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PREFACE

At the General Convention in Richmond, in 1907, a Committee of the House of Bishops was appointed to consider the preparation of a Book of Offices for occasions not provided for in the Book of Common Prayer. The Bishops of Texas, Kansas, Newark, Springfield, and Fond du Lac constituted the Committee.

This Committee found the wish for such a Book so general that at Cincinnati in 1910 they presented a Book which was received by the Bishops and allowed to be distributed in the House.

Subsequently the Bishops retained the copies distributed and were asked to send further suggestions to the Committee, which was continued, to report in 1913.

The second Report of the Committee, presented in New York in 1913, was again referred back for further consideration.

At the General Convention at St. Louis, in 1916, a number of corrections and changes were presented by the Committee and the following Resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That the Book of Offices for Occasions not Provided for in the Book of Common Prayer be published after the changes submitted with this Report have been made, and is hereby set forth for use where the Bishop of the Diocese may authorize it."

After all due care and consideration the Book of Offices for Occasions not Provided for in the Book of Common Prayer is now authorized for use in the Church, subject to the discretion of each diocesan Bishop.

It may be noted that, while there is considerable new

matter in the Book, the offices are mainly taken from those in use for many years in dioceses in England and Canada, with some help from American diocesan forms.

The Book of Offices is the property of the Church; and a royalty from its sale will go to the Church Pension Fund.

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I.
THE ORDER FOR
THE BREAKING OF THE GROUND FOR
A NEW CHURCH

The Clergy, Choir, and others being assembled at the place, the Officiant shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Then shall be said

PSALM 132. *Memento Domine.*

Lord, remember David : and all his trouble :

2 How he sware unto the Lord : and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob :

3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house : nor climb up into my bed ;

4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber : neither the temples of my head to take any rest ;

5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord : an habitation for the Mighty God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata : and found it in the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacle : and fall low on our knees before his footstool.