DIOCESAN DIVISION IS DECREED

Convention Approves Project Under Certain Conditions.

ADDITIONAL \$59,000 MUST BE PLEDGED

Vote in Favor Was Two to One-The Line of Division Making a North and South Diocese Is Agreed Upon. Scranton Is Practically the Center of the Upper Diocese and Will Probably Be Made the See of the New Episcopacy-Standing Committee Chosen-Next Convention at Pottsville-Social by the Woman's Guild at the Parish House.

After years of agitation, the project to divide the Central Pennsylvania diocese was yesterday carried in diocesan convention by an overwhelming vote. The ayes were 112; the noes, 56. The resolution providing for the divis-

as an endowment for the support of the episco-pate in each of the said diocese;

Three hours' debate preceded the Many eloquent speeches were heard pro and con, Rev. Dr. Feley, of Williamsport; Major Everett Warren, of St. Luke's; Rev. E. E. Eckel, of Williamsport; Rev. Rogers Israel, of St. Luke's, and many others of the clergy and laity making extended addresses. Bishop Talbot remained silent during all the discussion until his attitude was brought into question by Rev. Dr. Foley, when he got up and reiterated that he was, as he has been from the first, in favor of division at any time sufficient money is pledged to support two episcopates. The division of the average for the past ten years. The division of the the diocese is looked upon as a cer-tainty by the adherents of division, and when it comes Scranton will every probably be made the sec.

OTHER MATTERS.

A number of other important matters were considered, during two busy sessions lasting from 9.30 a, m, to 5 p, m., and in the evening the convention came to a close with a social in the parish house given by the Women's

Among the delegates to arrive yesterday were Rev. Alfred M. Abel, of Jonestown; Rev. George R. Bishop, of Great Bend; Rev. R. L. Chittenden of Great Bend: Rev. R. L. Chittenden, of Paradise: Rev. George C. Foley, D. Edward Henry Eckel, S. T. B., of of Paradise; Rev. George C. Foley, D. D., of Williamsport; Rev. Frank Marshall, of Freeland; A. L. Leopold, of Tamaqua: Samuel Moss, of New Milford; William H. Warner, of Mont-rose; Philander H. Lines, of Great George Myer, of Honesdale; Charles S. Benedlet, Christ church, Scranton; Asa Blakslee, of Mauch Chunk; A. J. Graham, of Phillipsburg; Paul E. Wirt, John R. Townsend, George S. Robbins, of Bloomsburg; B. F. Meyers, of Harrisburg; E. C. Harnden, W. B. Morss, F. Hubbard, of Scranton; J. B. Dimmick, Church of the Good Shepherd, Scranton: A. R. Brundage, S. K. Miner, F. C. Johnson, of Wilkes-Barre; H. O. Rogers, Frederick C. Zerby, of Hazleton,

The day was begun by a communion service by Bishop Talbot, assisted by Rev. Rogers Israel, Rev. W. F. Shero, of Lancaster and Rev. E. H. Eckel, of Williamsport. All the delegates, practically, and many of the communicants

of St. Luke's attended. The business session was opened at 9.30 o'clock by Bishop Talbot, Roll call and reading of minutes followed and then the printed report of the finance committee was distributed. It was as

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE. For detailed statement of receipts and expenditures the committee refer the convention to the report of the treasurer of the diocese.

The deficit of \$884.52 would be wiped out if the

arrears of \$1,161.68 had been adjusted. The committe believe that an inspection of the schedule of unpaid assessments will satisfy any one that nearly the whole of this arrearage is due to indifference. The proposed amendment to the constitution, depriving parishes in arrears of representation in convention, will, it is hoped, spur the laity to better deeds.

Had it not been for the expenses incident to the Irvine trial, the convention would now be free from debt. We were able to meet these expenses by applying to this purpose the excess arising from computing interest on the endowment fund at 5 per cent; this amount must be repaid and invested to the credit of the parishes. For this purpose and to provide a fund to meet the expenses of the ciercal deputies to the first general convention, which, in view of the great distance, should if possible he advanced, the committee recommend an extra assessment of one-half of 1 per cent. This increase should \$700.

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St. John's church, East Mauch Chunk, petitioned the committee to be relieved from assessment for the discessin fund, for the reason that the \$10,000 endowment fund held by \$1. Mait's church, Mauch Chunk, was raised before the crection of St. John's parish, and its original members were centributors to that fund. The vestry of St. Mark's having allo referred the matter to the committee, they, feeling that in a sense they were chosen as arbitrators, recommend that consent be given to the application, by the vestry of St. Mark's church, of any excess of annual fund over the assessment upon St. John's parish: Provided, that parish inquidate their present arrearase by the payment of \$100 within ninety day. The ammittee realize that neither they nor the east often have any authority in this matter, but make this suggestion in the nature of an amicable adjustment of the dispute.

The committee submitt the following:

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1900-1901.

first Group, parishes expending under Second Group, parishes expending between \$750 and \$1,500 Third Group, parishes expending between 84,500 and 82,500

Scott Group, parishes expending over It is estimated that this will yield \$8,121 87 The resolution providing for the division reads as follows:

Resolved, That the convention adopt the first and of division, as reported by the committee on lines and division, except that Northumberland omity be included in the Northern diocese, and that the southern part of Luzerne county be put in the Southern diocese, and that the consent of the general convention thereto he requested; provided there shall be raised and secured in the territory of each of the proposed dioceses.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer he said, would report a deficit of \$2,006.26. The receipts for the year ending May 10 were \$8,346.90 and disbursements \$9,544.68. The difference added to a deficit of last year of \$1,178 48 made up the \$2,666.26. If the 15,515 communicants of the diocese had contributed only 16 cents more apiece, there would have been no deficit. He apologized for applying the 16 to 1 doctrine. Despite the deficit, the amount raised was \$1,009.81 more than penditures, he explained. To show the results of the work he enumerated briefly, the improvements made in church property; debts decreased; and growth in communicants, Sunday

school pupils and the like.

Guy E. Farquhar, of Pottsville, a member of the standing committee, made an earnest plea for additional Fry, of Drifton suggested that inasmuch as the failure of some churches

Williamsport, that the Lenten offerings of the Sunday schools be divided between the general missions and diocesan church extension.

Rev. Benjamin F. Thompson. Birdshoro, reminded the convention that it was the bishop's idea that the children's offerings should be devoted to the general missions exclusively, and as it was generously accepted at the time that this was an advancing step, it could only be considered now that to go back to the old method

would be retrogression. REV. WOODLE'S SUGGESTIONS. Rev. Allan Sheldon Woodle, of Altoona advised that the present arrangement should be allowed to continue undisturbed at least another year. He, too, believed it would be a The difficulty anent diocesan missions would be adjusted independent of the

general missions. Bishop Talbot explained how, at his coming to this diocese he suggested the idea of the children devoting their Sunday school offerings to the general missions that the diocese might place itself in line with the others in contributing to the general missions. It would make a pitiable and small ex-

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dren to help the adults support the diocesan work, and that at the expense the convention not to take this retro-Rev. Mr. Eckel, in support of his

resolution, argued that it was simply

a measure of temporary relief. Rev. F. C. Cowper, of Ashland, coincided with Rev. Mr. Woodle that the matter will adjust itself independently. Rev. F. P. Harrington, of West Pittston, offered as an amendment that

two Sundays preceding. John L. Lawrence, of Chambersburg, approved the idea of having the proposed change and moved to lay the resolution on the table. His motion was carried by an overwhelimng majerity, only about half a dozen "noes"

being heard. Then the special order of business, called up by Secretary Clement, The special committee on division had prepared an elaborate printed report and this was in the hands of the delegates. Plate maps showing the four suggested lines of division, were a part of the

DIVISION LINES.

Line No. I is what is called the east and west line. It passes along the southern boundary of Center and Union counties, bisects Northumberland, and then proceeds along the southern boundaries of Montour, Columbia, Luzerne and Monroe counties. As amended yesterday, Northumberland county is wholly included in the help for the diocesan work. Wm. B. north section and the lower Luzeene or Hagleton region is transferred to the south section.

In the north diocese are the counquehanna, Wayne, Clinton, Lycoming. Suilivan, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Pike, Center, Union, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, upper Luzerne and Monroe

The south diocese comprises the ounties of Blair, Bedford, Huntington, Folton, Franklin, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Cumberland, Adams, Snyder, Dauphin, York, Schuylkill, Lebanon Lancaster, Perks, Lehigh, Carbon and Northampton.

Some statistics of the two dioceses follow. They are from the 1899 re-

North diocese-Communicants, 8,081; Sunday school pupils, 7.917; diocesan fund contributions, \$3,199; diocesan missions contributions, 83,896; valuation, \$1,333,784; clergy, 53; parishes recelving aid, 26; missions, 17; population, \$38,559,

South diecese-Communicants, 7,434; Sunday school puplis, 7,478; diocesan backward step to pass the resolution, fund contributions, \$3,525; dioc san missions contributions, \$4,023; valuation, \$1,427,998; clergy, 50; parishes receiving aid, 18; missions, 21; population, 1,397,521.

Line No. 2 is a north and south line extending along the western boundary of Bradford, Sullivan, Luzerne, Schuylkill and Berks.

Line No. 2 extends northeast and southwest, beginning with the common boundary of Fulton and Franklin and ending with the junction of Pike

and Monroe, on the Delaware, Line 4 extended transversely to the foregoing, and included in one section the counties og Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike, Sullivan, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Cerbon, Monroe, Lehigh and Northamp-

Line 5 was the same as the above ion the counties of Pradford, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Wyoming and Luzerne for Schuylkill and Berks. Line 6 makes a diocese of Wayne, Pike, Lackawanna, Monroe, Carbon, lower Luzerne, Northampton, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Berks, Lebanon and Lan-

The committee which reported the division lines was composed of Rev. James F. Powers, D. D., of Pottsville; Rev. Henry L. Jones, D. D., of Wilkes-Barre: Rev. Charles J. Wood, of York: Edward H. Eckel, of Williams-Rodney A. Mercur, of Towarda; . L. Brown, of Wilkes-Barre; Everett Warren, of Scranton, and William R. Butler, of Mauch Chunk,

DIVISION DISCUSSED.

Rev. Henry L. Jones, S. T. D., rector Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre, prethe committee's report, contenting himself with simply calling attention to the printed copies. Then, at a few minutes after 11 o'clock began discussion on this primally important question, lasting nearly three

Secretary Clement opened it with a resolution to adopt Line No. 1, as reported, except that Northumberland ounty, instead of being cut in twain, should be wholly included in the North diocese, provided however, that the should not obtain till \$50,000

be raised as an episcopal endowment by each of the proposed dioceses. This provisional determination of the question, contemplated by his resolution was, he believed, in line with the general sentiment of the bishop and churchmen of the diocese and was a short cut to a settlement of the ques-"When the money is raised," he went on to say, "we divide. Until it is

WARNER'S WARNER'S resolution. Some other line might, later, be substituted. He simply wanted to have the question settled in

this provisional way, Rev. Alfred M. Abel, of Jonestown; Archdeacon James P. Buxton, of Drifton, and Rev. William Reese Scott, Ph. D., of Hazleton, wanted Secretary Clement to vary Line No. 1 further by placing the three lower Luzerne par-ishes in the South diocese, and when Mr. Clement declined to accept this amendment, Rev. Dr. Scott offered as an amendment a resolution to adopt

Rev. Mr. Woodle suggested that the amendments be not insisted upon and that Secretary Clement's resolution be permitted to pass. "If the men who favor division can be spurred to increase the Episcopal endowment to \$100,000," he said, "why should we oppose them? The diocese is scarcely a unit and hardly can be such. There is the hard coal region and soft coal region and down in the southwestern portion is a country that Bishop Tal-bot should, originally, have been sent to instead of to Idaho. I can't understand why the board overlooked such large game and sent him out among he cowboys to hunt coyotes (laughter.) For the time being Line No. 1 is all

THE LUZERNE PARISHES.

Archdeacon Buxton again offered a

vigorous opposition to having the lower Luzerne parishes thrown across the mountain into the prospective North diocese and it had the effect of inducing Mr. Scott to accept Rev. Mr. Abel's amendment, including these parishes in the South diocese. In consideration of this, Rev. Mr. Scott with-drew his amendment favoring Line No. 4 and the question before the house once more was Secretary Clement's original resolution. Mr. Clement exof the general missions. He implored plained hat the line can be changed by a majority vote any time before taking the matter into the general convention, but it should be understood, he added, that the pledges would be solicited with the stipulation that the division was to be according to Line No. 1, and that if any change in the line was made, the pledges would have to be re-solicited.

Then came a lengthy and strong speech from one of the leading opponents of division, Rev. George C. Foley, D. D., rector of Trinity church, Wil-liamsport. The attitude of Bishop Talbot on the division question was, he believed, prompted, in the main by courtesy. The bishop, he said, accepted the election to the see of this diocese with the understanding that a division was impending. In the letter of invitation, it was announced to him that the division was contemplated, though the question of dividing the diocese was this clause Rev. Dr. Foley believed was inserted without the knowledge of the members of the committee, other than the one who wrote it. He himself did not see it or he would have objected to its insertion. Being a man of extreme courtesy and probity he feels it his duty to make these frequent references to division. He has said to me over and over again that he is not overworked. He can make his usual visits to his own diocese and also take on duty for other blshops. There is no necessity for more episopal work. There never was so much Episcopal work done in this diocese as is being done now, (cheers). I am unalterably opposed to division, I prefer a co-adjutor. There is no necessity for a division now. The report of this committee does not commit us to division. If we ever have the necesties of Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Sus- sity of a division, we will have this report at hand. It is by no means a present question.

REASON HE OPPOSED.

"I believe in the increase of the Episonal endowment but not for division purposes. I will endeavor to prevent any money being subscribed in my parish for the division. One half the diocese will be called upon to bear what the whole diocese is hardly able

"The bishop tells you it is a practical question of finance for those want the division. I sent circu- steady and healthy growth. lars throughout the whole diocese to ascertain how much could be secured question. The responses indicate less

than \$500." Rev. Dr. Foley concluded by offering D. D., of Mahonoy City. is a substitute to Secretary Clement's resolution, a resolution that the consideration of the question of division that the delegates may have more opportunity to study the committee's re-

This brought a vigorous retort from Major Everett Warren, of St. Luke's, who has all along been prominent in the advocacy of two dioceses,

After criticising Rev. Dr. Foley's inerpretation of the bishop's attitude as diocese has gone too far in the question of division to stop and advised the lution as the best way of testing the sentiment of the diocese, "We can thus get a census of the Dr. Foley of the Nativity, of South Bethlehem, negatives," he added. "and next year also took occasion to interpose his prowhen we come together again we will have a practical answer to the question of whether or not we are tor

The plea of Rev. Dr. Foley that more time was needed for the consideration of the report was characterized by Major Warren as absurd. "Theoretically, he have spent a lot of time," Major Warern remarked, "in solving this problem. (Laughter). Doesn't Dr. Foley at least give us credit for some

absorptive power." He concluded with a remark about the increased good that could be accomplished by additional episcopal

NOONTIDE PRAYER.

Twelve o'clock having arrived, Bishop Talbot led in the noontide prayer, Then he declared himself on the divison question once more. "Nothing uttered by Dr. Foley has misrepresented anything I have said to him, and the same applies to Mr. Warren: I am in favor of division every time when we get the money. I am not in favor of it till we do get the money,

Rev. Mr. Eckel quoted from Bishop Rulison's address in 1896 in which was foreshadowed, as Rev. Mr. Eckel interpreted it, the necessity of a division in the near future, and then quoted from Bishop Talbot's address of two years ago in which the latter said, "It is expedient that the discess should be divided at the earliest possible date."

Two years ago, he went on to say, the convention declared in favor of division and said it should occur within three years. Divisin always redounds to the good of a diocese, he argued, and in support of this proposition presented some interesting statistics. When Pennsylvania was one diocese \$200,000 was collected for church work. Seven years afterward when there were three dioceses \$1,129,000 was raised. And this, he averred was paralleled in other places. He also called attention to the

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not logical, when the reports of every department of the church

It would only be fair play to the supporters of the project to give them in pledges towards the solution of this an opportunity to show whether or not the diocese practically favors division, was suggested by Rev. Otto Brandt

In discussing the financial feature of the case, Rev. Mr. Woodle made the remark that the general sentiment be postponed till the next convention, of the people at large is that the Episcopal church is the church of the richer classes.

"No, no," came from every side. "Of course it isn't so," rejoined Rev. Mr. Woodle. It's a lie, but it is regarded as such nevertheless."

Rev. Rogers Israel would not rest asy under this imputation, negative though it was. "Let me say in reunwarranted, he declared that the gard to that utterance," he interrupted. "that two-thirds or maybe threefourths of the pews in this church adoption of Secretary Clement's reso- are filled by working people, mechanics and the like." Rev. Gilbert H. Sterling, S. T. D., rector of the Church test, by saying that fully seventyfive per cent, of his people were poor, Rev. Mr. Woodle did not further in-

sist upon his proposition. WITHDREW THE WORDS.

Rev. Dr. Foley, leader of the oposition, evidently encouraged to beleve that division would be defeated, thought to set the question aside definitely and withdrew from his resolution the words "till another convenleaving the resolution to read that the question be postponed indefinitely. He had reckoned wrong, however, as results proved. "Bring It squarely before the convention and settle it once and for all," he said Rev Dr. James, of Wilkes-Barre, did

not want to vote on the provisional

resolution. The vote should be on the question, "Is it expedient to divide?" he said. The increase of the Episcopal endowment should not be made ontingent on any line of division. Rev. Dr. Foley's unalterable opposition to the division, and Rev. Dr. Jones' proposition to vote on the expediency of dividing, brought some pointed criticism from Rev. Mr. Israel. man who is unalterably vinced," he said, "is a man who has stopped growing." As to the expediency question he expressed surprise that any one at this late day should advance it. In 1898 that question was decided affirmatively by an almost unanimous vote, he went on to say. It was decided without equivocation that the diocese should be divided at the possible--practical-moment earliest. and a committee appointed to look

after the preliminary work. This brought the morning session to close at 12.39. Promptly at 2.30 the delegates reconvened, and under a previous agreement as to time limit devoted only another half hour to the division discussion.

Senator S. R. Peale, of Lock Haven, opposed the Clement resolution on the Linderman, of South Bethlehem, for raised the question is at rest." He was fact that other ecclesiastical bodies ground that it did not settle the question wedded to the line indicated in his have more sub-division than the Epistion finally even if it was adopted. He

of the matter definitely. Rev. Mr. Sterling, Rev. Mr. Woodle,

proposed dioceses. MANNER OF DIVISION. Secretary Clement settled the moot-

ed point by explaining that under the committee's directions, if Line No. 1 was adopted the \$41,000 now in the Episcopal fund would be divided in such proportions that the north dio-\$35,000 and the south diocese \$14,000. After Rufus J. Foster, of St. Luke's,

had argred at length that an explicit division would facilitate the collection of the endorment money, Redney A. an interesting report on Sunday school Mercur, of Towanda, brought the discussion to a close with a speech favoring the pledging of the endowment first and the consideration of the dividing line afterwards. He then called for the previous question. Rev. Dr. Foley's motion to postpon

indefinitely was defeated by an over-whelming majority. Mr. Mercur's roposition to substitute Line No. 2 for Line No. 1 in Mr. Clement's rese lution was lost by a vote of 85 to 73 By a vote that did not even occasion a call for a division the propositions in turn defeated, and then the conlocese according to Line No. 1, conditional upon the Episcopal endowment fund being increased from \$41,with loud and continued cheers. The election of the standing com

mittee was then taken up and resulted in the selection of the following: Clergy-Rev. Marcus A. Tolman, of Chunk; Rev. William P. Orrick, D. D., of Reading; Rev. Henry L. Jones, D. D., of Willes-Barre; Rev. Charles Morrison, of Sunbury, and lev. Charles J. Wood, of York. Laity-Guy E. Farquhar, of Pottsville; Hugh L. North, LL. D., of Columbia; A. D. Rolland, of Scranton; A. N. Cleaver, of South Bethlehem, and Dr. H. B. Meredith, of Danville,

ONLY NEW MEMBER. Rev. Mr. Wood is the only new member of the committee, his election being to fill a vacancy. It required six

ballots to make a choice. Rev. W. F.

Shero, Rev. Rogers Israel, Rev. Dr. Foley, Archdeacon Buxton and Rev. Alexander McMillan, of Carlisle, were the others nominated. All withdrew except Rev. Mr. Wood and Rev. Mr. Shero. The final ballot was: Clergy. Laity. By the canons of the diocese it is required that a majority shall be given

both by the laity and clergy. The nine re-elected members of the committee were chosen on the first ballot. The tellers were Rev. F. T. Eastment, of Lanesboro, and Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer. of Carbondale, for the clergy, and W. R. Butler, of Mauch Chunk, and R. P.

the missionary to the deaf mutes, who is himself a deaf mute. He reported D. Holland, of St. Luke's; George having made periodical visits to twenty-N. Reynolds, of Lancaster, discussed two different cities and that there are the question of how the \$100,000 was in this diocese 400 deaf mute communito be apportioned between the two cants. In the four dioceses in which he works he ministers to 4,000 deaf mute

communicants. Rev. Dr. Foley, for the committee on charter, reported a new charter, which was adopted. The old one did not conform in some minor respects to the state laws. The discrepancies are cured by the new one.

For the committee on canons, Rev. cese would be called upon to raise Mr. Tolman reported some changes in the canons, by which missions are more readily admitted into the convention They were unanimously adopted.

Rev. J. M. Page, of Lebanon, made graded work

Guy E. Farquhar,of Pottsville; Major Judge David McMullen, of Lancaster, were appointed a committee to report a plan for disposing of the \$5,516.58 standing in the enrollment fund. On the invitation of Mr. Farguhar, the convention decided unanimously to meet next year in Pottsville.

SYMPATHY RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions of sympathy were passed for Rev. James F. Bowers, of Pottsto substitute Line 4 and Line 6 were ville, and H. M. North, LL.D., of Columbia, who were prevented by illness vention, by a vote of 112 to 56, passed from attending the convention, and the original resolution, dividing the thanks were formally given to Rev. James B. May, of Pottsville, for his efficient work as editor of the Record, and to Rev. Rogers Israel and St. 900 to \$190,000. The announcement of Luke's officers and parishioners, for pro-division victory was greeted entertainment and admirable convention arrangements.

> close by Bishop Talbot with an expression of gratification at the work ccomplished and the unvarying courtesy extended him since his coming to this diocese two years ago, and a request for a continuance of their prayers and loving forbearance.

The convention was brought to a

Formal adjournment was had after a closing prayer, led by the bishop.

RECEPTION LAST NIGHT. The reception last night at St Luke's parish house was one of the most brilliant events held in Scranton for some years. The beautiful rooms were lavishly decorated. The supper room on the third floor was especially charming with the Maytime flowers. The piano was hidden by snowy masses of dogwood. The corners were banked with sprays of apple blooms while valley lilles and wood violets breathed out sweetness over the as-

semblage. The receiving party stood near the entrance of the lower parlor and consisted of Bishop and Mrs. Talbot, Rev. and Mrs. Rogers Israel, Miss Talbot, Rev. Mr. Nash. Throngs of guests were present during the evening, including nany distinguished persons from out of town. Among these were Rev. and Mrs. Tolman, of Mauch Chunk; B. T. Meyers, the millionalre