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GENERAL CONVENTION.

CENTRAL MUSIC HALL, Chicago,
Friday, October 23d., 1886.
Board of Missions, Concluded.

The Bishop of Montana—It is impossible for the missionaries to do the work in their charges on the amount of money which will be at their disposal, if we postpone this question. The Board of Managers have notified us that 20 per cent. of the money is withdrawn, and these men must be supplied for their year's work.

Mr. Stark, of Connecticut—May I be permitted to assure my dear brother that the new Board of Managers, in face of the fact that they have the amount of money in the bank, which I have stated, the new Board of Managers would withdraw that notification.

The President—The question is upon the passage of the resolutions of increased salaries, etc.

Resolution was agreed to.

The Secretary then read the second resolution in reference to the amount of the appropriation which was also agreed to. The Secretary then read the next resolution, which was also agreed to.

Resolution 6 was then put upon its passage and was not agreed to.

Resolution 7 was withdrawn.

The President—Are you ready to vote upon the resolution offered by the Board of Managers, as amended by the action of this House?

Resolution was agreed to.

A deputy from Easton—I beg leave to read the resolution which I offered, and move its reference.

A deputy—I move to lay the resolution on the table.

The House then proceeded to the election of treasurer, and Mr. R. Fulton Cutting was elected treasurer. The committee then reported the names of members of the board of managers.

Rev. Dr. Vibbert, of Chicago, then offered a resolution requesting each clergyman to promote circulation of subscriptions among his parishioners.

The resolution was carried.

Rev. Dr. Egar then offered a resolution in reference to requesting the General Convention to pass a canon.

Resolution carried.

On motion the Board of Missions then adjourned sine die.

CENTRAL MUSIC HALL, Chicago,
Saturday, Oct. 23, 1886.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

The House of Deputies was called to order by the President, and the minutes of the fifteenth day's session were read and approved.

The President—In accordance with an order adopted yesterday by vote of the House, the first business after reading the minutes will be the reception of the report of the Standing Committee on memorials of deceased members, and in further compliance with the order of the House the reading of this report will be preceded and followed by devotional exercises.

The devotional exercises were commenced by the singing of the 187th hymn. The Rev. Mr. Clark, of Michigan, chairman of the Committee on Memorials of deceased members, then read the report.

The President—The chairman of this committee asks the privilege of making such corrections as to names and dates as may be suggested to him during the sitting of this House. If there be no objection that permission will be granted, and communications to that effect may be made to the chairman. By order of the House, the chair will lead the deputies in prayer.

[This report will be printed after the corrections are made.]

Here the President read the appropriate prayers.

Mr. King, of Long Island—I move that the resolution offered by the committee now be adopted by a rising vote.

Resolution so adopted.

The Chairman—The regular order of business will now be resumed. The chair will announce to the House the messages received yesterday from the House of Bishops.

The Secretary—Message No. 49.

MESSAGE NO. 49.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that Title 3, Canon 4, section 3 (6) be amended so as to read (6). Such Presiding Bishop may from time to time by written commission under his own signature and seal, assign to any other Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction in the United States the full Episcopal charge of any or more Churches or congregations and the clergymen officiating therein, for such period as he may deem expedient, provided such commission shall not extend to a period longer than three years, and shall then cease and determine, unless renewed by the presiding Bishop.

The President—The message will go on the calendar under the rule of the House.

The Secretary—Message No. 50.

MESSAGE NO. 50.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, Title 1, Canon 15, section 5, be amended by striking out the words, "no person shall be elected or consecrated a suffragan Bishop" and by changing the words following the clause omitted, "nor shall there be more than one Asst. Bishop, etc" so that the canons that are amended shall read as follows, "section 5, When a Bishop of a diocese is unable by reason of old age or other permanent cause of infirmity or by reason of the extent of his Diocese to discharge his Episcopal duties, one assistant Bishop may be elected by and for said Diocese who shall in all cases succeed the Bishop in case of surviving him; provided, that before the election of an Assistant

Bishop for the reason of extent of Diocese, the consent of the General Convention, or during the recess thereof the consent of a majority of the Bishops, and of the several standing committees, must be had and obtained. The Assistant Bishop shall perform such Episcopal duties and exercise such Episcopal authority in the Diocese as the Bishop shall assign him and in case of the Bishop's inability to assign such duties declared by the convention of the Diocese, the Assistant Bishop shall during such inability perform all the duties and exercise all the authority which appertains to the office of a Bishop. There shall not be more than one Assistant Bishop in a Diocese at one time."

The President—This message will go to the Committee on Canons.

The Secretary—Message No. 51. The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the House of Bishops declares that the law of this Church respecting the terms of lay Communion required as preceding the remission of a sentence of deposition as contained as contained in Title 2, Canon II, section 2 clause 4 shall read "three years" instead of "one year" the latter being a clerical error.

Resolved, that this declaration be communicated to the House of Deputies and their concurrence in the same be respectfully requested.

I move that the House concur in that message. It is simply the question of the correction a clerical error.

Motion carried.

Message No. 52—The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that if the Bishop of Yeddo shall so desire after conference with his mission, the title of his jurisdiction shall hereafter be the missionary Bishop of Tokio.

Resolution agreed to.

Second, Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that if the Bishop of Shanghai shall so desire after a conference with his mission, his title shall hereafter be the missionary Bishop of Shanghai, having jurisdiction in the lower valley of the Yangtse-Kiang.

Resolution agreed to.

Third, Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that this Church approve the action of the missionary Bishop of Yeddo and his co-laborers, in the conference of missionaries in the Anglican communion in the Empire of Japan, in providing a constitution and canons (for the national Church when it shall be organized), such enactment not relieving our own missionaries from obligation to the laws of our own Church as contained in the Digest.

Resolution agree to.

Message No. 53. The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has recommended the following resolutions recommended by the Joint Committee on spiritual care of immigrants.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the Bishop of Northern New Jersey be appointed corresponding secretary of the Standing Joint Committee on the spiritual care of immigrants, and he is hereby requested to correspond with the Arch-Bishops of Canterbury, York, and Dublin, and prelates of the Church in Scotland, and to request them to take such measure as they can to have letters of recommendation furnished to the members of the Church who emigrate to America.

The secretary of the Board of Missions begs leave to communicate to the House of Deputies, that that board has adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of Missions request the General Convention to pass the articles making it the duty of every clergyman having cure of souls to give his people opportunity once at least every year to have an offering for the domestic and foreign missionary work of the Church.

Rev. Dr. Goodwin, Pennsylvania—This House has already passed a canon to that very effect.

The President—The question is upon the reference to the Committee on Canons. If there is no objection it will be so referred. It is so referred.

The President will announce the filling of a vacancy in the committee on canons, caused by the departure of a member who was called home by a death in his family. The President will appoint Mr. Q. O. Eckford, of Mississippi, as a member of the Committee on Canons.

The President—The next business in order will be the report of the Standing Committee on amendments to the Constitution.

Rev. Dr. Hall, of Long Island—I have a resolution which I am not able to report at present, but will offer later on.

The President—The Committee on Canons.

Rev. Dr. Goodwin, Penn.—Report No. 24. The Committee on Canons to whom was referred the proposed amendments to Title 3, Canon 8, Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and also Message No. 28 from the House of Bishops relating thereto, respectfully report that they have duly considered the whole subject in all its bearings as affecting the general missionary operations of the Church. They appreciate fully the importance of the changes contemplated, and the deep interest of the entire Church therein. All the new legislation seeks, without doubt, is to advance the missionary work and promote greater missionary effort. Believing as they do, and comparing the two propositions with reference thereto, the committee is of the opinion that the measure proposed in that House will in its operation better promote the cause of missions than that referred to them by the House of Bishops. They respectfully suggest that both series of amendments be read together for the information of the House and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

First, Resolved, That the House of Deputies does not concur in Message No. 28 of the House of Bishops.

Second, Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that Title 3, Canon 8, Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, be amended as follows, to wit: By striking out all after the words "Article 4," and inserting: There shall be appointed by the Board of Missions at every triennial meeting of the General Convention a missionary council, comprising all the Bishops of this Church, an equal number of presbyters and an equal number of laymen, who shall meet annually, except in those years appointed for the meeting of the Board of Missions, at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Managers, with the approval of the presiding Bishop; and, when so assembled, they shall have general advisory powers in relation to all matters connected with the missions of the Church. There shall also be appointed in

like manner a Board of Managers to be selected from the Missionary Council comprising the presiding Bishop as President, and fifteen laymen, who shall have the management of the general missions of this Church; and when the Board of Missions is not in session, they shall exercise all the corporate powers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. They shall remain in office until their successors are chosen, and they shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number. Provided, that the election to fill such vacancies shall be restricted to an election from the members of the missionary council.

All other Bishops of this Church, together with the Secretary and Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and of the Board of Managers, shall be ex-officio members of the Board and have all the rights and privileges of the elected members, except the right to vote. Whenever demanded by one-fifth the members present, a majority of two-thirds of the members voting shall be necessary, to any act of the Board in all annual appropriations, and in entering upon or abandoning any missionary field, as also in changing the By-Laws. A majority must be present for all other business; the Board may by a By-law determine the quorum. The Board of Managers shall make a full and complete triennial report to the General Convention, constituted as the Board of Missions, on or before the third day of the session of the General Convention, and shall report to the Missionary Council at its annual meeting such an outline of the missionary work prosecuted during the preceding year as may serve to give a comprehensive view of the progress and present condition of the Society in the several parts of the Domestic and Foreign fields.

To amend Title 3, Canon 8, Article 5, as follows:

Article 5. The Board of Managers is authorized to form such committees as it may deem advisable to promote missionary work, and to appoint such officers as shall be needed for carrying on such work, and to enact all by-laws for its own government and the government of the committees and officers.

To amend Article 6, as follows:

The Board of Managers is entrusted with power to establish and regulate such missions as are not placed under Episcopal jurisdiction, in all organized Dioceses and missionary jurisdictions having Bishops in the Domestic field. It is authorized to make annual appropriations to be disbursed by the Bishops with the approval of the Standing Committee of the Diocese or jurisdiction; and whenever any of said Bishops may so elect, the Board of Managers shall act as above provided, instead of such Standing Committee or Diocesan Board of Missions; provided, that no part of such annual appropriation shall be expended for any other purpose than the support of missionaries or the supply of mission stations with clerical services, without the concurrence of the Board of Managers; and an itemized account of the expenditure of all appropriations shall be made annually to the Board of Managers, provided that in the management of the Foreign Missions, the Bishops shall have as their council this Board of Managers for the general schedule of expenditures; but for the details of the local work, they may have as their council of advice, the Standing Committee of their respective jurisdictions.

An additional article, to be entitled Article 7, in the words following, viz: The salary of a Missionary Bishop shall be fixed at or before the time of his election, to take effect from the date of his consecration, and shall not be diminished during his official relations with the Board of Missions, without his consent. But all contributions of the Missionary Jurisdictions for the support of their Bishop shall be reported to the Board of Managers and accounted for as part of such salaries. Whenever the Board shall be satisfied of the ability of the missionary jurisdiction to support a Bishop with a salary not less than that provided for at his consecration, the relation of such Bishop to the Board of Missions may be terminated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Rev. Dr. Hart, of Connecticut.—Mr. President: Presuming, sir, that the report of the Committee on Canons will not be likely to provoke any discussion, and it is rather important that the matter go to the other House in order that legislation on this important subject may be consummated with promptitude, I venture to make this motion, that the rules of this House be suspended, in order that it be now considered by this House.

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin—I second the motion.

The President—This House, by vote of two-thirds, may at once proceed to consider the resolution.

Resolution carried.

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin.—Mr. President, we have been very much pressed with this business, and with consultations with the House of Bishops, and one thing which was understood among us I find has not entered into the canon as it should have done, and so I beg to move that the Committee on Canons be allowed to amend in one particular. It is very brief. Instead of reading "appropriations made annually to the Board of Managers," it should read "Made annually to the President of the Board of Managers." This would meet the wishes of the House of Bishops and accomplish the same end, instead of requiring the Bishops to make their reports to the Board of Managers, that they should make them to the President of the Board of Managers, who is the Presiding Bishop of the Church.

Both amendment and resolution carried.

Report No. 27. The Committee on Canons to whom was referred a proposed amendment to Title 1, Canon 16, beg leave respectfully to report the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption.

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring that Title 1, Canon 16, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Secretary of the House of Bishops shall keep the register of all the clergy of this Church whose names shall be delivered to him in the following manner, that is to say; each Bishop of this Church, or where there is no Bishop the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction, shall, on or before the 15th day of October of each year deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the secretary, a list of the names of all the ministers of the Church in his diocese or missionary jurisdiction, and annexing the names of their respective cures or stations, or in regard to those who have not any cures, their places of residence only; and it shall be the duty of the secretary to have printed in the Journal of this convention a list of such names made up for the year in which such General Convention may be held.

2nd. That Section 3 of the same canon be stricken out.

Resolved, That this Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

A deputy from Iowa—I move you that the rules be suspended, and that we proceed to immediate consideration.

Motion carried and resolutions adopted.

Report 28. The committee on Canons, to whom was referred the report of the special committee on canons of ordination, together with sundry other amendments proposed, respectfully report that they have had the subject under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution. I will read it as the report was made:

Resolved, that this House hereby adopts the canon on ordination accompanying this report, instead of all former canons on that subject.

The President—The committee on canons reports an amended scheme of canons relating to ordination, to take the place of all existing canons on that subject.

Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin—It is rather unfair to have a sweeping canon and—

The President—The report goes on the calendar as objection is made.

Report No. 29. The committee on Canons, to whom was referred message No. 22 from the House of Bishops, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, that this House does not concur with the House of Bishops in amendment to Title 1, Canon 9, Section 1.

Resolved, that this House does not concur with the House of Bishops in the amendment to Title 1, Canon 9, Section 3, with the following amendment, to-wit: Strike out all after the words "this canon."

Upon motion the resolution was voted to be considered immediately.

Resolutions adopted.

Report No. 30. The committee on Canons, to whom was referred message No. 24, from the House of Bishops, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that this House does concur with the House of Bishops in message No. 24, amending Title 1, Canon 24, Section 1.

This has already been passed by this House and the shortest way to get through with the matter is simply to concur with the House of Bishops. One of the messages to the House of Bishops includes this very amendment.

Resolutions carried.

Dr. Huntington, New York—The hour of eleven is past, and I call for the order of the day.

The President—Dr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts, asks that the member from New York will defer his call for the order of the day until he can have an opportunity to present a very important report.

The call for the order of the day was withdrawn.

Dr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts.—I wish first to call the attention of the House to the great importance of the members visiting the treasurer who will be very glad to see them. The Committee on Expenses, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Deputies to hold evening sessions, have taken the matter into consideration and recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved; That this House hereafter continue its afternoon session until six o'clock, and also on Monday next and Tuesday next, meet at eight P. M. at the expense of the Convention. The Committee on expenses ascertained that the expense of this room for an evening was \$125, yet they thought it was money well expended because it might save a day, and many members are very anxious to get home before the end of next week. But, the Committee on expenses have received a communication from the managers from Chicago, that they are willing to assume that expense, they have been very good to us in furnishing the House, and the Chicago Committee are willing to bear the expense of those two evening sessions.

Judge Sheffey, of Virginia.—Perhaps that is to get rid of us.

Rev. Dr. Richards, of Rhode Island.—I ask that the resolution be divided as it has two very distinct propositions.

The President.—Division is called for.

Judge Sheffey, of Virginia.—I ask the Secretary to insert instead of "hereafter," "after to-day."

The President.—The motion is that the House after to-day continue its session until six o'clock P. M.

Motion carried.

Rev. Dr. Richards, of Rhode Island.—I see no proposition from the Committee on expenses or the Chicago Committee to pay the expenses of the deputies to this convention. I trust that this motion will not prevail. We are a sufficient number of hours in this house in the exceedingly bad air, when we sit until six o'clock.

Rev. Dr. McVicker, of Pennsylvania.—Mr. Chairman, I would propose an amendment that the hours be from eight to ten. We have all day here and then for three hours session in the evening it is almost unbearable.

Rev. Dr. Huntington, of New York.—The convention ought not to be tied up by a fixed hour of adjournment; let it adjourn at its discretion.

Dr. Shattuck, of Massachusetts.—Mr. President, we are not obliged to stay any longer than we want, but if we need to stay why do we hamper ourselves? On the other hand there may be a necessity of sitting the whole of next week.

Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin.—We hamper ourselves because the cars cease to run at half past twelve and if we are here after that we will have to foot it from two to five miles.

Rev. Dr. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.—The convention has continued in former sessions until past midnight.

Amendment and resolution carried.

Rev. Dr. Hills, of New Jersey.—I hold in my hand the final and general report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which it is very necessary to read in order that it may be referred to the House of Bishops, so that they may prepare their pastoral letter; but I am willing to submit it without reading if it be the wish of the House.

The President.—The report will be submitted without reading.

This report appeared in our last issue.

The President—The order of the day is again called for. Will Dr. Huntington allow Dr. Hall to present a report.

Rev. Dr. Huntington, of New York—Yes sir.

The President—The secretary will recite the subject of the resolution.

The Secretary.—It is in reference to an amendment to the constitution.

The President—If there be no objection it will go on the calendar.

The President—Dr. Huntington now calls for the order of the day.

Motion Carried.

The President—The Chair will communicate to the House, Message No. 54 from House of Bishops relating to the subject of Liturgical Revision.

Judge Sheffey, of Va.—I move that the House of Deputies, to which it is referred, refer it to the House sitting as a committee of the whole.

Motion carried.

Rev. Dr. Beatty, of Kansas—Resolved that rule 33 of the rules of order be suspended during the remainder of the session and the following be adopted in its place. No member shall speak more than once in the same debate, nor longer than ten minutes at a time without the leave of the House. We are now on the sixteenth day of the session and a large amount of business has yet to be done, and the rule of order of this House permits one person to speak twice and also fifteen minutes. This shortens the time and I move the adoption of this resolution.

Resolution adopted.

Rev. Dr. Franklin, of New Jersey—Mr. President, I beg to say that there are very important matters yet before this House, and although the persons who intend to take part in that debate need to make their speeches as short as possible, I deem it impossible to even state the questions involved in that period, and there must be always when a new subject is brought up some person to whom the debate is chiefly entrusted. That person ought to have more than one opportunity to speak. I think therefore that if this House considers how important are the matters are yet disposed of, that they will not pass that resolution.

Rev. Dr. Farrington, of Northern New Jersey—I move its reference to the Committee on the rules of order.

Lost.

Rev. S. P. Carpenter, of Florida—Mr. President, It seems to me, sir, that if the exigency should arise, that this House will be competent judge of that fact. The resolution offered does not necessarily cut off debate at ten minutes, and the House should have the opportunity of judging whether such an exigency arises as will require longer time. Let the House decide these questions.

A Deputy—I move to amend the resolution by inserting five minutes instead of ten.

Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin—I move that the amendment be laid on the table.

Lost.

The President—The matter now before the House is whether we shall limit the time of debate.

Dr. Beers, of California—Mr. President: I think I am not speaking very improperly in opposing the limitation attempted to be put on the debates. I never, I believe, have spoken more than ten minutes at a time. Now there is before us, Mr. President, some of the most important measures that have claimed the attention or asked the votes of this House, or the attention of the general Church. For the sake of the force that may be given to the final vote upon these, it

seems to me that there ought not at this stage to be a limitation put upon the debate. Later, after there has been some discussion it may be very well, but I think it would look like an attempt to strangle the House in its expression of opinion. I certainly desire to be instructed by the able debate that probably will ensue before we reach a vote.

Mr. Stark, of Connecticut—I move, sir, that the vote upon this proposition and all the amendments be taken within one minute.

The Rev. Dr. Hodges, of Maryland—Before it goes to a vote, sir, I desire to offer an amendment by striking out the words "at one time."

The Rev. Dr. Beatty, of Kansas—I accept the amendment.

The President—The amendment has been accepted by the Rev. Dr. Beatty, and the question is upon the adoption of the resolution and the suspending of the rules by a two-third vote.

Rules suspended and resolution adopted, by a vote of 184 yeas to 60 noes.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of New York, the House went into a committee of the whole, Judge Sheffey in the chair.

Committee of the whole called to order by the chairman.

The secretary read Message No. 54 from the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolutions, viz.:

Schedule B, Resolution 1.—*Resolved*, The House of Deputies concurring, that the following changes be made in the Book of Common Prayer, and that the proposed alterations be made known to the several dioceses, etc.

The Secretary—If the House will take their "Notification," page 6, the secretary will endeavor to show what changes have been made. Schedule B will be found in the report of the Joint Committee on Liturgical Revision. The paragraph beginning "Substitute for the Order" etc., remains precisely as it is in the Notification.

The next paragraph, "The Order for Morning Prayer," is changed in the following way: At the end of the second line the word "independent" is stricken out and the word "distinct" is inserted.

The next paragraph beginning "The Litany may be used" etc., at the end of the line after the word "the" insert the word "prayer" so that it will read "the prayers that follow the prayer," then strike out the first three words "Collect for Grace" in the next line, and substitute for them the words, "For the President of the United States," so that it will read as follows "The Litany may be used in place of the prayers that follow the prayer for the President of the United States in the Order for Morning Prayer," etc.

The third paragraph beginning "On any day," etc., after the word "said" towards the end of that line, strike out the comma. In the next line the last two words "with or" strike out those words and substitute the words "for which." Then strike out the words in the next line "without a sermon or lecture," and substitute for them the following words: "No form is provided," so that that paragraph will read as follows: "On any day when Morning or Evening Prayer shall have been said, or are to be said in Church, the minister may at any other service for which no form is provided, use such devotions," etc.

In the next paragraph, the last line but one, strike out the last four words "the same shall be," and the first two words in the next line "used and," and at the end of the paragraph, after the word "other" "shall be used," so that the latter part of that paragraph will read as follows: "The Bishop may set forth such form or forms as he shall think fit, in which case none other shall be used."

On page 7, of the Notification, in the second line of the first paragraph, strike out the words "were read," and substitute for them the words "are appointed for," so that the second line on the page will read "on the last day of the said month which are appointed for the day before."

After the first of the tables "Proper Psalms on Certain Days," strike out the note "that when he announced," etc.

Then in the table of "Selections of Psalms," in place of the numbers after the word "Second," substitute for those numbers the following, "4, 31," etc.

At the bottom of the page the note is omitted.

On page 8, after the words "Hymns and Anthems" strike out all that paragraph after the word "Hymns" as follows: Strike out "may be sung before and after every office in this Book, and also before and after sermons; but only such hymns shall be used in this Church as are or may be duly." Then at the end of the third line strike out the word "the" and insert the words "this Church," striking out the first word in the fourth line. In the fourth line strike out the word "only" after "Anthems," also the word "either," and then at the end of the paragraph after "Common Prayer," substituting a comma for a period, "may be sung before and after every office in this Book and also before and after sermons."

This clause will then read as follows: "Hymns set forth and allowed by the authority of this Church, and Anthems in the words of Holy Scripture, or of the Book of Common Prayer, may be sung before and after every office in this book, and also before and after sermons."

Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania—Above all else it is desirable that the legislation of the Church should be intelligible where it may be made so, and that we should not adhere to those expressions which can be disputed. These words are subject to dispute. Some of us think that it does not prohibit and some of us that it does prohibit. Positive statement without the negative was doubtful. That was the question. I suppose that this alteration is intended to contain the negative statement. But if this paragraph means only that those Hymns which this Church sets forth and allows by its authority, that those Hymns are permitted to be used, then all other Hymns are permitted of course. We could then do without this statement and it is worse than useless. As long as that interpretation is made, it is not worth while to put in the negative statement.

Mr. McConne, of Louisiana—I hope this will be adopted precisely as we find it. I understand this House is legislating for the Church, and when it gives its authority in this matter, it means that no others are to be used.

Mr. Parker, of New Jersey—I am entirely in favor of this proposition as it stands, but I would like to propose the following addition. The one proposed by the first committee on page 8: "Anthems in the words either of the Holy Scripture or of the Book of Common Prayer may be sung instead of Hymns, except in cases where particular Hymns are by rubric prescribed." I move to add those words after the words that have been approved and sent down to us.

Rev. Dr. Hart, of Connecticut—Mr. Chairman, with reference to that I will beg to say that there is but one place where a particular hymn is prescribed by rubric, and that is sung in the Consecration of the Church. That, we repealed the other day so far as it could be done, by the Committee of the whole.

Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin—I propose to insert after the words "Church" the words "and none other." This is a matter that has been before the Church for many years. The late Mr. Stevenson, of Kentucky, strongly argued for such a measure, because he said if we had permission for every hymn we might have Baptist or Methodist Hymns, and others have argued that we might have an organized High Church Hymn Book, and an organized Low Church Hymn Book, and an organized Broad Church Hymn Book.

Rev. Dr. Hopkins, of Central Pennsylvania—This is a point that I have been fighting for more than twenty years, and I shall never cease to fight it so long as restrictions are sought to be put on our ancient liberty. The words "set forth" are those which have a historical interpretation in the Church of England. Ever since the Reformation the meaning of those words has been settled, and the idea of upsetting that construction, and making the words mean what they did not mean in England for the past three years is preposterous. This will tie us in a straight

waistcoat in a way that we have never been tied up since the time of its reformation itself.

Rev. Dr. Egar, of Central New York.—I think it is well, before taking a vote, to consider where this will leave us. We might have a good Hymn which would come in for a Sunday School office, and if tied up we could not use a Sunday School Hymn. We could not at Christmastide use any Christmas carols. With respect to the danger, I want to point out to this convention one principle, and that is, that public opinion is a much better safeguard of this Church in matters of doctrine and in what might be introduced in hymns, than coercive legislation, and if we leave it to public opinion we shall arrive at a better result than we should by coercive legislation.

Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania.—I move in place of what is sent down by the House of Bishops in regard to hymns, there be inserted what was sent down to us in the last convention,—that is in the Notification.

The Chairman.—The question is as to the agreement on the amendment of Dr. Adams. Amendment lost.

The Chairman.—The Rev. Dr. Goodwin renews his motion. Motion lost.

Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania.—I propose another amendment for I want this thing settled. I want to know what the law is. I move that there be added the words, "no other hymns or anthems shall be sung on such occasions."

Amendment lost.

Rev. Mr. Faude, of Indiana.—I move you sir, that this Committee recommend to the House non-concurrence in this paragraph under consideration.

The Chairman.—Does the member limit his motion to the clause "hymns and anthems?"

Rev. Mr. Faude, of Indiana.—Strike out the words following hymns and anthems. I believe with the deputy from Pennsylvania, that this legislation will by no means answer the purpose for which it was intended. We understand we can use Hymns allowed by the authority of the Church already, and inasmuch as this is certainly capable of a double interpretation it would seem that it answered no purpose whatsoever.

A Deputy from Virginia—Mr. President, to an ordinary legal mind there can be but one construction as to what this rubric will mean. A maxim which any legal gentleman will know is, *Expressio uni est exclusio alteris*. A definite statement that certain hymns may be used, excludes all others. That would be the rule before a civil tribunal, and I submit with all humility that this cannot mean that and does not mean anything else.

The Rev. Dr. Hopkins, of Central Pennsylvania—The Church of England has not found that out for 800 years.

Question put upon the amendment, and lost.

The Secretary, by request, read from the message from the House of Bishops.

A Deputy—I move that the House noncon-

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cur in the resolution from the House of Bishops.

Rev. Dr. Buel, N. C.—I do hope that we shall not change the law. I remember that at the Convention previous to this, clergymen told me they knew of two instances in which clergymen constantly omitted the litany, and they omitted it for this reason: because they did not believe one of the clauses of the litany, and because they did not wish to say the words, "everlasting damnation." There is a very good reason for retaining it.

Mr. McNeal, Tenn.—Is the motion to non-concur?

The Chairman—The question before the committee is that of disagreeing with the proposition from the House of Bishops.

Mr. McNeal—Exactly. Then I hope the House will vote it down. I move that this paragraph be amended by adding to the phrase the words, "in public." The services are one consistent whole. They seem to assume a daily round of things. They assume a consistent work of daily morning prayer and daily evening prayer. The litany which belongs in this connection is used in the Church as a universal rule. It is incorrect to allow either of these services to be omitted habitually.

The motion to amend was then put and lost.

The Chairman—The question is upon the second clause.

Rev. Dr. Nelson, Va.—I would like to amend the second clause so as to conform to the corresponding clause in the Morning Prayer, omitting the words "prayer for the President," and substituting the words "collect for grace." I am interested in shortening the service. We have been prevented from using any form to shorten the service.

The President—The question is now on agreeing to the resolution as amended.

The Secretary—The only amendment made in this whole resolution under clause B, as it came down from the House of Bishops, is the amendment offered by Mr. Nelson to substitute the words "Collect for Grace" in the second paragraph.

The question is on agreeing to the clause, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

The Secretary then read the third clause.

Mr. Parker, N. J.—Does that amendment include the Communion office as it now stands?

Rev. Dr. Hart, Conn.—It is intended to.

Clause 4 was read by the Secretary. (No amendment.)

The Secretary then read Clause 5 in reference to the order how the Psalter is appointed to be read. (No amendment.)

The President—The hour of one having arrived, the question will be on the committee rising and reporting progress to the House.

Carried.

Judge Sheffey, of Virginia—Mr. President, the committee of the whole have had under consideration messages from the House of Bishops, in the subject of liturgical revision, and have made progress in the consideration of that subject and ask leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

Adjourned till Monday, Oct. 25, 9 a. m.

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SEVENTEENTH DAY.

The House of Deputies was called to order by the President, and the minutes of the proceedings of the sixteenth day were read and approved.

The President—The President will communicate to the House the appointments made upon the committee appointed upon the motion of Rev. Dr. Hodges:

Rev. Dr. Hodges, of Maryland; Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, of Alabama; Rev. Dr. Thrall, of Springfield; Rev. Dr. Swope, of New York; Rev. Dr. Dalzell, of Louisiana; Mr. Parsons, Mr. Burgwin, of Pittsburgh; Mr. J. C. Smith, of Western New York; Mr. Patterson, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Mills, of New Jersey.

Rev. Dr. Hills, of New Jersey, from the Committee on the state of the Church, presented report No. 8, as follows:

The committee on the State of the Church to whom was referred the "minute of the National Council of the Congregational

Churches of the United States," relative to "Utah and Mormonism," respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, that, whilst they cannot recommend that the Church should, contrary to its traditions, unite in any memorial to the civil authority on civil affairs, we express our cordial sympathy with any wise and constitutional effort to abate the hideous crime of polygamy.

Resolved, That while we do not deem it best to unite in the appointment of a Joint Committee to investigate mormonism, we would respectfully suggest that any commission appointed for that purpose, and desiring full information on that subject, and on Christian education in Utah, confer with the Right Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, D. D., late Bishop of Utah and present Bishop of Missouri.

The resolution was agreed to.

Dr. Shattuck, from the committee on expenses, said: "I want to announce that the treasurer has been obliged to go to New York, but that the chairman of the committee has the authority of the House to receive payment of the assessments for this convention, which are now due."

The Rev. Dr. Courtney, of Massachusetts, presented a report from the special committee on the evangelistic work of the Church, as follows.

The Joint Committee on Evangelistic Work, beg leave respectfully to report that they have discussed this subject carefully, so far as the limited time at their disposal permitted, and guided by such facts as their personal experience and that of others put them in possession of:

First. Your committee desire to express the opinion that in their judgment Evangelistic work, so called, is in its nature primitive and Apostolic, and quite consistent with Church principles.

Second. That the particular phase of their work, usually called "Parochial Mission" and the conductor of which is ordinarily named "Missioner," has been for a considerable number of years past tried in different parts of this country, and several individuals have undertaken Missions with varying measures of success. The movement received a great impulse from the Mission held in so large a number of the Churches in New York City last December, in which several very experienced Missioners from England were engaged.

Third. Your committee cannot but fear that much of good may be lost, and not a little risk of evil be incurred, if nothing is done by the Church to indicate the general principles which underlie the work, the main lines upon which it should be conducted, and the chief objects which should be kept in view,—but every one be left to do whatever is pleasant in his own eyes. And they say this, because they are convinced that this is no passing whim, but because the Missions will be henceforward an increasing phase of our ecclesiastical system.

And here your committee desire to call attention to the need of obtaining trained Missioners of American birth, or who by long residence here are thoroughly identified with American life. For though they would put far from them any thought of disparagement of their English brethren, yet they are persuaded that the greatest measure of success waits upon the work of those whose whole mental and spiritual atmosphere is filled with that perfect sympathy which is possible only to men who are at one with those to whom they minister. How are these to be procured? In only one case so far as known to your committee, is there a Missioner of the Church of England who is not actively employed as a Parish Priest, and that one has previously had a large experience of that work in an important parish contiguous to Liverpool. Your Committee believes that this, and the consideration (one of vital importance, as they think it) that a Mission ought to be conducted on Church lines, point to the selection of likely men who are in charge of Parishes, and the appointing them by some constituted authority to undertake the work of conducting a Mission—so gaining experience. This may require the raising of a fund to supply clerical assistance in the parish left vac-

ant during the Missioner's absence.

It would also be advisable to ascertain whether it would be feasible to gather several such men in some one of our large cities, that they might be addressed by one who has had experience in Mission work, and of whom they could ask questions on points on which they desired information, so that they might know, at least, some of the methods to be pursued, and some of those to be avoided. It might well be, also, that the authorities in our Colleges and Theological Schools and Seminaries should be directed to keep their eye upon young men likely to be useful, when their studies are completed, as missioners, and to draw their attention to the matter; not with a view to their hurrying through the Diaconate, or declining regular parochial employment, but so that they might anticipate, and prepare for, occasional absence from their future parishes for the purpose of conducting a mission elsewhere. Your committee would earnestly commend to all Theological Seminaries, with a special suggestion to the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, the importance of instituting a lectureship to continue for a certain number of years, by which systematic training in ways and methods might be given to those who afterwards would train others associated with themselves as assistant missioners.

Your committee cannot deny that not a little disappointment has been experienced by some who looked for much good from the employment of this comparatively new agency, and that certain individual clergy are regretting that they made what they now look upon as an unfortunate experiment; but though your committee are cognizant of results which they deplore, they would be false to their convictions if they did not say plainly that in their judgment the mistakes have been few, the evils occasional, and both far outweighed by the greatness and extent of the blessing of deepened spiritual life, increased Christian activity, and more complete parochial working which have been the fruits of missions in many places. But the errors committed point to existing dangers and call for the laying down of the lines upon which such a work should proceed.

1. The first object of a mission should be to reach the heart of the parish, and to give it a quickened beat, assured that the stronger flow of Christian life will affect the extremities and so touch the outsiders. This has not by any means been always the case. But, when the tide of spiritual life runs with increased volume in the old channels, the people find in the familiar words of the Church Services a meaning they never had before; whereas, if only outsiders are brought in, they, being unaccustomed to the forms of our Book of Common Prayer, find them a hindrance rather than a help, and if the number of such people is large, they lower the tone of Churchmanship of the parish by demanding services unknown to us and of questionable advantage; and if they are few, soon get out of sympathy with the older worshippers, and fall away to some of the sects, or even drift back again into carelessness.

2. It is, in the opinion of your Committee, of the first importance that due preparation for a Mission be made. Six months is none too long a period. At first the announcement of the coming Mission with the letters of sanction of the Bishop, and commending the Missioner to the prayers of the people. Then a prayer meeting once a month for three months, once a fortnight for two months, once a week for three weeks, and every day one week prior to the Mission. This awakens an earnest expectation of coming spiritual blessing, with the consciousness that it is in large measure dependent upon fervent and importunate prayer.

A band of Christian workers ought to be organized from among the Communicants, the members of which will be able and willing to bring friends to the services, to sit beside them, to speak to them afterwards, and if advisable, to introduce them to the Missioner.

3. In the Mission itself your committee most strongly advise an early Celebration of the Holy Communion daily, specially for these workers and the Missioner, that then

they may gain the necessary spiritual strengthening and refreshing, without which their work cannot be what it ought to be.

Also the Morning and Evening Prayer, at hours to suit best the convenience of the regular Church goers. At all these short addresses can be given, upon some special subject, with definite instruction, accompanied by personal application.

Your committee feel that the Mission Service proper may well be of a more informal character, as the preaching is the chief portion of it, and for the sake of it the people come together. It is generally best to keep to the topics connected with the beginnings of conscious Christian life,—especially, repentance, confession of sin, faith in the mercy of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, decision, and the promised grace of the Holy Spirit to keep the soul in the right (and often to it the new) way.

Abundant opportunities will present themselves for pointing out and enforcing the value of Baptism, Confirmation, attendance upon Divine worship, the systematic reading of Holy Scripture, and the blessed privilege of the Holy Communion, and of urging them upon the people that they may rightly avail themselves of them. And if the class of candidates for Baptism or Confirmation afterwards should not be largely increased, at least this should not be the case with the communicants, to whom there should be a large addition.

All unfamiliar methods are attended by more or less of excitement, and the temptation to a Missioner must often be strong to play upon such a dangerous instrument by tender and fervid appeals to the emotions; and therefore your committee think it well that a word of warning should be uttered, and that Missioners should be reminded that "the world, the flesh and the devil" frequently make use of such a condition to fatally assail the souls of men; and they hope that Missioners will avoid this invidious snare.

And, in this connection, they wish also to say how needful they feel it to be that the evening services be always closed at a comparatively early hour, for the shunning of actual sin, for the securing of time for a good night's rest, for continuance of sound health for regular daily work, for the avoidance of even the suspicion of evil by unfriendly lookers on.

An after meeting is an advisable opportunity for correcting any undue excitement, and calming it down by a few words of wise and tender counsel; and on the conduct of it your committee would only suggest that as little divergence as possible be made from ordinary addresses and methods. And here it is to be observed that all special details of service should be loyally submitted by both Rector and Missioner to the godly judgment of the Bishop.

Your committee are informed that a resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies looking to the preparation of a new Hymnal, in which a selection of hymns for Parochial Missions shall be a special feature, awaits the concurrence of the House of Bishops; and to this they will look forward in the hope that it will furnish such a book as will obviate the need of asking the sanction of a Bishop for the use of a special Mission Hymnal, in which are to be found many hymns most objectionable, and from which many are absent which are fervently desired.

In conclusion your Committee recommend that the following resolution be laid before the General Convention:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that (the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring) the Joint Committee on Evangelistic work be continued, with power to associate with themselves three other clergy and three other laymen of the Church (not members of this General Convention) to gather information upon the subject of Parochial Missions and other Evangelistic work, and to report to the General Convention of 1889 a plan, if they think one advisable, for the training of Missioners, both clerical and lay; together with a declaration of the principles involved, and general directions as to methods to be observed and those to be avoided.

(Signed.)

F. D. HUNTINGTON
Chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin—Mr. President, I have a resolution to be referred to the committee appointed to consider the judicial system of the Church.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to consider the judicial system of the Church be directed and instructed to consider not merely the matter of appeal, but also the modes and principles of proceeding in all trials whatsoever, especially in the courts of first instance.

The Rev. Dr. Adams—Mr. President and gentlemen of this convention, I beg leave to say that it is my feeling and mind always to face difficulties, and not to pass them over as if I was sliding over uncertain ice. Now I wish to speak to this convention with regard to this whole matter of ecclesiastical trials, and in order to do so I shall not bring my own doctrine in reference to the matter, but shall give a small anecdote with regard to the experience of the chief justice of Wisconsin some 20 years ago. This gentleman was engaged in a certain matter in which he was presenting proof, and he asked me for the perusal of a certain trial which had attracted a great deal of notice in those parts, and which had been reported on account of the general interest in it in the community. I had the report of that trial, and I let him take it, and some days afterward I asked him about it; he returned it to me and I said, "What do you think?" He said, "There is no judge in the country, and no lawyer, that would bring any one in guilty upon such evidence," which was asserted also by the chief justice of the United States Taney.

Now, sir, I asked him the reason, and he said this whole matter of your judiciary system is altogether wrong. "Why so?" "You have no basis for it whatsoever, you have no basis in your clerical trials for justice to any one." I said, "Why?" "Why," said he, "in the first place you have no subpoena. A man may be next door who has evidence that would convict or acquit, and that man you cannot compel to come in. You have no subpoena at all."

A Deputy—Mr. President, I rise to the question of order. I should be very happy to listen to Dr. Adams, if we knew what the resolution was.

The Secretary read the resolution.

The Rev. Dr. Adams—Now, sir, I say this: that he told me there was not one basis of justice, that we had no subpoena, and that in any clerical trial a man might have abundance of evidence and the witness could not be compelled to bear evidence.

The President—The question will be upon the reference of the resolution.

The resolution was referred to the proper committee.

The Rev. Dr. Hoffman, of New York—I wish to present a resolution in reference to Canons of Ordination. My reasons for this are, that we have here a series of Canons of Ordination, which have occupied the attention of a large committee for the last three years. The present canons are in many parts—

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ticulars utterly unintelligible, and I move to suspend the rule and take up these canons for action now.

The President—The question is upon the suspension of the rule, which requires a vote of two-thirds majority.

The motion prevailed.

The President—The House will proceed to the consideration of the report of the committee on canons respecting Canons of Ordination.

A Deputy—Has it been printed?

The Secretary—The Secretary has seen two copies, but he has seen no more.

The Rev. Dr. Henckel, of Virginia—I move that its consideration be postponed until the printed copies come in.

Dr. Grey, of Massachusetts—I offer this resolution:

Resolved, That the consideration of the Canons be suspended until they can be printed.

The President—The chair would observe that the report of the committee is a pamphlet containing some 30 pages.

The Rev. Dr. Hoffman, of New York—It is scarcely possible, Mr. President, to consider these Canons if we postpone. There is very little difference in the Canon, but I do not know that I can explain in a short speech. If we are to have them printed they must be ordered printed immediately.

The changes are not very many, it is simply a tabulation of the form of the Canon into intelligible shape, and in some respects increasing the amount. They were prepared and presented by the Bishop of California, and very carefully revised by another committee and also by this committee.

The Rev. Dr. Gray, of Massachusetts—I should most decidedly object to considering these Canons until they are printed. There are disputed passages, and they are disputed because the Canon was passed originally without sufficient consideration.

The President—The question is upon postponing the consideration of the report until it is printed.

Upon the vote a division was called for, and the motion was carried.

The Rev. Dr. Hoffman, of New York—I move, Mr. President, that the report after having been printed be made the order of the day to-morrow morning at half past ten o'clock.

The Secretary would say that he doubts whether this can be printed for to-morrow or even next day; it may be ready by Wednesday, but not sooner.

Rev. Dr. Franklin, New Jersey—I move to amend the resolution so that it may be made the order of the day immediately after the consideration of pending orders of the day be concluded.

A Deputy—That is a motion that would affect the record. The question of marriage and divorce is the special order for the following order of the day.

The President—The House has under consideration the matter of liturgical revision, as a standing order of the day, until it is disposed of. The House, then, has an order of the day which follows immediately after, which is a report of the special committee on marriage and divorce. The motion of the Rev. Deputy of New Jersey, will make this the order of the day immediately following these orders when they shall be disposed of.

Mr. McConnell, of Louisiana—I think the motion of the Rev. Deputy from New Jersey is a proper one. It will simply take its place following the order of the day on marriage and divorce, and I think it is a very proper motion.

Rev. Dr. Hoffman, of New York—I think that motion will be to simply relegate those Canons to the next General Convention, and I hope the consideration of them will be made the order of the day for half past ten o'clock.

A Deputy—I move that it be postponed until the next General Convention. I do that, sir, realizing the importance of the subject, and realizing that three years is a long time, and also realizing that in the first place our Canons of Ordination are sufficiently elaborate. I think we can live under the present Canon a little longer, and during the meantime we shall have this report upon the journal and be able to settle

the matter. The Committee on Canons have given the subject careful consideration, but I think there are others beside the Committee on Canons who want an opportunity to examine this work.

Rev. Mr. LaTourette, New Mexico—I beg to say that if there have been inconveniences connected with this Canon, the Committee have made such improvement as to make it well worth our while, not only to pass it, but to pass it now. I am sure that some of us have had a great deal of inconvenience in the use of this Canon, but I should be very sorry to know that it was to be continued for the whole three years. These gentlemen have most undoubtedly made improvements, and I sincerely hope that this motion will pass, and that we may be able to make use of this Canon, and may make a better use of a Canon passed afterwards if there should be a necessity for it.

The President—The question is upon the postponement of the measure until the next General Convention.

The motion was lost.

The President—The question is upon the motion of Dr. Franklin, of New Jersey, that this subject be made a special order immediately after having disposed of the special orders now upon the calendar.

Carried.

Rev. Dr. Hoffman, of New York—I would ask if the motion includes the printing of the report. My motion was that it be printed and made the order of the day for half past ten o'clock.

The President—The Chair is of the opinion that the printing might be included in the motion of the Rev. Dr. Franklin.

Rev. Dr. Franklin, of New Jersey—I am perfectly willing to accept that as part of my motion.

The President—It would be better for a motion to be made to that effect.

A Deputy—I move that the Canons be ordered printed.

Carried.

Rev. Dr. Harwood, of Connecticut.—Mr. President, I have a small matter which I think may be overlooked unless under the vote of the House just now to suspend the rules of order and to allow the interjection of a matter on the calendar. If that would cover my proposition I should like very much to have the privilege of calling your attention and the attention of the House to a small matter which will probably be passed without debate. It is the report of the committee on amendments to the constitution respecting Articles 2 and 3, No 24 on the calendar.

Motion carried.

Rev. Dr. Harwood—The committee, sir, reported that in the last General Convention they had proposed to the House a resolution which has come to this House from the House of Bishops, substituting the word "House of Deputies" instead of the word "Convention." On page 279 of the same Journal, the resolution was adopted unanimously, and the committee have moved that this House do now ratify and adopt those articles of the constitution, so that the matter as reported at the last convention shall be incorporated into the constitution.

Deputy from Newark.—I believe it requires a vote by Dioceses and order.

The President—The vote must be by Dioceses and orders.

Deputy from Ohio—I think Dr. Harwood should state a little more particularly, it does not mean to substitute the words, "House of Deputies" in every case where the word "convention" occurs.

Rev. Dr. Harwood.—I will read the resolution adopted by the House on page 263 of the Journal of 1883.

"That the House of Deputies concur, with the House of Bishops in amending Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution, so that the House of Deputies be substituted for the word 'convention' in the 14th line of Article 2." etc.

The committee has recommended that that change be now ratified and adopted, so that it shall be incorporated under the constitution, and I move, sir, that it be so ratified and adopted.

Mr. O'Connell, of Louisiana—I rise to make a remark on the question of how this matter

can now be acted upon. It is very true, sir, that it is the custom that the matter should be adopted by the Dioceses; but a great deal of valuable time may be saved, and we will be complying with the constitution which says that it must be done by a majority of the Dioceses, in adopting the following plan, that the Dioceses be called, and that the representatives of the Dioceses on the floor give the votes of the Dioceses. This is perfectly constitutional. The language, you will observe, is "the constitution shall be unaltered unless by the General Convention of the Church by a majority of the Dioceses." That does not require us to spend half an hour in calling the Dioceses in order.

The President.—The Chair would state that it has been the practice heretofore to take the vote in that manner.

A Deputy from Springfield.—Mr. President I rise to ask the Rev. deputy from Connecticut to point out precisely the changes. I am somewhat in doubt.

Rev. Dr. Harwood.—I should not have introduced the matter now if I supposed it would occupy so much time.

Deputy from Springfield.—I understood that wherever the word "convention" occurred it was to be changed to "House of Deputies."

The President.—The question before the House is on correcting in one or two places in the Canon referred to the erroneous wording by changing the word "convention" to the "House of Deputies." It will include both places where the mistake occurs.

The secretary having taken the vote the chair announced as follows:

Total number of Diocese voting clerical, 48, ayes 48.

Total number of Lay 42, ayes 42.

The President—The changes in the constitution are agreed to. The Chair will take this opportunity of communicating to the House of Deputies, the messages from the House of Bishops.

The secretary, Message No. 57. The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it asks for a committee of conference on message No. 40 of that House, proposing a joint committee to revise the Hymnal, and it appoints the Bishop of Albany and the Bishop of Wisconsin and the Asst. Bishop of New York on the part of this House.

Attest. W. TATLOCK, Secretary.

The message was concurred in. The chair appointed Dr. Benedict of So. Ohio, Dr. Courtney, of Massachusetts, and Dr. Fairbanks, of Florida, as members of the committee from the House.

Messages No. 58. The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in message No. 31 of that House, adopting a new section in title 1, Canon 14 and omitting Canon 21.

Attest. W. TATLOCK, Secretary.

Message No. 59. The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs in message No. 42, continuing the joint standing committee on Christian Education, to report to the next convention.

Attest. W. TATLOCK, Secretary.

Message No. 60. The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it has adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that, the House of Deputies concurring, the amendments to article 4 of the constitution as adopted by the last General Convention, pages 41 and 300 of the journal to-wit, that the following clause be added to article 4, provided, that when a missionary jurisdiction shall be organized as a Diocese, the Bishop thereof shall become the Bishop of the new Diocese, and provided further, that if after the erection of a new Diocese out of a missionary jurisdiction there be a remainder, the Bishop shall become the Bishop of the new Diocese, or continue to be the missionary Bishop of such remainder as hereby finally agreed to and adopted.

Message No. 55. The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it nominates for election as the missionary Bishop of Nevada and Utah the Rev. Reynold Marvin Kirby, rector of Trinity Church, Potsdam, Diocese of Albany, and nominates for election as missionary Bishop of Wyoming and Idaho the Rev.

Ethelbert Talbot of the Diocese of Missouri. Attest. W. TATLOCK, Secretary.

The President—When will the House proceed to consider message No. 55.

A Deputy—I move that we proceed to elect then at half past two this afternoon.

A Deputy from Newark.—I move to substitute to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The most important of all questions before us is the Prayer Book, and we ought not to let anything come in to interfere with that work. We can not have a meeting to-night, and it is important that the whole of this day shall be given to the work of Prayer Book revision, and when we meet in the evening we can probably dispose of the matter in half an hour.

A Deputy—Mr. President, I move that that be referred to the committee on the consecration of Bishops.

The President—If there be no objection it is so referred.

Message No. 56. The House of Bishops informs the House of Deputies that it concurs with the House of Deputies in its message No. 39, nominating certain persons as trustees of the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, etc.

The President—Let Message No. 56 go up on the calendar if there is no objection.

Deputy from Newark—I call for the order of the day.

Rev. Dr. Gray, of Mass.—I ask to make a statement. I am informed that the printing of that Canon on ordination will cost from sixty to a hundred dollars and also that it cannot be properly considered at this session. I am willing to move a reconsideration, together with a motion that the matter be considered at the next convention.

Dr. Shattuck, of Mass.—Mr. President, I do not like, on behalf of the Committee on Expenses, to be to any expense for printing that is not going to be of any service, and I do object to paying fifty to a hundred dollars unnecessarily. It is perfectly impossible to get into our heads during this week the subject of this Canon of Ordination; it will be perfectly useless to print and distribute these canons, when they will all be printed in the Journal of the House, and will be before the House for the next convention.

Rev. Dr. Wilder, of Minn.—Mr. President, a single word only, in the way of a suggestion; it is probably apparent already to every member of this body that a feeling of restiveness has already developed, and that the day is not far off when our numbers will be diminished, so that whenever any gentleman shall see fit to ask if there is a quorum present we will find ourselves unable to do business. I would respectfully suggest, in the light of past experience, that in the multitude of important matters before us, some things must go over, and that those things should go over which do not imperatively demand present consideration, and that we should not take the chance of consigning a lot of miscellaneous things to the future. I suggest that we discriminate in this matter; and it seems to me the opinion of those who know more about it than I do, that no serious difficulty is going to result from the delay of this question.

The motion to reconsider is carried.

The President—The question before the House now is whether it will be printed and made the order of the day.

Dr. Franklin's motion is now before the House.

Rev. Dr. Franklin, of New Jersey—My motion was passed. The motion to print is a separate motion.

Rev. Dr. Gray, of Mass.—May I withdraw the motion to print?

The President—The motion to print has been reconsidered, and with the permission of the House you may.

A Deputy—I move the motion to print be laid on the table.

Motion carried.

The President—The order of the day is called for.

Rev. Dr. Scott, of Florida—The Committee on the Consecration of Bishops ask permission to retire from the House, to consider the nominations made by the House of Bishops.

The President—If there be no objection, leave will be given.

Judge Sheffy, of Va.—Mr. President, as Chairman of the committee of the whole, to

whom were referred Messages Nos. 34, 37, 38-45 and 47, from the House of Bishops, relating to the proposed alterations and additions in the Book of Common Prayer, I beg leave to report that the committee have duly considered the messages affecting Schedule A, and recommend to the House of Deputies the adoption of the following resolutions severally, and to each proposition, there is a resolution prefixed. First, Schedule A. Resolved, that this House concurs with the House of Bishops in the adoption of the following resolution: Resolved, that Clause A, Resolution 2, on page 6 of the Book entitled "Notifications to the Dioceses of the alterations and additions in the Book of Common Prayer of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, proposed in the General Convention of 1883 to be acted upon in the General Convention of 1886," be, and the same is, hereby adopted, in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution, as follows: "The first clause is A. Conform the entries of the Table of Contents to the actual contents as the same shall be finally determined; and a like resolution in connection with each of the other clauses which have been acted upon and concurred in by the committee of the whole and directed to be reported for concurrence by the House of Deputies. The Chairman hardly supposes it is necessary for the report to be made in extenso. If there is no such demand I submit a resolution bearing upon the order in which the vote shall be taken upon these several propositions. I offer the following resolution on the subject of the order of the vote on the alterations and additions in the Book of Common Prayer. It is substantially a repetition of the form adopted at the last session of the General Convention and acted upon this morning:

Resolved, that the votes on the several alterations and additions in the Book of Common Prayer adopted by the House of Bishops as shown by their messages, and recommended for adoption by the committee of the whole of the House, shall be taken as follows, that is to say: The vote on each addition or alteration shall be taken severally, and the question on each shall be, "will the House concur with the House of Bishops in adopting the proposed alteration or addition in the Book of Common Prayer?" and the question being put to the House, the Secretary shall proceed to call the roll of dioceses, and each order shall promptly announce its vote yea, or nay, or divided, as the case may be, and the Secretary will record the vote accordingly; but if it may be the case that either order or diocese shall require it, the names of the voters in that diocese shall be recorded accordingly. I will state to the House that I have made a calculation based upon the estimate of the Secretary, and upon an actual test this morning, and to vote upon the entire ninety odd resolutions it will require about four hours steady work, not including debates, however.

Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Albany—Cannot the vote be taken upon the whole report of the committee of the whole?

Resolution offered by Judge Sheffey, of Virginia, adopted.

The President—The secretary will read the proposed alteration in the Book of Common Prayer, marked on Schedule A, as Resolution 2, Letter a, relating to the table of contents.

The Secretary—Conform the entries in the table of contents to the actual contents as the same shall be finally determined.

The Rev. Dr. Bradley, of Indiana—I do not rise to beg the question, but merely to make one suggestion, and that is that as right at this stage the first direct vote is to be taken on this great question of the Prayer Book, I merely have to submit this suggestion, that it involves great and almost immeasurable responsibility, and I think that it would be eminently proper that this House should engage for a moment in silent prayer.

Silent prayer engaged in by the House.

Rev. Dr. Beers, Cal.—I understand that this question may be debated.

The President—It is debatable.

Judge Sheffey, of Virginia—I would be very much pleased if the gentleman would allow the explanation that is usually made, to be made first.

The President—The chair will call the attention of the House to the rule which says that the members can not speak more than ten minutes upon one proposition.

Rev. Dr. Beers, California—I wish to say merely that as we approach very nearly to the decision of this question of Prayer Book revision and begin to look it squarely in the face, I feel very great hesitancy and reluctance in coming to the necessity of voting upon those broad propositions that are submitted to the House. It occurs to me, the saying that should be a warning, which comes with great authority, about putting new cloth into old garment; and I suppose if the measure is carried, it will be found after an entire incorporation is made into the Prayer Book, that there will be unexpected eccentricity in the operation of the revision and amendment, and for this reason I am strongly impressed with the idea that no measure which has challenged the attention of the House has involved so much necessity for going very slowly. We have got along very well in an unprecedented growth of the Church for nearly a century with the Prayer Book as it stands. That it is capable of improvement and enrichment admits of no doubt. But the question is as to the method, how long the measure, such as this before the House ought to occupy our attention, the attention of this body and of the entire Church throughout the country, before it is prepared to say that this is an improvement and an addition, merely not something spiked on to the Prayer Book.

A Deputy—I reluctantly rise to a point of order; Dr. Beers should probably speak upon a specific question, and he is going on to speak generally of all.

The President—It is very important that members should confine themselves in their remarks to the exact proposition before the House, Dr. Beers will proceed and confine his remarks to the question.

The Rev. Dr. Beers—I will only add one sentence. That I hope when the work is accomplished there will not be too many flies in the amber of the work that we shall adopt.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, of New York—I would call attention to the fact that there is nothing in Schedule A which requires the passage of this resolution. There are matters in Schedule B that this clause was made to anticipate, but there is no such proposal inserted in the Office in Sub-section A. I therefore move, sir, that the consideration of the second resolution in Sub-section A, be postponed and that we take up Section C.

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Pennsylvania—If the case is as I supposed, it will be necessary to change the proposed resolution, because the resolution says that we must vote until the final determination of the question.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Springfield—When we come to Schedule B, some things are proposed that it is not wise for us to carry, and I suggest that we proceed at once to the consideration of the table of contents.

The Rev. Mr. Hale, of Iowa—I am a member of the committee, and that matter was spoken of in committee, certainly not in the hearing of Dr. Hart, but my attention was called to it by several members of the committee that if this table of contents was acted upon now, the question hereafter would be as to the institution of the word "consecration" in the Prayer Book. I said, when the fact was brought to my attention, that I had no idea of anything of the kind, and I did not believe that one in ten had thought of it. I have no hesitation in saying that I believe that they are a part of the Prayer Book, but when that is done I wish it under-

stood that there was great difference of opinion in the committee in reference to it and one of the leading members of the committee said that he did not so understand it, several leading members of the committee said that they did not. I believe that it is simply an inaccuracy and like other inaccuracies that may be discovered.

The motion was then put and lost.

The President—The House has now under consideration the report offered by the House of Bishops in reference to the adoption of—

Rev. Dr. Goodwin, Pennsylvania—The question is whether by voting for this resolution we adopt the table of contents as it is in the book annexed or as in the present prayer book.

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Rev. Dr. Huntington—I understand that the Book Annexed is not before us, but that there is a definite proposition as to the table of contents of the Book of Common Prayer; as to whether the table of contents in the book shall conform to the actual contents of the book.

A Deputy—May I ask what this body is doing, whether the action of this body does not refer to the book of notification? Can this Convention change the law of the Church in reference to the Book of Common Prayer? My understanding is this, that these changes will have to be made by two successive sessions of this body, and this book of notification which we are now acting upon, if any proposition is proposed to this body and is not adopted, then this book of notification can not be adopted by the General Convention.

Rev. Dr. Egar, Central New York—I desire to say that the table of contents in the book of notification is not a matter of notification. It is simply conforming the contents in the table to that of the book.

(Several voices, the question, the question.)

Rev. Dr. Hodges, Maryland—I think it will be a very serious matter if we are not allowed to say one word in regard to the vote which we are about to cast. I desire to express the reason why I shall vote against the resolution to change at the present time the Book of Common Prayer. The first reason why I shall vote absolutely against this resolution and against the other resolutions presented to the Convention in regard to the change of the prayer book is that I understand the sense of the Convention to be that we may change in part; and in deference to a former resolution of my Diocese I shall vote against any resolution to change. I do not want to be considered an obstructionist; I should, be most happy to vote in favor of the change but I want the amendment tabled, that the number of propositions as a whole may be adopted finally at once, and that we shall not again make second and third alterations and introduce confusion, by making a few more. This is a serious matter, and some of these alterations may not be desired. There is great danger that if these changes are adopted hastily that we shall fall in conforming to the usage of the Church. There would be a great unsettling of the usages of the Church, and instead of any great uniformity we shall lose the uniformity that we have now, and instead of having a more flexible service, we shall increase its rigidity.

A Deputy from Iowa—The case is the same with me. The Diocese of which I am a representative voted unanimously not to adopt these changes.

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