

HOW TO CREATE NEW EPISCOPAL DIOCESES REMAINS IN HANDS OF GENERAL CONVENTION



REPORT OF COMMISSION ON MARGINAL READINGS IS READ TO DEPUTIES

Rev. Dr. Carey of Albany Tells of the Labor of Compiling the Corrections to the Holy Scriptures.

The afternoon session of the House of Deputies yesterday was devoted to the consideration of the amendments to the constitution. The Rev. Dr. Eggar again led the debate and explained the amendments known as articles V and XI. After the articles were read the Rev. Dr. Eggar moved the adoption of article V, which was as follows:

Section 1. A new diocese may be formed (1) by the erection into such diocese of the whole or of any part of one or more missionary districts; (2) by the division of an existing diocese; or (3) by the junction of two or more dioceses, under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by general canon or canon. The proceedings shall originate in a convocation of the clergy and laity of the missionary district called by the Bishop for that purpose, or, with the approval of the Bishop, in the convention of the diocese to be divided; or when it is proposed to form a new diocese by the junction of two or more dioceses or of parts of two or more dioceses, by mutual agreement of the conventions of the dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Bishop or the ecclesiastical authority of each diocese. In case the erection of a diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled. During a vacancy in a missionary district the consent of the presiding Bishop must be had before proceedings to erect it into a diocese are taken. When it shall appear to the satisfaction of the General Convention, by a certified copy of the proceedings and other documents and papers laid before it, that all the conditions for the formation of the new diocese have been complied with and that it has acceded to the constitution of this church, and the General Convention shall have so declared and shall have received the assent of the formation of the new diocese shall be complete, and it shall thereupon be admitted to union with the General Convention.

Sec. 4. Whenever a new diocese is formed and of an existing diocese it shall be subject to the constitution and canons of the diocese out of which it was formed, except as the circumstances may require, and the same shall be altered in accordance with such constitution and canons by the convention of the new diocese. Whenever a new diocese is formed by the junction of two or more existing dioceses it shall be subject to the constitution and canons of that one of the said existing dioceses which at the time of the formation of the new diocese had the largest number of members. No diocese shall be formed until the same be altered in accordance with such constitution and canons by the convention of the new diocese.

A diocese formed out of a missionary district shall be subject to the constitution and canons of such missionary district until the same be altered in accordance with such constitution and canons by the convention of the new diocese. No diocese shall be formed which shall contain fewer than six self-sufficient parishes, or fewer than six presbyters who have within the bounds of such diocese, or who have settled in a parish or congregation and who have been residing therein and settled and qualified as above provided.

WESTERN TEXAS MAKES PLEA FOR A DIOCESE

The Rev. H. Stuck of Texas asked that the amendment be rejected. He pleaded hard to become a diocese, but which was unable to comply with the new canon which stipulated that a missionary diocese must have six self-sufficient parishes before it could become a diocese. He told of the wide area of Western Texas, which was, however, more flourishing than any other diocese represented in the convention.

Deputy Saunders of Massachusetts said that the amendment had many radical defects, and he also hoped for its rejection. The speaker laid stress on the fact that the proposed amendment was taken out of the hands of the General Convention, and that it should be defeated for this reason.

PROMINENT AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHURCHMEN ADDRESSING CONVENTION. DISTINGUISHED DEPUTATION FROM SYNOD OF CANADA RECEIVED AT SESSION OF PRELATES AND DEPUTIES

Lord Bishops of Newcastle, England and British Columbia, With Other Foreign Dignitaries, Tell of Vast Fields Being Conquered by the Pioneers of the Faith.

The Rev. Dr. Greer of New York asked that the regular order of business should be taken up, and it was therefore the time to take up the adoption of the constitution.

FIGHT ON AMENDMENT IS AGAIN RESUMED

The Rev. Dr. Fulton moved in behalf of the clerical and lay delegates of Pennsylvania that the vote taken on the second amendment to Article 16 be reconsidered. The motion was seconded by Dr. McKim in behalf of the Washington diocese.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor of Los Angeles asked for a postponement of the vote until 3 o'clock, as it would give absent delegates a chance to be present and vote. The Rev. Dr. Fulton arose to a point of order, stating it made no difference under which the motion was then taken and the motion to reconsider was carried by the following vote:

Ayes—Clerical, 49; lay, 28.
Noes—Clerical, 15; lay, 12.
An effort was made to have the vote on the Huntington resolution postponed. The Rev. Mr. Hodges tried to have the discussion on the amendment reopened. He seemed to be under the impression that the reconsideration of the vote gave him the privilege of asking further questions. The Rev. Dr. Fulton arose to a point of order and shut off further discussion by saying his motion was simply to reconsider the vote and nothing else. The chair ruled accordingly.

EXTENDS GREETINGS OF GENERAL SYNOD IN CANADA

The Rev. Dr. Pentreath, Archbishop of Columbia and Kootenay, was next introduced and made an eloquent speech of ten minutes' length, in the course of which he said:

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE CONSIDERED

The Episcopal Bishops Have Question in Hand.

Tidings of Death of Bishop Burgess Received.

Sorrowful news awaited the House of Bishops when it opened its session yesterday morning. A telegram announcing her father's demise was received from the daughter of the late Right Rev. Alexander Burgess, the venerable Bishop of Quebec, whose death was also announced in the House of Deputies. Bishop Burgess passed away at St. Albans, Vt., yesterday at the age of 82. Immediately upon receiving the sad news Bishop Dudley offered prayers for the late prelate. The following telegram was sent to Miss Carolyn Burgess, the daughter of the deceased:

The House of Bishops grieves with you over the death of your honored father. They praise God for his noble life and good example and pray Him to bless and comfort you.

A committee was appointed to prepare a version of the Book of Common Prayer in the Swedish language. The house also concurred in the resolutions of the State governing the questions for marriage by the House of Deputies providing for adjournment at 5 p. m. on Thursday, October 17, instead of 3 p. m., the hour previously agreed upon.

Bishops Discuss Marriage Canon.

At the afternoon session the Bishops took up the question of marriage and divorce. The discussion was over canon 26 of the solemnization of matrimony. It is as follows:

The solemnization of matrimony in this church is a service in which the mutual consent of the parties entering into this state of life is given in the presence of a minister who, having pronounced them in the Name of the Holy Trinity to be man and wife, invokes the divine blessing upon their union.

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