

# DR SLATTERY ELECTED BISHOP COADJUTOR

## New York Rector Wins on Second Ballot



REV DR CHARLES LEWIS SLATTERY

Elected Coadjutor Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

## Bishop Babcock Withdraws Name After Large Complimentary Vote

Dr Charles Lewis Slattery, for 12 years rector of Grace Church, New York city, was elected bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese of Massachusetts on the second ballot of an election held yesterday at the close of the annual convention of the diocese. Dr Slattery was chosen by a concurrent vote of 98 clergymen and 62 parishes, out of the 187 clergy and 115 1-3 lay votes recorded on the second ballot. On the first ballot Dr Slattery received 73 clerical votes and 48 lay votes, in neither case getting enough for a choice.

He was chosen from among a field of 10 clergymen suggested for the office, which included most prominently Dr Alexander Mann of Trinity Church, who received 20 clerical votes and 25 1-3 lay votes on the first ballot, and 66 clerical votes and 46 1-3 lay votes on the second ballot, and also Suffragan Bishop Babcock, who received 77 clerical votes on the first ballot, enough for a choice from that order alone, and 24 lay votes.

Other candidates included Rev William Appleton Lawrence, son of the

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# THREE FIGURES AT EPISCOPAL CONVENTION



Photo at Left—Miss Mabel A. Jones, first woman ever to vote as a delegate to an Episcopal convention in Massachusetts. Picture at Right—Fr. Cooper (Johnson) (at left) and Rev. Fr. Charles Neale Field of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, who nominated Rev. Walter H. Cambridge of California for Coadjutor Bishop.

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**Noted For His Sympathetic Work Among the People —Harvard Man, Formerly Springfield Rector, Known Also as Author**

bishop; Rev Samuel S. Drury, rector of St Paul's School, and Rev William Harriman Cambridge of the diocese of California.

### The Two Ballots

The vote in detail on the two ballots was as follows:

FIRST BALLOT	
Clerical vote	Lay vote
Dr Mann	25 1-3
Dr Slattery	48
Bishop Babcock	24
Rev S S Drury	6
Rev W A Lawrence	5
Rev W H Cambridge	2
SECOND BALLOT	
Dr Mann	46 1-3
Dr Slattery	62
Bishop Babcock	5
Rev S S Drury	3
Rev W A Lawrence	2

### Due to Bishop Babcock's Act

A scattering vote was also made for other favorites, some of whom were not nominated from the floor, but written in on the ballot. Rev W. H. Pettus of St James' Church, West Somerville, received three votes on the first ballot and one on the second, and one vote each was recorded on the first ballot for Rev P. B. Palmer and Rev E. M. Stires, and on the second ballot for Rev P. E. Osgood. The fractional vote in the case of Dr Mann was caused by a split vote on the part of three laymen representing one parish.

Dr Slattery owes his election without much doubt to the withdrawal from the contest after the first ballot of Suffragan Bishop Samuel G. Babcock, and this withdrawal, while it came unexpectedly and gave a sudden turn to the course of events, is believed to have been intended by Bishop Babcock himself and perhaps by some of his admirers who voted for him. The incident was the source of practically all the open contention evident in the voting, which as a whole was conducted in an atmosphere of religious harmony, whatever the subcurrents may have been.

### Bishop Lawrence's Stand

At the beginning of the election Bishop Babcock's candidacy suddenly assumed a prominence it has not had before, when speakers apparently in his favor brought up the question of what would be the proper procedure in case he were elected.

This, however, precipitated an avalanche of indirect criticism of the choice of him as a bishop coadjutor, and finally brought from Bishop Lawrence himself statements which were interpreted as an almost direct expression of a desire that Bishop Babcock be not elected to the office of bishop coadjutor.

Bishop Lawrence, in answer to questions from the floor, stated flatly that the division of the duties of the three bishops as stated on Wednesday in his address to the convention would stand regardless of who was elected to the office of bishop coadjutor; that if Bishop Babcock were elected to this office his supervision of the small needy parishes and the mission churches would devolve upon Bishop Lawrence himself, in addition to his other duties, while Bishop Babcock would get a salary of \$10,000 and Bishop Lawrence no salary, and that finally "nothing could induce him to ask the convention to name another suffragan bishop" at this year's meeting.

"I would feel," he said, "that it would be almost irreverent to ask a body of men to proceed without deliberation such as should be given to the election of a man to the sacred office of bishop."

### Statement by Bishop Babcock

Bishop Babcock himself threw an entirely new light on this in his withdrawal address, in which he said that his friends had insisted on placing his name on the ballot in order that they might pay him a tribute for his 23 years of hard work in the diocese, and admitted that he had consistently opposed the idea of choosing a bishop coadjutor because he did not think that after such a service a new man should be elected bishop coadjutor over his head.

At the same time he said that he had repeatedly told Bishop Lawrence and his friends that, himself, did not desire the office, and believed that in-

In electing Rev Dr Charles L. Slattery of Grace Church, New York city, coadjutor bishop of Massachusetts, the diocesan convention of the Episcopal Church has made a choice that may come as a surprise to many people, but on the other hand was not wholly unexpected.

For Rev Dr Slattery has been for many years an outstanding figure in the Episcopal Church of the United States and there have been intimations the past few weeks that he was the choice, for this particular office, of many Episcopal clergymen in and around Boston, especially those who favor the liberal spirit and tendencies of the church. In fact, when the question came up in the group meetings of clergymen preceding the convention it was found that Dr Slattery was the favorite; although, of course, Rev Dr Alexander Mann, rector of Trinity Church, and Bishop Babcock, suffragan bishop of the diocese, and some others were considered and had a strong following.

But the prime favorite at these meetings seemed to be Dr Slattery. He was regarded as a man eminently fitted by his training and experience to relieve Bishop Lawrence of the great strain of his office and eventually to succeed him. For the coadjutor bishop becomes virtually the active bishop of the diocese. Dr Slattery will be its eighth bishop. He will take over the supervision of the 116 self-supporting churches in the diocese and will officiate, very largely, at confirmations in these and in small parishes and mission churches. In all other respects these latter will remain under the supervision of Suffragan Bishop Samuel G. Babcock.

### Won Fame in New York City

As rector of Grace Church in New York city Dr Slattery has made a name and a fame for himself almost unique in the ministry. It has always been one of the most famous and picturesque of the Episcopal churches in New York city, located at the corner of Broadway and 10th st. And whereas the neighborhood long ago ceased to be residential yet this church has retained a large and virile congregation. This has been in no small measure due to the personal popularity of Dr Slattery—to the force and character and loving personality of the man.

He always has been in a very literal sense the "father of his flock." Every member of the congregation knew him and he knew them—shared in their domestic joys and sorrows and gave them spiritual comfort, sympathy and advice.

He is a tireless worker and has always had one extraordinary trait which more than any other marks the entire self-devotion of the man to his people. That is the writing of letters to the members of his church—personal, intimate letters, all written by hand. Nothing formal or stereotyped about them. Letters of condolence, letters of sympathy, letters full of courage and hope, and—showing how deeply serious was

his interest—letters of an anniversary character, recalling some vital life incident or problem, maybe the death of a loved one or something that may have caused sorrow and which needed a recurring touch of sympathy.

Only a man wedded to his work could live up to such a task and that is one reason why Dr Slattery never married—he has been wholly wedded to his spiritual work. Naturally this intimate spiritual relationship between the rector and his congregation has always bound them very closely together and has reacted in all the activities of the church.

His sermons are never sensational, nor is he accustomed to enter very much into a discussion of contemporary events. In his preaching he deals principally with the relationship between the soul and God. In point of fact it is not his preaching so much as his personal character and work that has counted.

Such a man must be in the very nature of things an admirable administrator. And in consequence the duties of his new office will fall much less lightly on his shoulders than they would on a person of a different temperament and different training.

### Taught at Groton School

Dr Slattery was born at Pittsburg, Penn., Dec 9, 1867. His father was an Episcopal clergyman. His mother, more than 90 years old, lives with him. He entered Harvard in 1887 and graduated with the degree of AB in 1891. He then entered the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, graduating in 1894. He got an LL.D. in 1907.

From 1894 to 1896 he was a master at Groton School and at the same time was in charge of St Andrew's Church at Ayer. From 1896 to 1907 he was dean of the Cathedral in Faribault, Minn., under Bishop Whipple, known as the "Apostle of the Indians." While dean he was called to St John's Church at Providence and accepted the call. But before he left Faribault Bishop Whipple died. Dr Slattery then asked to be released from his engagement at Providence so that he might keep things going at Faribault until Bishop Whipple's successor was elected. The people of St John's Church granted the request.

From 1907 to 1910 he was rector of Christ Church in Springfield. Since May, 1910, he has been rector of Grace Church in New York. He has also lectured considerably, including the Packard lectures at the General Theological Seminary, the Reinecker lectures at the Alexandria Theological Seminary and the West lectures at Leland Stanford University.

He has written a number of books of a theological character which have been influential in the liberal tendencies of the church the past decade or more. He wrote an intimately appreciative biography of Prof. A. V. G. Allen of the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, and a notable book also is "Why Men Pray." Other works by Dr Slattery are "The Light Within," "The Gift of Immortality," "The Master of the World" and "Present Day Preaching."

Dr Slattery has been receiving a salary of \$15,000 a year as rector of Grace Church and the use of the rectory. He will have \$10,000 a year as coadjutor bishop of Massachusetts and \$3000 extra for household expenses, so that, from a financial standpoint, he will be less well off by \$5000 a year than in his position in New York.

stead, a second suffragan bishop should be elected.

Now that the tribute to him had been paid, he said, he desired to ask his friends to vote for some other man, since he was not of the proper age to be most efficient as bishop coadjutor, and he desired to maintain with the small parishes and mission churches those relations which he frankly preferred to the responsibilities and cares of high office.

### "Still Firm Friends"

Bishop Lawrence threw more light on the same subject when he admitted that out of his very friendliness for Bishop Babcock he had opposed permitting his friends to place his name on the ballot, for what would be a purely complimentary vote, and that it was for this reason that he had spoken as he had previously.

Now that Bishop Babcock had retired, however, Bishop Lawrence eliminated the whole point of difference between them by saying:

"That being the case, it seemed necessary to me to tell the truth. Now that this episode is over Bishop Babcock and I have been and still are firm friends, and have worked together, and we will still work together, and will take up our life with the same firm friendship, bound by the Master and His Church."

The full list of nominations and of the men who made the brief addresses placing the names before the convention is as follows:

Suffragan Bishop Babcock—Rev Charles S. Rogerson of St Michael's Church, Milton; Rev Thomas C. Campbell, St John's Church, Jamaica Plain; Rev James A. Thompson, Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Rev William Harriman Cambridge—Fr Field of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Rev Philo Sprague, St John's Church, Charlestown.

Dr Slattery—Henry J. Ide, Dean E. S. Rousmaniere, Cathedral Church of St Paul.

Dr Alexander Mann—Philip S. Parker, Church of Our Savior, Longwood; Rev F. W. Fitts, St John's Church, Roxbury; Rev Appleton Grannis, St Anne's Church, Lowell; Rev Henry K. Sherrill, Church of Our Savior, Longwood.

Rev William Appleton Lawrence—Sidney E. Blandford, St John's Church, Winthrop, and Rev James Sharp, St Mary's Church, Rockport.

Rev S. S. Drury—Rev Thatcher H.

Kimball, Mission of the Epiphany, Dorchester.

Rev W. H. Pettus—W. S. Reed and E. Leslie Lockran of St James Church, West Somerville.

### Organ Stops the Singing

The nominations took up nearly two hours, 15 minutes being allowed to each nomination. This brought the first ballot to 1:10, and simultaneously a recess to 2:15 was announced, the men leaving for lunch as fast as they voted. At 2:15 the result of the first ballot was made known by the election committee, and the second ballot ordered.

While waiting for the result of this ballot, a laughable episode occurred when Bishop Lawrence asked the delegates to practice the singing of hymns.

They succeeded only in singing three verses of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," when the organ "cast a blank ballot," as one delegates expressed it, by getting into a "cipher," that is, a note which insists on playing whether or not the organist touches the proper key and whether or not the note harmonizes with the rest of the chord. After vain attempts to stop it, the singing of hymns had to be dispensed with.

### Miss Jones Only Woman to Vote

The women delegates who gained the right to vote for bishop coadjutor at Wednesday's session did not, as a rule, avail themselves of it, and nothing spectacular happened in this connection. The only woman of the four who were qualified on Wednesday, who voted, as far as is known, was Miss Mabel A. Jones of St Peter's Church, Cambridge.

A misunderstanding arising out of Wednesday's meeting was corrected yesterday when Bishop Lawrence explained that the Church of the Ascension in the South End, which has been for many years the mission church of Emmanuel Church on Newbury st, has not severed its connection with that church, although at the Wednesday session it was granted the standing of a "separate congregation."

The matter is one of technical phraseology which Bishop Lawrence admitted has caused trouble before, and the Church of the Ascension, it was explained, while now a "separate congregation" and therefore entitled to lay representation at future conventions of the diocese, is not "a separate church" and has no intention of becoming one.

### Deputies and Other Officials Chosen

The session yesterday closed with the announcement of elections which took place at the Wednesday session, but were not counted in time for announcement then, and the election of alternate deputies to the coming National convention of the church, to be held in September in Portland, Ore.

As a result of these elections, the following deputies and officers of the church have been elected: Deputies to the National convention—Clergy, Dr Alexander Mann, Rev John W. Suter, Rev W. G. Thayer, and Rev William Harriman Van Allen; laymen, B. Preston Clark, Henry J. Ide, Joseph Grafton Alnot and Philip S. Parker; alternate deputies, in the order of their privilege, clergy, Rev Edward S. Drown, Rev Laurens MacLure, Rev Harry Beal and Rev S. B. Blunt; laymen, C. E. Rogerson, F. B. Sayre, C. C. Coveney and H. Whitmore.

Members of the standing committee for the coming year—Clergy, Rev Frederick W. Fitts, Rev Laurens MacLure, Rev E. S. Rousmaniere and Rev H. B. Washburn; laymen, J. H. Beale, R. H. Dana, Henry J. Ide and Philip S. Parker.

Members of the Bishop's Council—Clerical, Rev M. E. Peabody, Rev E. S. Rousmaniere; lay, Miss Eva D. Corey, Henry J. Ide.

Members of the Cathedral Chapter—Dr Alexander Mann and B. Preston Clark.

Members of the Church in the Diocese, Incorporated—Rev T. C. Campbell and Stoughton Bell.