

# ELABORATE CEREMONY TUESDAY AT BISHOP SLATTERY'S CONSECRATION

### From All Parts of This Country, and From England and China, Clergy Will Gather at Trinity Church For This Service

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The eyes of Episcopalians throughout the United States will all be turned toward Copley square next Tuesday morning, Oct. 31. In the same church where Bishop Brooks and Bishop Lawrence were consecrated head of their church in Massachusetts, a new name is to be added to the long, distinguished list of men who have occupied this position.

At 10:30 in the morning, in Trinity Church, in the presence of clergy and laity from every part of the United States, Dr. Charles Lewis Slattery is to be consecrated coadjutor Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Massachusetts.

The consecration will be one of the most brilliant and imposing events in the history of the diocese, with the gathering of clergy and laity in various rooms of Trinity House, a solemn procession around the church to its main door and a service in which 15 or more bishops and other clergy will take part.

In this service Dr. Slattery will be presented to Bishop Lawrence, his choice approved by representatives of every diocese and every bishop in the American Episcopal Church, and he will be finally consecrated and given a Bible with the injunction to "be diligent in the use of the Book and show forth his Christian life in his conduct."



DR CHARLES LEWIS SLATTERY  
Who will be consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Massachusetts Next Tuesday

#### Long and Distinguished Procession

Rev. Henry Bradford Washburn, DD, dean of the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, will be master of ceremonies and Dr. Alexander Mann, rector of the host church, will read the lesson to consecrate, sent by Bishop Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, president of the Protestant Episcopal Convention of the United States.

The procession from the robing room to the western door of the church will be long and distinguished. At 5:25 next Tuesday morning clergy and laity will

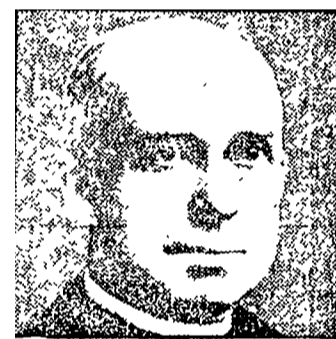
procession societies, members of the Cathedral chapter and standing committees, public officials and representatives of other Protestant denominations.

#### One Representative From Minnesota

All these will form in processional line in the chapel and the parish house and will walk along Clarendon street to Huntington and along the mall to the western door of the church. In case of bad weather the procession will pass through the cloisters into the church. The order of formation will be as follows:

- A Coffer
- The Choir of Trinity Church
- The Master of Ceremonies
- The Students, Faculty and Rectors of the Episcopal Theological School
- Representatives of St. Andrew's Church, Ayer, Mass., the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour, Fairbault, Minn., Christ Church, Springfield, and Grace Church, New York
- The Cathedral Chapter of the Diocese of Massachusetts
- The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Massachusetts
- A Coffer
- The Clergy of Other Dioceses
- The Clergy of the Diocese
- A Representative of the Church of England
- The Bishops
- A Coffer
- The Deputy Registrar
- The Rector of Trinity Church, Boston
- The Dean of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Boston
- The Board of the Lottery
- The Attending Presbyters
- The Bishop Coadjutor-Elect
- The Presenting Bishops
- The Consecrators
- The Presiding Bishop

Dr. Alexander Mann, rector of the church, at this point will read the Commission to Consecrate granted for the occasion by Bishop Tuttle; the Rev. Edward Staples Brown, DD, of the Episcopal Theological School, will read the certificate of election, Mr. J. Frederick Kernochan, senior warden of Grace Church, New York City, will present the Canonical Testimonial in regard to the rectorate which Dr. Slattery is giving up to become Bishop Coadjutor of Massachusetts, and Rt. Rev. Theodore Payne Thurston, DD, Bishop of Oklahoma, will read the certificate



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Bishop of Newark

of Oklahoma, will read the certificate of ordinations, presenting the facts on the entry of Dr. Slattery into the Episcopalian ministry.

The consent of the standing committees, representing approval of the choice of Dr. Slattery as shown by the vote of a majority of those committees in every diocese of the American Protestant Episcopal Church, not only in this country, but throughout the world where there are missionary dioceses, will be read by the Very Rev. Edmund Swett Rousmaniere, DD, dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and the similar consent of every bishop in the church throughout the world will be presented by Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, DD, Bishop of Vermont.

#### Promise of Conformity

The Rev. Endicott Peabody, DD, head master of Groton School, will follow with the grounds for the election of a coadjutor, summarizing the reasons given for this action by Bishop Lawrence at the annual State convention of the diocese on May 3, 1922; and Hon. Philip S. Parker, senior warden of the Church of Our Saviour, Longwood, will make the constitutional declaration, giving the authority for this action as found in the laws of the church.

Bishop Lawrence will then proceed with the consecration, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Beverly Dandridge Tucker, DD, Bishop of Southern Virginia, and the Rt. Rev. Samuel Gavitt Babcock, DD, Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts. In particular, Dr. Slattery will be required to make the promise of conformity in which he says, "I, chosen Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, do promise conformity and obedience to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. So help me God, through Jesus Christ."

The presiding Bishop and the other Bishops present will then participate in the laying on of hands. Dr. Slattery will be presented with a Bible with the injunction already described, and to the rochet which Dr. Slattery will wear during the first part of the consecration service, will be added the rest of the pontifical vestments, and he will be received, a Bishop, within the chancel.

The service of holy communion will then be completed, and after it the presiding bishop and the newly consecrated bishop will lead the procession from the church back to the robing rooms.

**Hard to Assign Seats**  
One of the most important phases of this service is that of distributing the seats in the church, and in this connection the most difficult task has been placed by Bishop Lawrence upon the committee of arrangements. Just before the bishop left for Portland, Or., to attend the annual convention of the church he asked Charles E. Mason, treasurer of Trinity Church, to undertake the chairmanship of this committee.

Mr. Mason has associated with himself Rev. F. W. Fitts, as secretary of the committee; Philip S. Parker, Henry J. Ide, Paul M. Hubbard, C. C. Payne, H. C. Everett, Jr., Robert Amory, Dr. Alexander Mann, Dean H. B. Washburn, E. W. Hutchins, C. M. Rogerson, Harold Peabody, B. Loring Young, J. M. Hunnewell, Rev. Henry McF. Ogilby, Rev. E. T. Sullivan, E. Q. Sylvester and Rev. George W. Sargent, Miss Eva D. Corey, Miss Frederick Cunningham, Miss Lucy Sturgis and Mrs. Augustus Thorndike Jr.

The duties of this committee were to make all arrangements for the consecration outside of those made by Dean Washburn, master of ceremonies, including the preparation of lists of

guests to be invited, seating arrangements, a luncheon in honor of the clergy, hospitality to visiting bishops, the financing of the project and miscellaneous matters. The most arduous task was that of



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Bishop of Hankow, China

preparing the list of people to be admitted to the church. The seating capacity of Trinity is 1400, which has been slightly increased for this occasion by the addition of seats in the chancel and the baptistry. To fill these more than 5000 individuals were known to be very anxious to be present, and to have some claim to the right to do so, and the situation was further complicated by the fact that Dr. Slattery submitted a list of 1000 people, parishioners at Grace Church, New York City, friends among the clergy throughout the United States, and members of former parishes in Ayer, Springfield and Fairbault, Minn., to whom he wished invitations to be sent.

#### Services to Follow

It was evident also that the main available seats would have to be allotted almost entirely to official representatives of the parishes in the dioceses and diocesan organizations, and it was felt that if possible the women of the diocese, wives of the clergy and members of committees, should be represented. In this difficulty the committee has, to the extent of its ability to perform the impossible, given everyone a seat who desires one, and has distributed them with the greatest possible impartiality and justice.

"It has been a source of much regret," Mr. Mason said recently, "that the committee is unable to allot tickets to a great many devoted faithful church people who desire to be present. There are so many people coming from outside of the diocese whom Dr. Slattery especially desired to invite on account of his friendship and associations with them, that the remaining available seats are all too few for anything but official distribution."

Opportunity is to be given, soon, however for these local church people to both see and hear the new Bishop Coadjutor himself. The day after he is consecrated he will preach the matriculation sermon at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge; the next day, Nov. 2, he will address a meeting of the Women's Auxillary at the Cathedral Church, and on Nov. 3 he will officiate at a confirmation in St. Ann's Church, Dorchester.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, Dr. Slattery will preach in the morning at Apollon Chapel, Harvard College, and in the evening he will preach at the 7:30 p m

service at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. On Nov. 6 he will address the Massachusetts Clerical Association at a meeting to be held in Hingham.

In connection with this consecration the Episcopalian Club has planned to hold its usual Fall dinner at the Copley Plaza Hotel on the evening of the 31st, when the visiting bishops will be the guests of honor.

#### His Seven Predecessors

Dr. Slattery comes as the associate and eventually to be the successor of a long line of distinguished men who have been head of the Episcopal Church in Massachusetts. Since 1877 there have been in Massachusetts seven bishops, whose names, with the year in which they became bishop, are as follows: Rt. Rev. Henry Bass, 1797; Rt. Rev. Samuel Parker, 1804; Rt. Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, 1811; Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, 1842; Rt. Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock, 1873; Rt. Rev. Phillips Brooks, 1891; Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, Oct. 5, 1898.

Dr. Slattery was chosen as a result of a statement made by Bishop Lawrence at the annual convention of the Massachusetts Diocese on May 3 of this year. At that time Bishop Lawrence, in words which stirred the emotion of his friends, pointed to his advancing age, his illnesses and enforced vacations, and



RT REV WILLIAM T. MANNING  
Bishop of New York

asked for a coadjutor bishop, an official whom the diocese has never had before, in order that such a bishop might share the burden of the administration of the diocese and eventually succeed him as bishop of Massachusetts.

The duties which Dr. Slattery will undertake after his consecration are heavy. He will have complete supervision, except in the matter of confirmation, of all the self-supporting parishes in the diocese, of whom there are 115, "equivalent alone," as Bishop Lawrence said, "to one of the largest dioceses in the country." Dr. Slattery will also have general oversight of the Church Service League, an organization which Bishop Lawrence is hoping will develop under Bishop Slattery, into one of the most important and valuable adjuncts of the church in the diocese.

#### Large Salary Given Up

In the matter of confirmations, Bishop Lawrence, at the time of the convention last May indicated that the three bishops in this diocese would divide the confirmations among them, Bishop Slattery confirming in Bishop Babcock's churches, and vice versa, while he himself would go wherever he was invited. Since then conditions have changed through Bishop Lawrence's ac-

cepting the chairmanship of the campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for the Episcopal Theological Seminary.

Because of this new activity, it is the intention of Bishop Lawrence that Bishop Slattery will take his place completely so far as confirmations are concerned, dividing up the parishes of the dioceses with Suffragan Bishop Babcock, and alternating each year.

May 4 Dr. Slattery was elected on the second ballot, receiving 98 clerical votes where 84 were necessary for a choice, and 62 lay votes where 58 were necessary.

In coming to Massachusetts Dr. Slattery is giving up a salary of \$15,000 in addition to his parsonage, to accept a comparatively smaller salary from this diocese. He is, however, adding another distinction to an already distinguished career, which began when he graduated from the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge in 1897.

For two years he was master at Groton School and for one year rector

of St. Andrew's Church in Ayer. He then went to Minnesota, where he was dean of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour, in Fairbault, for 11 years, at the same time attaining prominence as a lecturer and writer. In 1907 he became rector of Christ Church, Springfield, where he remained until in 1910 he was selected to succeed Rev. William R. Huntington as rector of Grace Church, New York City.

Dr. Slattery is widely known as an author and lecturer and a man of scholarly attainments. He is married and in Boston will live at 290 Marlboro street.