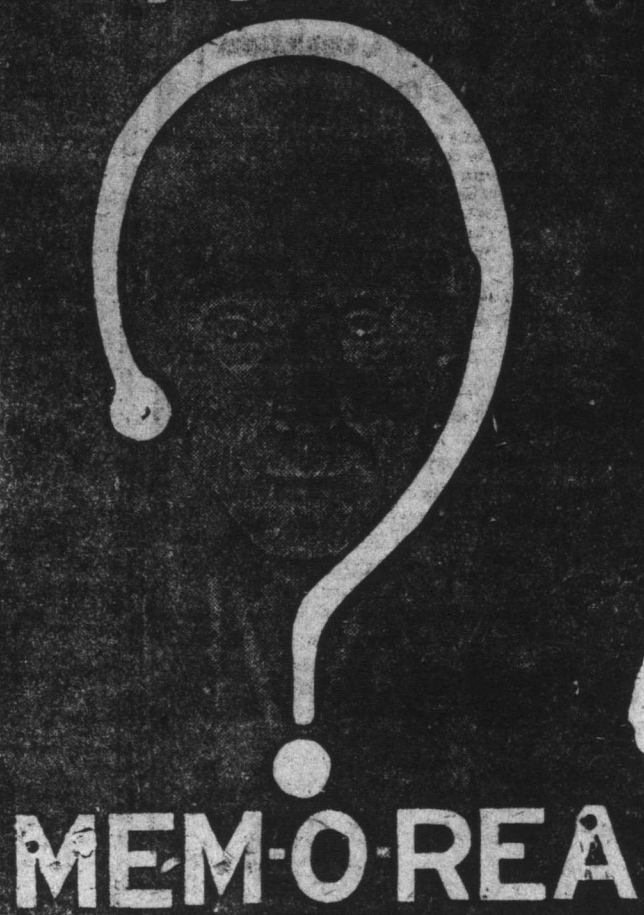
We look out upon a world in which vast changes are taking place. In China and elsewhere among the peoples of Asia and Africa movements and forces are at work which must have momentous consequences. Some of those best able to judge the signs of the times are warning us of the danger of racial conflicts more disastrous than any that this earth has yet known.

It is no longer possible for the races of men to dwell separate and remote from one another. A power must now be found strong enough to bind men together in world brotherhood, if

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to men with the same love and power with which the apostles preached Him. What is now needed is that Christ Himself shall be accepted, that His grace and truth shall be made known, that we shall preach Him to men as the New Testament shows Him to us, as he is now at God's right hand in all His majesty and glory.

It is this message for which men are longing and waiting. It is this faith which has power to save the world. It is this which will fill the ranks of the ministry with the best and noblest of our sons, and will carry men and women to the ends of the earth to share with others the joy and light and love that they themselves have found in Christ.

If there seems to be to-day any lack of enthusiasm, of joy, of adequate response to the missionary challenge of the Church, it is because of the lack of earnestness in our preaching of Jesus Christ.

The very heart of the Gospel is that it was the eternal Son of God Himself who dwelt among men. With the apostles, with the New Testament,

New Testament. We need both the religion about Christ and the religion of Christ, and the Church and the Scriptures give us both. If we are to have a living faith in Christ, we must know the truth about Him.

Appeal for Renewed Service.

Brethren, the love of Christ constrains us—that love, which poured itself out in entire self-surrender for our sakes, is the challenge to us and to all men to redeem the discord and failure of the world, to abolish war and bring in peace by unselfish service in His name and power. Oh Him, and on faith in Him, depends the whole world's hope and salvation.

It is Christ alone who brings comfort for the sorrow of human life, who can overcome the sin in the world and in each of us. It is Christ alone who can give us the strength that we need for the tasks now facing us. It is Christ who has given us those visions of truth, of justice in all human relationships, of world brotherhood, which are now before men's minds. It is Christ only who can

bring these visions to fulfillment. We who send this message to you pledge ourselves to new devotion to His name and service. With most affectionate care for them, we call the young people of the Church to new adventure in the faith and service of Him who is more modern than any of the movements of our day. We call the whole Church, old and young, old and young alike, to repentance and new life, to prayer and sacrament and worship, to faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God, that we may be His true disciples and may bear our faithful witness of Him to the world.

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