

# Condition of Work as Compared With That at the Last Convention

## STATE OF CHURCH SHOWN IN REPORT

Committee Discusses Conditions as Compared With Those at Last Convention.

### REFERS TO MANY MATTERS

Capital and Labor, Sunday Observance, Temperance and Other Questions.

In the House of Deputies yesterday morning the committee on the state of the church, the Rev. Dr. Matthew Brewster, of Alabama, chairman, submitted its report, which was adopted along with a resolution that it be sent to the House of Bishops with the request that they issue a pastoral letter to the members of the church. This report is always a matter of much interest to Episcopalians throughout the world. After giving the figures quoted at length in another place, the report, by way of comment, went on to say:

"We rightfully record our conviction that for want of a uniform system of registration and tabulation in parochial and diocesan reports there is want of accuracy in many of the items. It is known that estimates are sometimes given instead of the exact report. The communicants are enumerated according to various interpretations given the word 'communicant,' that similar varieties of usage invalidate the figures regarding parochial and industrial schools. Thirty-two dioceses and missions have failed to report the whole number of baptized persons, so that the item of 759,017 given above is very far short of the fact.

**Lack of Information.**  
"We note further the lack of information respecting the number of ministers who have died and of persons suspended or deposed from the sacred ministry which, under the canon, is made a part of the summary required.

"We respectfully submit that the order of deaconesses, being by canon recognized and approved, and a quarter of women holding this office ought to be the subject of enumeration and report, as are the orders of the sacred ministry.

"We invite your grateful recognition of these facts. More priests were ordained the last three years than in the preceding triennium; there are nearly 200 more clergy than three years ago, including eleven bishops, twenty-one more postulants for orders, and 148 more lay readers; over 600 more parishes and mission stations. There are 723 more churches; there are 231 more rectories; 1,338 more baptisms; there are 15,460 more confirmations, and 67,487 more communicants.

**Financial Reports.**  
"The financial reports show over a quarter million dollars more in parochial offerings, for religion, charities and education. We rejoice to note an increase of nearly \$300,000 for extra diocesan objects, an increase of over \$124,000 for clerical education. "There are nearly three and a half million dollars invested for the endowment of the episcopate; this exceeds the sum reported by nearly \$500,000. There is \$7,630,730 for the support of parishes, an increase of more than twenty-five per cent, while the invested fund for the relief of clergy and their widows and orphans shows an increase of \$375,000, being nearly \$1,000,000 for a quarter million dollars, or \$2,281,326.09. "The endowment of hospitals, orphanages and other institutions of the church are greater by \$5,250,000. The invested wealth of the church is over \$9,000,000 more than it was three years ago.

**Decrease Shown.**  
"We regret to report that the number of deacons ordained during the past three years was less by twenty-two; and that the number of candidates for holy orders is less by forty-one than it was three years ago. This presents to the church a most serious condition, and one which calls for action upon the part of both laymen and clergy. We believe it should be made the subject of prayer upon the part of all members of the church that the Lord of the harvest may send forth more laborers into the harvest, and that the church should be gathered together in bringing the claims of the sacred ministry, or the call of God to the work among men to the attention of our young men.

"The clergy are to keep before the mind of the church the call to the sacred ministry by the proper observance of the Ember Days at the four seasons, and also upon the third Sunday in Advent, when the church has arranged for the ministry to be brought to the attention of the people. Not only is this to be a matter of sermons and church seasons, but each clergyman is to feel the necessity of bring-

The presiding officers of the church and the chairmen and secretaries of the House of Bishops grouped on the Capitol steps. Reading from left to right: Bishop Tuttle, Bishop Lawrence, the Rev. Dr. George F. Nelson, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Hart.

ing this to the mind and conscience of those young men to whom God has given him the blessed opportunity of ministry.

"We are again called upon to place before the church the fact that the salaries of the clergy are not what they should be, that with the increase in values has come an increase of the cost of living, so that upon the greater part of the clergy has come a serious question of support, bringing additional care and anxiety which they have borne with patience, but of which they should be relieved at once by the systematic gifts of all the members of the parishes.

**Interest of Laymen.**  
"Your committee would call attention with thankfulness to the increased interest of the layman in the work of the church, which has expressed itself in such organizations as the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, now numbering 10,000 men and 4,000 boys, engaged in daily prayer, and the daily service of spreading Christ's kingdom on earth, thus bringing to themselves greater spiritual life and bringing men nearer to Christ and His church, and again in such work as the Men's Thank Offering, and the Laymen's Forward Movement, for missions, which, with the Woman's Auxiliary, has resulted in the great offering for missions just placed in the hand of the church for the advance of the kingdom.

"The subject of capital and labor is again brought to the attention of your committee. The teachings of the Master are the true solution of all questions which may arise between capital and labor. In the great facts of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men, the church points to the interdependence of the one upon the other, and thus she stands the friend and helper of both in all the chances and changes of this life. And this brings to mind the child labor question, an evil which has sprung up in factories, mills, etc., and is to be condemned, for it is the destruction of the life of the future citizen, as children who are put to hard labor are retarded in their development.

**Sunday Desecration.**  
"The condition of all factory people and especially those in the newly developing cotton industry of the south, call for the full measure of time devoted to the service of Him whose day it is and to abstain from all that would mark the day as one of worldly pleasure and amusement. We should witness to our faith and love for Christ by attendance upon the services of the church both morning and evening. It is not a sufficient keeping of the day to attend upon one service, but the mind and heart should dwell upon the new life given to us through Christ our Lord upon the day set apart for these sacred truths. Six days shall thou labor and do all that thou hast to do.

"In this connection a word as to the observance of Friday as a day on which the church requires such a measure of abstinence as is more especially suited to extraordinary acts and exercises of devotion.

**Subject of Temperance.**  
"The subject of temperance has also come before your committee and the terrible consequences of the abuse of spirituous liquors. It cannot be too strongly urged that no man who calls himself a servant of the Lord Christ, should by the use of anything but a stumbling-block in the way of his brother, that most powerful factor in human destiny, personal influence, should make us careful that we be not the occasion of the fall of others, and that we make our acts the justification of their weakness.

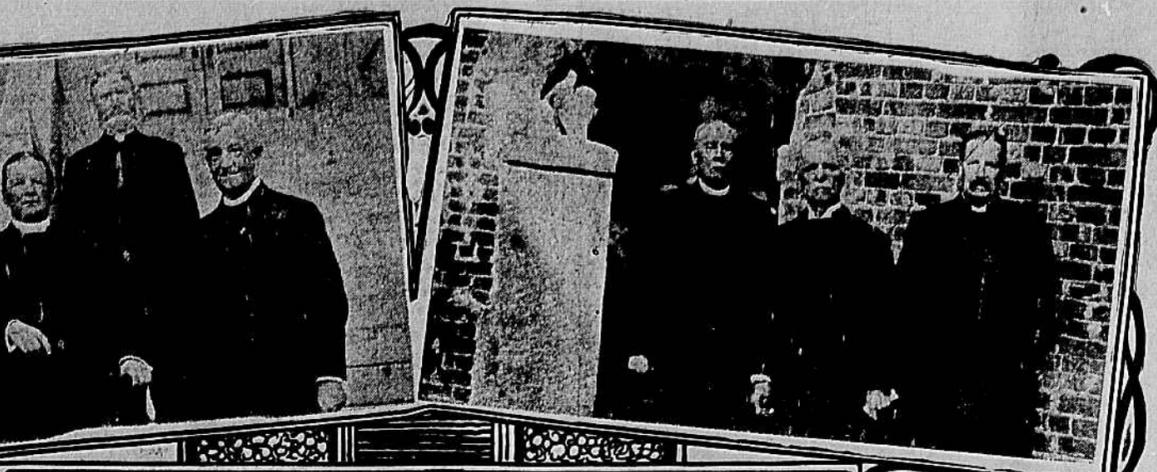
"We rejoice that God our Father has abundantly blessed us in all things and out of sorrows and joys has opened new ways for us to walk in, that we may through Him be able to advance the Kingdom of His church among men.

### State of the Church.

	A. D. 1804.	A. D. 1907.
Whole number of clergy	5,140	5,329
Deacons ordained	560	483
Candidates for holy orders	451	409
Postulants	302	323
Lay readers	2,316	2,404
Baptisms	182,618	197,203
Persons confirmed	143,471	158,031
Communicants	804,308	871,862
Sunday-school officers and teachers	17,318	18,871
Sunday-school pupils	441,812	440,367
Pupils in parish schools	122,730	141,105
Pupils in industrial schools	11,674	9,328
Parishes, 3,208; missions, 3,967—in all	7,235	7,615
Church edifices, free	6,235	7,028
Sittings in churches	1,151,000	1,221,180
Free sittings in churches	881,106	937,104
Churches consecrated	314	204
Rectories	2,209	2,330
Church hospitals	77	72
Orphan asylums	60	57
Homes	60	62
Academic institutions	105	105
Collegiate institutions	14	17
Theological institutions	19	23
Other institutions	55	79

### FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

	1904.	1907.
Total contributions for all purposes	\$47,005,405 73	\$52,287,510 17
Endowments—		
Episcopal fund	2,885,052 28	3,409,838 30
Support of parishes	4,805,094 11	7,050,730 71
Aged and infirm clergy	971,249 88	940,337 88
Hospitals and other institutions	12,119,090 70	17,509,083 02



The bishops of Virginia at the old tower at Jamestown. Reading from left to right: Bishop Gibson, of Virginia; Bishop Randolph, of Southern Virginia, and Bishop Tucker, Conductor of Southern Virginia.

## CONVENTION SCENES AND NOTES

### Last of Mass Meetings.

Two simultaneous services in which the same speakers appeared and the same addresses were delivered before different audiences, marked the last of the great missionary meetings of the General Convention last night. Owing to the poor acoustics and the chill and dampness of the City Auditorium, it was decided to conduct the services in two of the city churches, and notwithstanding the fact that both houses of the convention were holding most important sessions, there were large congregations at Holy Trinity and at All Saints' as well. Though neither building was crowded, it is doubtful if any single church in Richmond would have held the joint audiences.

The services were identical in each church, including the hymns, except as to the order of the addresses, of which there were four, there being carriages to carry the speakers from one church to another. Those who spoke at the simultaneous meetings were the Rt. Rev. Frank B. Spalding, D. D., Bishop of Salt Lake, whose address was on the church work in Mormon communities and mining camps; the Rt. Rev. William McVicker, D. D., Bishop of Rhode Island, who spoke on "Missions the Measure of Christian Vitality"; the Rt. Rev. H. B. Reestrick, D. D., Bishop of Honolulu, whose topic was "Where East and West Meet at the Crossroads of the Pacific"; and by the Rev. William Cabell Brown, D. D., of Rio Grande do Sul, whose educational work in Brazil is well known throughout the church, who told of "The Church's Contribution to a South American Republic."

As each speaker concluded his remarks, he slipped from the chancel and entered a closed carriage, which took him to the other church, where, in turn, he repeated his speech to a different audience. The close of the meeting carriages were ready, and all the bishops taking part in the service were swiftly driven to the Capitol, in time to vote on the surfragan bishop proposition pending before that body, and which passed the House of Bishops late last night.

Very interesting were the addresses of all these noted men, and the choral department delivered a grand and stirring hymn, "Praise God and All Saints' Church the clear tones of the boy choir in the recessional made the service peculiarly impressive.

The missionary program has been carried out in full, every address having been delivered, and the choral and literary program, and all of the meetings have been well attended and helpful in a large degree.

**Stereopticon Lecture.**  
Another of the stereopticon lectures was given last evening at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. Hall in illustration of the mission work of the Seventh Missionary Department. These lectures are under the management of Bishop Scadding, of Oregon, who has secured a number of the bishops of his department to deliver the series. The department delivered a grand and stirring hymn, "Praise God and All Saints' Church the clear tones of the boy choir in the recessional made the service peculiarly impressive.

**Work of the Laymen.**  
An enthusiastic meeting of laymen was held in St. Paul's Church just after the close of the afternoon session.

**A Quick Trip.**  
The new steamer Queen Anne leaves one hour later (8 A. M.) than any other line and arrives at the destination three hours earlier. Reduced fares, \$1.35 straight, \$2.00 round (10-day limit). Phone, 510. See Adv.

### Program To-Day

- 9:45 and 7:30 A. M.—Holy Communion at St. Mark's Church.
- 9 A. M.—Celebration of St. Luke's Day at Monumental Church. Open service. Usual Morning Prayer at St. James Church omitted.
- 10 A. M.—Both houses of the convention meet. Business sessions.
- 1:30 P. M.—Daily luncheon in Masonic Temple.
- 3 P. M.—Both houses of convention resume business sessions. Home of Deputies sit in executive session to consider credentials of newly-elected bishops.
- 8 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society at Grace Church.
- 8 P. M.—Stereopticon lecture on mission fields of Seventh Department at Y. M. C. A. Hall. Temptations talk by the bishop of Boise, Salt Lake, Los Angeles, California, Sacramento, Oregon, Spokane, Olympia, Honolulu, Philippine Islands.
- 8 P. M.—Both houses of the convention resume business sessions.

### Program To-Morrow

- 3 P. M.—Closing service of the General Convention at Holy Trinity Church. Address by Bishop Tuttle, 4:30 P. M.—Laying of cornerstone of Alexander Whittaker Memorial Chapel in St. John's Churchyard.
- 8 P. M.—Entertainment by Polk Miller, Jefferson Auditorium. Benefit St. Luke's Mission.

### Invited to Wilmington.

The St. James Brotherhood of Wilmington, N. C., invites all clerical delegates who can spare the time to be invited to spend a few days of recreation after the General Convention. There is no more delightful climate anywhere than Wilmington, and the season, and almost every form of helpful relaxation is at hand—boating, hunting, fishing, with old-fashioned oyster roasts and informal conferences. In addition to the recreation, there will be the interest of viewing historic places, as for instance Fort Mifflin, and the opportunity of attending several addresses on important topics. It is a short trip over the Coast Line from Richmond, and the weather will be of those who come. The dates are for the five days following the close of the General Convention. Those who will come are asked to write or wire Rev. W. W. Hogue, rector St. James Parish, Wilmington, N. C., or to the captain in regard to some abuse of the law in his district. The young clergyman met with great courtesy at the hands of the

### How Revolution Was Started.

It was one of the newly-elected bishops, the Rev. Robert Lewis Paddock, who in an interesting and most active manner in the last great reform campaign in New York City, which led to the election of Seth Low as Mayor and the revulsion of political machinery in the city.

### Back to New York.

Bishop Henry C. Potter, of New York, is one of the striking and original figures in the convention, and is most regular in his attendance on the sessions of the House of Bishops, his efforts being provided by the members of the convention. The slight confusion which marked the opening day has entirely disappeared, and members have been served rapidly and neatly.

### Fisherman and Naturalist.

Bishop Scadding, of Oregon, has been one of the prominent figures in the convention, having before the body several measures of importance to his diocese. Bishop Scadding is a Canadian by birth, and began his clerical career in Toronto. Later he came to New York City and became an assistant to Dr. Rainsford at St. George's Church, the church which was in many lines the pioneer in what is now generally known as "institutional" church work. Bishop Scadding has held churches in Toledo, Ohio, and in Laganage, Ill., from which place he was elected Bishop of Oregon a few years since.

### For St. Luke's Mission.

Polk Miller and his Southern darlings have proved one of the most interesting of the side features of the General Convention, the one entertainment for which the members have clamored for a repetition. Mr. Miller, with his quartet, will give an entertainment at the Jefferson auditorium on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of St. Luke's Mission, and many tickets have already been secured by members of the convention who heard Mr. Miller and his quartet last Saturday on the Pocahontas, returning from Jamestown.

## LAY CORNERSTONE OF NEW CHAPEL

Impressive Exercises to Be Held at St. John's Tomorrow.

### SERVICE IN THE CHURCHYARD

Tablet to Be Unveiled to Memory of Rev. Alexander Whittaker.

Interesting services will be held at historic St. John's Church, on Church Hill, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, at which many of the members of the convention will doubtless be present.

On Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock there will be held in the churchyard of St. John's the corner-stone of the new Whittaker Memorial Chapel. The Masonic ceremonies will be executed by Randolph Lodge, said to be the oldest in the United States, Mr. John B. Walsh, the grand master of the lodge, officiating. The services at this time will be principally of Masonic character, in connection with the laying of the corner-stone.

On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be held a great historic service in St. John's Church, followed by an open-air religious service at the corner-stone of the new chapel. The Rt. Rev. Lewis William Burton, Bishop of Lexington, and a former rector of St. John's Church, will make the address at the historic service in the church Sunday afternoon.

### To Unveil Tablet.

At this service a tablet will be unveiled on the wall of the church to the memory of the Rev. Alexander Whittaker, in whose memory the chapel is being erected. The Rev. Mr. Whittaker was the first rector of Holy Trinity Parish, serving from 1811-17, when he was drowned while attempting to cross James River near what is now Dutch Gap. He baptized and married the Indian girl Pocahontas, and who founded the church at the falls of the James River. Following the church service on Sunday afternoon, at which Bishop Burton speaks, the above service at St. John's Church are being arranged by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, and many of the members of the convention will no doubt attend.

It was erroneously reported in an afternoon paper yesterday that the closing service of the convention would be held in St. John's. This is an error, as the closing service of the General Convention will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in Holy Trinity Church, where the opening service was held in the churchyard at St. John's Church are being arranged by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, and many of the members of the convention will no doubt attend.

**Stolen Much Jewelry.**  
Theodore Perkins (colored) was arrested last night on the charge of stealing \$4.35 in cash and a gold ring and a gold pin, other articles, value \$12, from Mrs. E. D. Dickerson. She was arrested by Policeman Kuehler.

**Damon Lodge No. 7, Knights of Pythias**, will hold a session to-night, and will be paid a fraternal visit by all the other lodges in the city.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Friday and Saturday. Colder Saturday; light west winds. The coming north-east. North Carolina—Fair Friday and Saturday; colder Saturday; light variable winds, becoming west.

### CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

	Richmond	Washington	Philadelphia	New York	Baltimore	Chicago	St. Louis	San Francisco	Portland	Seattle	Albany	Buffalo	Cincinnati	Indianapolis	Omaha	Denver	Minneapolis	St. Paul	Portland	Seattle	Albany	Buffalo	Cincinnati	Indianapolis	Omaha	Denver	Minneapolis	St. Paul
High temperature	58	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
Lowest temperature	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44
Normal temperature	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
Departure from normal	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

### CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Temp.	Wind	Weather
Asheville	50	SE	Clear
Aurora	50	SE	Clear
Atlanta	50	SE	Cloudy
Buffalo	50	SE	P. cloudy
Chicago	50	SE	Clear
Cincinnati	50	SE	Clear
Davenport	50	SE	Clear
Detroit	50	SE	Cloudy
Hatteras	50	SE	P. cloudy
Jacksonville	50	SE	Clear
Kansas City	50	SE	Clear
New Orleans	50	SE	Rain
Oklahoma City	50	SE	P. cloudy
Pittsburgh	50	SE	P. cloudy
Savannah	50	SE	Clear
Norfolk	50	SE	Clear
Tampa	50	SE	Clear
Washington	50	SE	Cloudy
Wilmington	50	SE	Clear
Yellowstone	50	SE	Clear

### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

	October 18, 1907.
Sun rises	6:21
Sun sets	5:29
Moon sets	2:34
High tide	3:02
Low tide	9:24

## CALENDAR

October 18.

- No. 12—Message No. 40 of the House of Bishops on Permanent place of meeting.
- No. 13—Resolution as to the work of the church among the Jews.
- No. 14—Report No. 9 of committee on amendments to the constitution, amending Article VII. of the constitution.
- No. 15—Report No. 10 of the committee on amendments to the constitution, proposing an amendment to Article IX.
- No. 16—Report No. 8 of the committee on the Prayer Book, proposing a joint committee to consider additional prayers.
- No. 18—Report No. 12 of the committee on amendments to the constitution, relating to the Thirty-nine Articles.
- No. 19—Message No. 94 of the House of Bishops, requesting diocesan missionary boards to report to the General Board of Missions.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

- Friday, October 18th, 10:45 A. M.—Report of the committee on memorials to deceased members.
- Friday, October 18th, 3 P. M.—Report of the committee on the consecration of bishops.

**CASORIA.**  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Beware of Imitations  
of *Cas H. P. H. H.*