

DR. HOUGHTON SOON 50 YEARS A PRIEST

'The Little Church Around the Corner' Will Observe Anniversary.

HIS PARISH IS UNIQUE

His Stewardship Also Is Noteworthy Within the Denomination.

The month of May, 1921, probably will be notable in the history of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York. It will have been distinguished by two celebrations of extraordinary significance on both the ecclesiastical and the human side.

It is in Twenty-ninth street, this low, somewhat rambling churchy structure, with nothing of the New World and of the modern time about it. It is an interesting and beautiful church, where Dr. Houghton has been rector for twenty-four years of his half century service in the priesthood of the Church of England.

Many Weddings There.

How many times, one wonders, have young couples, planning one of the principal adventures of life, in their inexperienced optimism, looked at each other: "Let's slip around to the Little Church Around the Corner and get Dr. Houghton to marry us?"

Fortunately, there is a fairly complete statistical record of these marriages that the rector has solemnized in his twenty-four years of service. He has married a few more than 7,500 couples in that time.

Dr. Houghton was born in New York City more than seventy years ago, and was graduated from St. Stephen's College. It was from St. Stephen's also that he received his M. A. degree. From there he was transferred to St. Chrysostom's, one of the chapels of Trinity parish, where he served as associate priest with the Rev. Thomas B. Gill for nine years. In 1879 he received a call to the rectory of Trinity Church, Hoboken. Here he remained for sixteen years, while serving several smaller churches in the region and in the Catskills. Outside of his own parish he was well known in public affairs, having been Superintendent of Public Instruction of Hudson county, N. J., for twelve years. He organized the New Jersey Educational Institution and founded and

became president of the Manual Training College. Dr. Houghton's eighteen years' incumbency the communicants of Trinity were increased from 75 to 700. His debt was cancelled and the church was rebuilt and enlarged. The church was enriched by many beautiful gifts, an altar, windows, carved and paneled reredos, given by happy couples Dr. Houghton married. Mrs. John Stevens gave a lectern she carved, oak as a memorial to her husband, who had been junior warden.

Called to Be Vicar.

It was in 1897 that Dr. Houghton was called to be vicar of the Church of the Transfiguration. His uncle, the Rev. Dr. George Hendric Houghton, founder and rector of the parish, was in failing health and needed his assistance. In November of that year the uncle died, and soon afterward Dr. Houghton succeeded as rector. Since the death of the first rector many gifts have been made to the church.

Mrs. Houghton died in 1902 and in 1903 the rector designed and caused to be set up a rood wall at the east end of the church in memory of her. In 1905 he built St. Mary's Chapel, adjoining the altar, windows, carved and paneled reredos, given by happy couples Dr. Houghton married. Mrs. John Stevens gave a lectern she carved, oak as a memorial to her husband, who had been junior warden.

Finances Not Neglected.

The financial side has not been neglected under Dr. Houghton. There were many blocks of fine dwellings formerly within the parish that have now been taken over by business. To insure the future of the church an endowment fund has been established and is steadily growing. In time the income derived will provide for maintenance.

The rector has been less active in the last year than ever before. His health has been impaired by the influenza and this has caused him to remain more or less in seclusion for some time. His daughter and only child, Mrs. Mary Gertrude Stromboni, wife of the Rev. C. A. Stromboni, said yesterday that her father's health had improved and that he might soon be able to resume his active direction of parish affairs. For the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood the wardens and vestry of the Church of the Transfiguration have issued invitations to attend a solemn celebration. This will be held on Thursday, May 19. At 11 A. M. there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion when the Right Reverend Francis F. Galligan, D. D., president of the Executive Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will preach the sermon, and the Right Rev. William T. Manning, bishop of New York, will pronounce the benediction. While invitations have been sent to the clergy and laity of the parish, nevertheless the publicity has been given to the wardens and vestry welcome all friends of Dr. Houghton, whose fame extends far beyond the boundaries of the parish.

TRANSIT PAYROLLS SIGNED.

Employees of the Transit Commission will receive their pay on Monday. Comptroller Craig announced yesterday, in spite of the fact that the constitutionality of the new commission is being tested in the courts. John H. Delaney, head of the old Transit Construction Commission, and George McAneny, chairman of the new body, decided that both should sign the payrolls so as to insure the employees their money.

MEYER WILL AVOID STUMBLING BLOCKS

Senator Makes Headway in Search for Material for City Investigation.

WON'T PERMIT TRIFLING

Woman Foiled in Trying to Conceal Records From State Inquisitors.

Senator Meyer, chairman, and Leonard M. Wallstein, associate counsel of the legislative committee, starting out to investigate the city government, do not intend to be trifled with in their search for public records. That, it was learned yesterday, was made plain when an employee of a certain office, who had shown a disposition to lead them off the track, was placed under oath. She repeated that a certain file contained only personal letters of the head of the office. A drawer opened at random revealed an official letter from the Mayor. The entire contents of the file were immediately taken. It was stated another file was empty. Investigation revealed several reports and data upon which they were based. They were taken. Already records and documents have been obtained from the Police Department, the office of the Borough President of Queens, the Finance Department and the Commissioner of Accounts. In each case a formal subpoena duces tecum was issued against the head of the department.

Senator Meyer did not care to go into detail about the programme of the committee, but he insisted there was nothing sensational about the collection of records. He said they undoubtedly would get records from most of the city departments in the course of their investigation, but there would be no elements of a raid. However, the committee did not intend to have stumbling blocks placed in its way. It had ample power and would use it if necessary.

Both Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld and Borough President Connolly have challenged the right of Chairman Meyer to issue subpoenas for their records without a meeting of the committee. Mr. Meyer replied by showing a resolution of the full committee appointing the chairman as a subcommittee of one to exercise all the powers given to the full committee by the Legislature. Henry in turn delegate these powers to other subcommittees. "There is nothing sensational in our going after departmental records," said Chairman Meyer. "We are simply trying to check up on information that has been turned over to us. I want to say we have received the most cordial assistance from Comptroller Craig."

The Comptroller has assisted in the

UNTERMYER READY TO PRESS INQUIRY

Hopes for Evidence Enough to Keep Five Grand Juries Busy.

800 INDICTMENTS LIKELY

Lockwood Committee Has 73d Hearing Wednesday in City Hall.

The Lockwood committee, with its work about half completed, will hold its seventy-third public hearing Wednesday in the City Hall. The committee will meet three days a week from now until June 15, when Samuel Untermyer, its chief counsel, hopes to declare a recess until the fall. In that period of less than a month Mr. Untermyer feels certain he will produce enough evidence to keep the grand juries of the five counties busy for the rest of the summer. Forecasts are that as many as 800 indictments may be found.

The committee's revelations thus far has resulted in the finding of 441 indictments against firms and individuals, and the collecting of \$167,000 in fines. It has heard 432 witnesses, whose testimony covers 8,236 letter size pages. Amazing profits in the building trades have been revealed by the committee through these witnesses.

Mr. Untermyer's present plans are to sail for Europe June 20. He will remain overseas for about three months, visiting England, Switzerland and Carlsbad. During this time he will recapitulate the work of the committee and draw up its final recommendations for national and State legislation.

FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Plan to Reorganize Interior Bureau Will Be Prosecuted.

A plan for the reorganization of the Federal Department of the Interior into a national public works department, a plan which some months ago, it was said, had the support of Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, will be renewed actively this summer by the American Engineering Council of the Federated American Engineering Societies. The council has taken over the National Public Works Department Association, organized in Chicago in 1919. In this city the movement will be led by Adolph Lewishohn.

ASKS MEXICO RECOGNITION.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 14.—A resolution memorializing Congress to recognize the Mexican Government under President Obregon was passed yesterday by the Oklahoma Senate.

MRS. TINSLEY GIVES UP AEOLIAN OFFICE KEYS

But Asks Aid of Churches to Appeal Rent Case Higher.

Mrs. Lelia M. Tinsley, who was ordered by Justice Edgar J. Lauer in the Municipal Court to leave her offices in Aeolian Hall to-morrow, gave up the keys yesterday. She said she would appeal her rent fight to Washington.

"I shall attempt to get expressions of public opinion upon my case," said Mrs. Tinsley. "I am going to the Jews, for the Jews long ago chose and established the Golden Rule for the inheritance of the world; I shall go to the Catholics, for a cardinal virtue of the Catholic faith is charity; I shall go to the Protestants, because they are today claiming that they wish to see the Golden Rule prevail; I shall go to the Christian Scientists, because they declare love to be the only law for man."

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