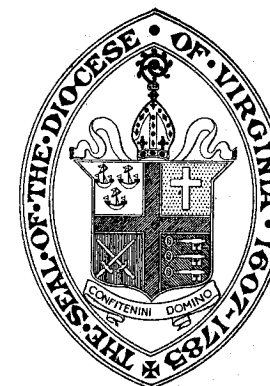


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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, *January 27, 1932.*

A special meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Virginia was held on this date in Grace and Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, beginning with the celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 o'clock.

After the close of the service Council convened, Bishop Tucker presiding. The roll call showed seventy-two ministers present. The Secretary presented certificates of election of such lay delegates as have been elected to this special meeting of the Council and called the roll from the list of lay delegates to the last annual Council as amended by such elections as have taken place for this present special meeting. This roll call showed forty-eight lay delegates present.

A Committee on Credentials was appointed, consisting of Rev. S. S. Spathey, Mr. Richard Baylor and Mr. C. Carter Chase.

Rev. Charles W. Sheerin moved that the Council take a recess for luncheon at 1 o'clock and reconvene at 2 o'clock. This was carried.

The Chair requested the Council to pause for a few moments in order that the Bishop might present to the Venerable F. W. Neve, D. D., the cross of the Order of the Sangreal, which has been awarded to him for outstanding service for Christ and His Church among the mountaineers of Virginia.

After this intermission the Rev. E. Clowes Chorley, D. D., was given five minutes in which to address the Council upon the proposed establishment of the Historical Magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church under the direction of a joint committee appointed by the General Convention.

Bishop Tucker then addressed the Council, stating that the reason for the calling of this special meeting was the situation of the Diocesan Missionary Society in view of the serious falling off in acceptances of parish quotas by our parishes and congregations for the current year.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report:

The Committee on Credentials have examined the credentials presented to them and find them correct and recommend that they be seated as follows:

E. I. Carruthers, Christ Church, Monticello Parish.  
 William C. Latane, Washington Parish.  
 Dr. Richard Washington, Alternate Washington Parish.  
 R. M. Bell, Ascension Church, Henrico Parish.  
 A. W. Broaddus, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover.  
 William K. Goolrick, St. George's Church, St. George's Parish.  
 Dr. R. B. Shackelford, Walker's Parish.  
 Henry Moltz, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.  
 John B. Welsh, Alternate St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.  
 David N. Rust, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish.  
 Dr. Robert S. Barrett, St. Paul's Church, Fairfax Parish.  
 Albert A. Smoot, Alternate St. Paul's Church, Fairfax Parish.  
 William H. Ranson, Rivanna Parish.  
 George P. Taylor, St. George's Church, Arlington Parish.  
 F. Mercer Nalle, St. Mark's Parish.  
 G. Ed. Weitzel, St. Mark's Church, Henrico Parish.  
 James N. Wilhoit, Scott Parish.  
 Captain Philip H. Scott, Alternate Scott Parish.

S. S. SPATHEY,  
 RICHARD BAYLOR,  
 C. CARTER CHASE,

*Committee on Credentials.*

Mr. John B. Minor, the Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Diocesan Missionary Society, presented the following report of the Diocesan Missionary Society:

The budget for 1932 as adopted by the Council last May called for appropriations aggregating \$182,900.

The result of the Fall Campaign shows pledges and estimated receipts of only \$135,700—a deficit of \$47,200.

When faced with a deficit the Diocesan Canon requires the Board of Apportionment to scale down all scalable appropriations proportionately. This has been done with the following result:

Diocesan Missionary Society reduced from.....	\$ 75,300	to	\$ 52,600
Diocesan offices—maintenance reduced from.....	4,500	to	3,042
Mayo Memorial Church House reduced from.....	2,600	to	2,600
Board of Religious Education reduced from.....	3,600	to	2,400
Bible and Prayer Book reduced from.....	800	to	535
Social Service reduced from.....	900	to	600
Church Schools reduced from.....	34,950	to	34,950
Fall Campaign Expenses reduced from.....	850	to	568
Virginia Churchman reduced from.....	3,000	to	2,000
General Church reduced from.....	46,600	to	33,000
Payment on Deficit Note reduced from.....	10,000	to	3,419

\$182,900 to \$135,714

The appropriation for the maintenance of the Mayo Church House had been originally fixed at an irreducible minimum and could not be reduced.

The appropriation for Church Schools is fixed by contract with the Board of Trustees for the Schools and the holders of the bonds to cover interest and a \$30,000 curtail on the bonds, and could not be reduced.

All of these Church Agencies, except the Diocesan Missionary Society, can and will continue to function under their reduced appropriation without very serious curtailment of their usefulness, but the Diocesan Missionary Society is confronted with a most serious situation. Its appropriation has been cut from \$75,300 to \$52,600. If we add \$840 interest from its invested funds and \$100 of estimated gifts we have only a total of \$53,540 of available funds to meet \$77,240 of contemplated expenditures—a shrinkage of \$23,700.

After cutting all other work of the Society to the bone there will be available for allowances for salaries for rural clergy, women workers and the teachers in the Blue Ridge School only the sum of \$43,000 with which to pay present allowances of \$63,500.

In order to help meet this \$20,500 deficiency both Bishops have insisted upon giving up \$600 of their respective salaries and the Society has ordered a reduction in the allowance to salaries of rural clergy, women workers and teachers in the Blue Ridge Industrial School of 10 per cent of the salary paid. Even with the generous

gift of the Bishops and this drastic cut in the salaries of those so little able to bear it, there remains a deficit of \$6,776 which must be made up in some way.

It will take \$21,500, in addition to our present estimated receipts, to avoid the necessity of cutting those salaries and of accepting the voluntary cut of the salaries of the Bishops.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE D. M. S.,

By JOHN B. MINOR,

*Chairman of Committee.*

Mr. Minor then presented the following resolutions. (See report of the Committee on Resolutions.)

Mr. R. W. Hilleary presented the following resolution. (See report of Committee on Resolutions.)

Mr. F. E. Nolting presented the following resolution. (See report of Committee on Resolutions.)

Mr. Lewis Williams moved that a Committee on Resolutions be appointed to consider and make report upon the resolutions that had been presented. This motion was carried and the Chair appointed Rev. H. S. Osburn, Mr. Lewis Williams, Mr. Murray McGuire, Rev. B. D. Tucker, Jr., D. D., Mr. F. E. Nolting and Mr. John B. Minor.

Mr. C. A. Langston presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the minimum salary—\$1,800, be fixed the minimum and that the Diocesan Missionary Society be requested to reduce appropriations accordingly.

This was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Rev. A. S. Gibson presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee be asked to report upon the effect of these cuts upon the benefits to be received under the Church Pension Fund.

This was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mr. Murray McGuire presented the following resolution:

*Be it Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese do appoint a committee of five to confer with the Trustees of the Church Schools for the purpose of presenting to them the needs of the Diocese, and of considering the financial condition of the Schools, with a view to ob-

taining the consent of the Trustees to the reduction in the annual appropriation which the Diocese makes to the Schools if this be feasible.

This was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mr. Blake T. Newton presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of the Council of Virginia be extended to Mr. George H. Ross for his generous, unselfish and intelligent service in conducting the 1931 campaign of the Church's Program.

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

The hour of 1 having come, Council adjourned for luncheon.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

After a luncheon served by the ladies of Grace and Holy Trinity Church, the Council reconvened. The Rev. S. B. Chilton presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to receive voluntary contributions from the ministers of the Diocese for making up the deficit and that the Committee receive such contributions at this meeting.

This was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Rev. Charles W. Sheerin presented the following resolution:

Realizing the great responsibility of the Christian white people in Virginia towards their colored brethren and realizing the sense of responsibility towards the great Christian work of St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School; be it

*Resolved*, That this Council of the Diocese of Virginia endorses the plea of the School that \$10,000 be raised in this Diocese in order that this fine Christian work may go on, and urges the Committee appointed by the Bishop for this purpose to make every effort to collect that amount.

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Brydon presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Diocesan Committee of the Church Pension Fund be requested to pay assessments on appropriations paid by the Diocesan Missionary Society on the same basis as last year.

This resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented its report as follows:

Your Committee having considered the resolutions presented to it, recommend that no action be taken on the following resolutions for the reasons assigned:

The resolution of Mr. Langston because it does not appear to be practicable.

The resolution of Rev. A. S. Gibson because this seems to be answered by a letter received from Mr. Monell Sayre, Vice-President of the Church Pension Fund, and calls for no action, Mr. Sayre stating that "if the present cut in salaries can be considered as simply temporary for this year permission will be given to pay assessments on the former basis so that there need be no reduction in the benefits assured by the Church Pension Fund as far as cuts in salaries for this year are concerned".

The resolution of Mr. McGuire in regard to appointing a committee to confer with the Trustees of the Church Schools.

The resolution of Mr. Chilton because the Committee considers that this is an individual matter between rectors and their vestries and that no action should be taken thereon by this Council.

The Council, on motion, approved the report of the Committee on Resolutions as regarding these four resolutions mentioned.

The Committee then recommended the adoption of the report and resolutions presented by Mr. Minor, the resolutions of Mr. Hilleary and of Mr. Nolting as follows:

Whereas, it appears from the reports of the Board of Apportionment and of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society that, by reason of anticipated reduction in revenue for the year 1932, it has been necessary to make material reduction in the appropriations for 1932 made by the Council in May, 1931, and in the allowances made by the Diocesan Missionary Society towards salaries of rural clergy, women workers and teachers in the Blue Ridge Industrial School; and

Whereas, even after making reductions of salaries to workers and teachers in the Blue Ridge Industrial School, the Diocesan Missionary Society still needs the sum of \$6,776 to balance its reduced budget; and

Whereas, in view of the present general financial depression it does not appear advisable or proper to go back to our parishes with

a general appeal to increase their acceptances of parish quotas; therefore, be it

*Resolved.* 1. That this Council doth approve the action of the Board of Apportionment and of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society in the reduction of appropriations, and the curtailment of allowances, for 1932 in accordance with the anticipated revenues of the Diocese and of said Society, in event no additional funds become available.

2. That the rectors and lay delegates be requested to report to their respective congregations, in such manner as they deem best, the situation facing the Diocesan Missionary Society, in the hope that individuals may find it possible by voluntary gifts to help avoid the necessity for these cuts in the salaries of those so little able to bear them; and that in furtherance of such appeal we recommend the adoption of Mr. Hilleary's resolution, as follows:

*Resolved* (a) That Whitsunday or the nearest Sunday thereafter be designated as "Missionary Sunday," and upon this Sunday an offering be taken in each parish in this Diocese, which offering shall be used for the purpose of meeting our missionary obligations.

(b) That envelopes be prepared by the Diocesan Missionary Society and sent to the vestry of each parish in the Diocese, these to be sent to each communicant accompanied by a letter of explanation of the emergency and an appeal by the Bishop.

(c) That on the Sunday prior to "Missionary Sunday" a notice shall be given by each rector, stating the action of the Council and presenting the explanation and appeal of the Bishop.

3. That gifts made for this purpose, unless specially designated, shall be applied by the Society—

First—To making up the deficit of \$6,776 in its budget.

Second—To making up the cuts that have been made in allowances to salaries of rural clergy with dependents, which have been reduced below \$1,800, lay workers and teachers in the Blue Ridge Industrial School; and to make payments to the General Church.

Third—Any residue shall be applied in such manner as may, to the Executive Committee of the Society, seem most judicious.

In furtherance of the above, we recommend the adoption of the resolution offered by Mr. Nolting as follows:

Whereas, in the emergency now confronting this Diocese it is expedient to postpone for a period the payment in whole or in part of the maturing bonds secured upon the properties of the Church Schools in order that the Diocesan Missionary Society may meet the salary requirements for its rural clergy and lay workers set up in its budget for 1932; and

Whereas, it seems probable that certain endowment funds con-

trolled either by the Diocese or by independent trustees may volunteer to carry said maturing bonds for one or more years, provided the interest thereon be paid semi-annually and the integrity of the lien upon property by which they are now secured be preserved and provided this Council reaffirm its obligation to pay said bonds at such time or times as may be arranged, said bonds being subordinated to all outstanding and immatured bonds secured by the Church Schools properties; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved.* 1. That this Council does hereby reaffirm its obligation to pay said bonds, when their payment date is postponed.

2. That the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society be and hereby is empowered to enter into negotiations with Trustees of said funds and other persons to provide a plan for caring for the maturing bonds of the Church Schools with full powers to act and to bond this Council.

3. That in the event such negotiations are successfully carried through in whole or in part, that to such extent the officers of the Diocesan Missionary Society are hereby authorized to continue the payment of said salaries as the funds in their hands permit.

During the consideration of this report, Mr. Meredith presented the following resolution as an amendment to the Committee's report.

*Resolved,* That the clergy (missionaries) of the Diocese who are receiving aid from the Diocesan Missionary Society be not reduced from the 1931 appropriations until after the reduction to \$2,000 of all such salaries amounting to more than that figure.

After a discussion this proposed amendment was lost.

Mr. Palmer moved that Easter Sunday be permitted as an alternate to Whitsunday as a day of the Special Missionary Sunday. This motion was carried by a vote of 67 to 40.

The Council voted upon the report of the Committee on Resolution section by section, adopting each section in turn, after which the report was adopted as a whole.

Mr. Rosewell Page presented the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That permission be given the rectors of parishes and churches or to the vestries of vacant parishes to ask for an additional contingent fund fee of \$1 per communicant to be applied to the deficit as referred to in the report of the Committee to this Council.

This was adopted.

Mr. Lewis Williams presented the following resolution:

*Resolved,* By the Council of the Diocese of Virginia, that the Diocesan Missionary Society be authorized to say to the National Council of the General Church that it will accept a quota of \$35,000 for 1932.

This resolution was adopted.

Mr. Sheerin presented the following resolution:

With the full realization of the tremendous responsibility imposed upon the National Council of our Church and the difficulty of administration without adequate resources, the Council of the Diocese of Virginia hereby releases the National Council as far as our authority is concerned from a "pay as you go policy", trusting to their business acumen and faithful trusteeship to keep from involving our Church in a financial burden too great for our assumption.

This resolution was lost.

It was moved that the hearty thanks and appreciation of the Council be expressed to the rector, vestry and congregation of Grace and Holy Trinity Church for the delightful entertainment provided for this Council. This resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

It was then moved that after reading the minutes of the day's session the Council adjourn *sine die*. This motion being carried, the Secretary read the minutes, and they were approved.

The Bishop then pronounced the benediction, and the Council adjourned *sine die*.

H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER, *President.*

G. MACLAREN BRYDON, *Secretary.*

L. C. HARRISON, *Asst. Secretary.*