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## STORIES OF THE CAMPAIGN THAT ARE INSPIRING

### Returns Continue to Roll In—An Awakening to New Life and Hope, and Effort.

#### Oregon Running Wild with Enthusiasm.

As returns from the Nation-wide Campaign continue to roll in the wonders which have been accomplished multiply.

Here is the Diocese of Portland in far off Oregon simply running wild with enthusiasm.

"Inspiration plus perspiration, and over the top we go!"

With this as the battle cry, note the results which have been attained. A "Extra Special" News Bulletin, issued by John L. Etheridge, chairman of the Diocesan Campaign Committee, contains a list of 20 parishes which have already gone over the top with percentages ranging all the way from 100 to 214, which was attained by St. John's Parish, Toledo, Ore.

The latest addition to the honor roll of the diocese is Grace Memorial, Portland, of whose work the "Extra Special" notes:

"Hats off to Mr. E. E. Strong and his committee at Grace Memorial. Their quota is \$8,673.24, but today (Jan. 6) the good news came ringing in that they had raised to date \$32,859.90, being 100 per cent of their quota, and \$24,186.66 for local needs."

"With another \$10,000 in sight," adds the Bulletin.

The fine enthusiasm shown is what challenges the emulation of every diocese in which the Nation-wide Campaign is still to be made; that, and the very practical explanation which the "Extra Special" makes of "How It Was Done." This is how:

"Effective organization, then real hard spade work, plus generous giving from every unit—this built the road to their fine success. It is not enough to have the machinery, we want the full head of steam—ENERGY, VIM, PEP—inspiration 10 per cent, perspiration 90 per cent—then VICTORY IS AROUSED."

And this formula for success loses no force by reason of the broad, breezy way in which it is presented.

#### An Inspiring Story from New Jersey.

The inspiring story of how Trinity Church, Paterson, N. J., waged the Nation-wide Campaign to a glorious success is told in a report which Rev. Guy H. Madara, the rector, has made to Lewis B. Franklin, chairman of the executive committee of the Nation-wide Commission. Rev. Mr. Madara writes:

"Our campaign was based entirely upon spiritual education. We hung it on our faith that an enlightened constituency would be a supporting constituency. The results justified our faith. Men and women who had not been inside the Church in years came, and are still coming regularly; the congregations jammed the church to its limit, with chairs placed in every aisle; babies were found who ought to have been baptized and were not—they are now!—families which were connected with the Church years ago, and had dropped away, were found, and their names given to the rector at the weekly meetings, when every committee reported; and one result of the campaign was to give the

rector "leads" enough to last for months to come.

"All the organizations of the Church received great impetus through new members, and, best of all, our missionary contributions, which had been very light for a congregation of this size, have gone far above anything we ever thought possible. Of course, we must not minimize the fact that for the first time in our history, the pledged contributions for parish support make it possible for us to take the special offerings at Christmas, Trinity Sunday and Easter for objects outside our running expenses.

"Finally, two of my young men have signified their intention to study for the ministry on the completion of their present high school course, and one older man has volunteered for the missionary work of the Church."

As to method:

"At the beginning of the campaign," says Mr. Madara, "our teams, men and women, were organized, to go out two-by-two. They met weekly, the men with the chairman of our committee, the women in the afternoon with the rector. Every member of the teams was instructed never to mention money; to know nothing about money; to make it absolutely a spiritual campaign. The main committee worked under direction of a 'Planning Committee,' which organized the whole parish into groups of ten or twelve families, each group assigned to one team. The rector took charge of the distribution of literature, having two boys from the junior organizations of the Church report at the rectory after school each day, so that all literature went out as soon as received.

"Frankly," says Rev. Mr. Madara, in conclusion, "I believe the success of the whole campaign in any parish depends upon the rector, whose privilege it is to inspire the chairmen in particular, and the committee and parish in general with the opportunities of this 'Call to Service.'"

#### Joplin, Mo., Heard From.

St. Philip's Church, Joplin, Mo., the Rev. A. G. Van Elden, rector, has over subscribed the Nation-wide Campaign quota. The budget for the local work was \$4,000—the subscriptions amount to \$4,286.30. The quota for others was \$2,120—the subscription, \$2,248.20.

#### Lonsdale, R. I., Parish Shows Increase.

The Nation-wide Campaign pledges for the support of Christ Church, Lonsdale, R. I., showed an increase of 6 per cent and for others a gain of \$1,000 a year, an increase of about 80 per cent. The Every Member Canvass has been carried out annually for a good many years in this parish and nearly every member was giving a weekly contribution before the Nation-wide Campaign canvass was made, so that startling results could not be expected. The service cards brought to light a few willing workers who had not previously been enlisted.

#### Small Arkansas Parish Makes Fine Showing.

The little parish of St. Paul's, Fayetteville, Ark., which is served by the Episcopal Student Chaplain at the University of Arkansas, though two weeks, late with the drive, has laid hold with a will and to so good purpose that it has raised 75 per cent more money for parochial expense than ever before, has pledged \$2,100 of its Nation-wide quota of \$2,350,

has secured many pledges of personal service and discovered four more adults for the confirmation class. St. Paul's has made up its mind to be among the first to go over the top in the diocese.

#### Returns from Western Michigan.

Returns of the campaign are slow in reaching your correspondent's office, but the few reports received and rumors from various points indicate a generous response to the great awakening. Parishes and missions that have gone over the top have not yet announced their success, but Holy Trinity, Manistee, reports pledges four times in excess of any previous giving for objects outside; Trinity, Niles, pledged above 50 per cent of its quota and expects to take care of the balance through the Guilds and new families. The campaign committee is perpetuated in a Men's Club to meet bi-monthly, and a chapter of the B. S. A. is asked for by the signers of eighteen service cards. St. Paul's, St. Joseph, has gone far beyond any previous year in pledges to outside objects and has a good prospect of considerable further increase. The well organized campaign committee is entering upon a vigorous follow up work of service especially enlisting the men.

St. John's, Ionia, also reports a hundred per cent increase in giving for the mission of the Church. It is thought that several of the stronger parishes have gone over the top, but most of the parishes and missions of the diocese are small and weak, several being without clergy or other leaders. There is no doubt of the awakening to new life and hope and effort throughout, and growing and accelerating results are sure to come.

#### New Hampshire Parishes More Than Double Their Pledges.

Woodsville, in 1919, had 42 pledges, \$399 for home work and \$57 for missions; in 1920, 85 pledges, \$1,008 for home work and \$357 for missions.

Trinity Church, Claremont, in 1919, had 91 pledges, \$1,850 for home work and \$361 for missions; in 1920, 171 pledges, \$2,351 for home work and \$1,777 for missions.

Laconia, in 1919, had 80 pledges, \$632 for home work and \$102 for missions; in 1920, 95 pledges, \$1,082 for home work and \$621 for missions.

Salmon Falls, in 1919, had \$304 for home work and \$23 for missions; in 1920, \$500 for home work and \$155 for missions.

Exeter, in 1919, had \$225 for missions; in 1920, \$450 for missions.

St. Andrew's, Manchester, has raised \$575 for missions and enough for home use to enable it to pay back a grant of \$200 received from the Diocesan Board and to apply for admission as a parish in May.

St. Paul's, Concord, has increased its number of pledges from 135 to 329, its parochial pledges from \$3,800 to \$6,513 and its pledges for missions from \$850 to \$4,839.—The Church Fly-Leaf.

#### NINETIETH BIRTHDAY OF SISTER BEATRICE CELEBRATED

The ninetieth birthday of Sister Beatrice, who with Sister Albertine came from England in 1867 to found St. Andrew's Priory, Honolulu, was celebrated on November 1, 1919, by a reception to which the mayor sent the municipal band. The two venerable sisters have never left the islands save for one brief visit to San Francisco. Their last night in England was spent at the Keble rectory. What a link with the past!

## GETTING AWAKE TO THE NEED OF PUBLICITY

### Publicity Departments Opened and Directors Appointed in Pennsylvania and Georgia.

One tangible result of the Nation-wide Campaign in the Diocese of Pennsylvania is the decision of Bishop Rhinelander to install a permanent publicity department in the diocese. It is believed that Pennsylvania is the first diocese in the United States to make this decision and to put a practical newspaper man in charge of its publicity.

James M. Bennett, formerly one of the editors of the Philadelphia Ledger and for twenty-seven years in daily newspaper work, resigned his position on January first to become director of publicity in this diocese. Mr. Bennett is a Churchman and a member of a family that for generations has been active in the Episcopal Church in Southern Maryland. He will be managing editor of the "The Church News," the official organ of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and in addition will take the responsibility for supplying news of the Church to the daily and weekly papers of the diocese. He has also arranged with the News Bureau of the Nation-wide Campaign for mutual co-operation on distribution of stories of general interest emanating from the News Bureau, and the National Organization is to have the benefit of his stories that have more than local interest.

"I believe Church publicity offers a comparatively new and certainly a wide and fertile field for newspaper men. I believe the Church needs many from the newspaper profession to tell the people, through the printed word, of the aims and needs of the Church. I believe tomorrow will be a better day than today and feel that men and women of my profession who have the opportunity should give of their time and talents to spreading the story of the Gospel."

The permanent position to be assumed by Mr. Bennett has had temporary counterparts in numerous dioceses of the country during the intensive period of preparation for the Every Member Canvass of the Nation-wide Campaign. The Committee on Nation-wide Campaign believes that much of the effect of the movement will be lost unless these temporary diocesan publicity organizations are made permanent. It is believed that the New Church Council, when its department of publicity adopts a definite program, will emphasize the diocese as a publicity unit.

Pennsylvania congratulates herself on taking the lead in this direction and in being able to obtain such an efficient director as Mr. Bennett. Mr. Bennett's vast experience will be of tremendous value to the idea which Bishop Rhinelander seeks to develop. Mr. Bennett served the American Commission for Relief in Belgium in the first year of the war. He was the first American newspaper man to cross the ocean on one of the relief ships from America. He followed the food into Belgium and saw it distributed and eaten by hungry thousands.

One of the results of the Nation-wide Campaign in the Diocese of Georgia is the opening of the pub-

licity department by Bishop Reese who has appointed as publicity director, Miss Edith D. Johnston, the publicity agent who served for the diocese in the Nation-wide Campaign. Building on the work of the campaign, the publicity director wrote to the clergy in the diocese asking them to appoint parochial agents to serve with the director on the publicity staff and to forward news of the parishes and missions to headquarters in Savannah where the information is sent out to the Church papers, and to the secular papers in the diocese when there is special news of general interest. In less than a month thirteen parochial agents have been appointed to serve with the director, forming the staff, and the department is now an organized unit of the diocese. Those occupying the staff are the Publicity Director, Miss Edith D. Johnston, representing Christ Church, Savannah; Miss Helen Dearing, St. John's Church, Savannah; Mrs. W. J. Brown, St. Paul's Church, Savannah; Mr. V. M. Humphrey, Church of the Atonement, Augusta; Mrs. J. H. Merrill, St. Thomas' Church, Thomasville; Mr. O. T. Waring, Grace Church, Waycross; Mrs. H. T. Walden, Christ Church, Cordele; Mrs. S. L. Fleetwood, St. Anne's Church, Tifton; Mr. C. B. Lee, St. Matthew's Church, Fitzgerald; Mrs. J. L. Shelton, St. Andrew's Church, Douglas; Mrs. C. B. Gwyn, St. John's Church, Moultrie; and from the colored parishes, Mrs. W. M. Floyd, St. Athanasius Church, Brunswick; Miss Ophelia McIver, St. Augustine's Church, Savannah; Mrs. M. A. Life, St. Ignatius' and St. Perpetua's Chapels, St. Simon's Island.

### PROMINENT MICHIGAN LAYMAN DIES.

The death of Mr. Thomas Hume at his home in Muskegon, Mich., January 1st, deprives the Diocese of Western Michigan of one of its most prominent and useful laymen, for many years a member of the Standing Committee and Association, and a close friend of the Bishop. "Mr. Hume was a liberal benefactor of his city to which he gave the Old People's Home and other large and useful benefactions. This Home he endows in his will to the amount of \$160,000. To the Michigan Humane Society which has charge of the Children's Home, he gives \$5,000 in cash. The diocese receives a gift of \$20,000 and to his parish Church, St. Paul's, Muskegon, he leaves the annual income of \$5,000.

Bishop Darst of East Carolina observed the fifth anniversary of his consecration on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6. At the time of his consecration there were twenty-three priests and four deacons in the diocese; at the present time there are thirty-eight priests and two deacons. During the five years the Bishop has received fourteen postulants, admitted twelve candidates for Holy Orders, made twelve deacons, ordained fourteen priests and confirmed 1835 people.

The rectory of St. Paul's Church, Brookings, S. D., suffered by a fire which destroyed the first floor and damaged severely the entire building. This house was designed by Ralph Adams Cram and is the most beautiful rectory in the district. Plans have been made for immediate restoration but the loss, \$4,000, partially covered by insurance, is a burden to the small parish in this college town.



# EDITORIAL

By Bishop IRVING P. JOHNSON.

## AFTER THE CAMPAIGN.

There were many adherents of the Church who were opposed to the Nation-wide Campaign.

These doubters may be divided into two classes;—those who do not care to be awakened out of sleep and those who do not wish to participate in drives for money because they realize the dangers of such enterprises.

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There is a constituency in this Church who look upon religion chiefly as an artistic touch to one's life and culture.

They refuse to submit to any discipline and to respond to any call for service.

In a word, they patronize God and the Church.

Business, Society and Culture are the vital things in life.

Religion is good, but not compelling.

In the Church Militant these soldiers are conspicuous at Easter parades but should not be taken seriously in the councils of war.

They are doubtful assets to the morale of the Church, and can be counted upon to do that which is pleasing in their own eyes.

They give God an occasional tip, and look upon Christ's ministers as religious porters.

What to do with them is a puzzle beyond the solution of the three wise men.

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But there is an element who were opposed to the Campaign who cannot be numbered among these dress-parade soldiers.

These honestly believe that the reaction from a drive leaves the last condition of the Church worse than the first, and with this danger we are indeed sympathetic.

If the only object of this Campaign was to disturb the lethargy of the Church without calling us to active service; if we are merely to turn over in our sleep, having been awakened by some transient dream, far better to have slept peacefully.

Now, if ever in the history of the world, it is high time for Christians to awake out of sleep, and to bear witness to the life of Jesus Christ, or else to lose all that their fathers have won by patient labor.

Personally, I have not been in sympathy with the publishing of figures as though they were a measure of something done in this Campaign.

The idea that the Lord needs more money to do His work is false. He needs rather the spirit of sacrifice in us, which we translate into money and service because it is the only way in which we know how to express our will to serve Him.

"If I were hungry I would tell thee. Are not the beasts of the forest mine and also the cattle upon a thousand hills?" That is the strange part of it.

If Mr. Frick had given his enormous fortune to the Church, it would have been creditable to Mr. Frick, but ruinous to the Church.

But if a million people give one hundred dollars each for the Lord's work, then there goes with the gift of money the heart of the people. "For where their treasure is, there their heart is also."

It is the heart of the people that God craves. To give Him money and to withhold ourselves is to treat God as a beggar. To put ourselves into our gift is to treat God as a Father.

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It is evident, therefore, that the doubling of our gifts means the doubling of our efforts. We must not only continue our gifts, but follow them up with a personal interest in that to which we have given.

The money which has been given for various projects will be effective in accomplishing those projects only as clergy and laity plan and work together to do great things for Christ.

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And the first duty following the Campaign is for the leaders of the Church to plan such instruments for service as will enable those who have risen to the need to find opportunities for service.

The Diocesan and parochial committees must not dissolve until they have created an agency to carry on the work for three years.

Either they must do this themselves, or else they must create a body who will do this.

To ask people for service and to take their pledges of money and service requires that we shall provide an agency that will carry on, or else see the whole enterprise peter out.

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It would seem best that this Campaign organization should be formed anew.

The qualities required for making a drive are not always those that are effective for a long campaign.

It would seem wise to create a committee for this purpose in the security of each Diocese, which should include one man and one woman who are willing to develop a vocation for leadership in each of the various departments of service.

These departments would seem to be (1) Religious Education, (2) Mission, (3) Social Service, (4) Parochial Organization, (5) The Financial Problems.

Such a committee of ten persons should be in close touch with the Bishop on the one hand, and with the clergy on the other, and be prepared to render help to any parish or mission in making up its full measure of service.

Related to this committee each parish or mission should have its local committee, which should keep in touch with the central committee in carrying out an efficient program in each unit of the Diocese.

This can be done only as Bishops and rectors keep in vital touch with the situation, and work in harmony with such committees.

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The weakness of the Church does not consist so much in its financial inability to pay money as it lies in its lethargic unwillingness to render service to Jesus Christ.

The clergy must be willing to exercise leadership. One great weakness is that the clergy do not expect enough of the laity. Men and women will respond to a call that is worth while. It is the clergyman's job to find out what his parish should be doing to justify its existence, and then to put it up as a challenge to the individual that he do it.

Each community has its own challenge to service, and those enlisted in Christ's army are the ones who should do it. There is no alibi. If these persons thought that Red Cross work was important, make them know and feel that the wounds of our own America today are far more serious than the casualties in the army were.

For the danger today is to our family life and our religious faith and our social sanctity.

And no gifts of money will solve these problems, unless back of the money is the heart of the congregation, working as well as giving.

It must be the Spirit of Christ manifested in the lives of His disciples who are willing to resist popular follies and to serve aggressively in His Name, that is the only antidote for the money-making, pleasure loving, psychical dabbling constituency of today.

The Church must command the services of her faithful members in an organized effort to make the religion of Jesus Christ a more winsome and earnest reality.

## THE GREAT TYPICAL AMERICAN

We publish below a few paragraphs from an address delivered by the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, at Trinity Church, New York, Sunday, January 4th, on the occasion of a service held in commemoration of the first anniversary of the death of Theodore Roosevelt.

"We honor and love the name of Theodore Roosevelt because more plainly than ever, more plainly even than when he was here with us, he stands before our minds and before the world, as the great typical American. More than any American of our time, or of any other time, Theodore Roosevelt embodies the spirit and ideal of our land.

As we remember Theodore Roosevelt today let us think of the meaning of that Americanism which he expressed in his life, and for which he stood.

### What We Must Stand For.

First—If we are true Americans we must live as such. We must prove the quality of our Americanism by our lives, not by what we say but by what we do and what we are. The life of a nation depends on the character of its citizens. We must stand for honesty and integrity in all the relations of our lives, business or political, public or private. We must stand for scrupulous obedience to law, even though the law be one which we believe interferes unduly with our individual liberty and our personal habits. We must stand for moderateness and simplicity in possessions, in dress, in style of living. We must be something of the soldier spirit, the spirit of discipline, of self-control, of obedience to ideals. It is this spirit which will keep America strong and secure. This is the first and best gift that we can make to our country's life, the character, the soul of America.

### Our Country Must Have Supreme Place in Our Hearts.

Second—If we are true Americans our own country must have first and supreme place in our hearts. We must love and serve our own land as we love and serve no other. This is our duty not merely on grounds of safety, or of self-interest, but because this

principle alone is sound and true, and on this principle alone can life and civilization be built. There is a cult of Internationalism which poses as high thought and which teaches that we must have no special love for our own country but must love all countries equally. This doctrine is not high thought. It is loose and unsound thought. In some cases it is maudlin sentimentality; in others it is merely anarchy thinly disguised. This teaching is fundamentally untrue and destructive. A man who does not love his own country more than he loves any other country is no more to be trusted and followed than a man who has no special love for his own wife and his own home. It is a significant fact that those who are trying to destroy loyalty to country are trying also to destroy the home and the marriage tie.

God has set us in families and in nations. If we are to be of any service to the world at all we must first be faithful in the primary relations of life—loyal to friends and home and country. We know what the example of Theodore Roosevelt was in this matter. No one ever stood more wholly for America first and for that very reason no one ever did more to make the name of America honored and respected everywhere alike by well doers and evil doers, and to make America powerful for good throughout the world.

### Must Deal Firmly With Those Who Plot Against Our Government.

As true Americans it is our duty to deal firmly and fully with those who having come here of their own accord, and having accepted the hospitality of our country, are plotting insolently to overthrow our free government and replace it by the system of Sovietism, the most brutal tyranny which proclaims itself the enemy of Democracy, of Liberty and of God.

But what of the Americans, the men and women with American names and antecedents, some of them in positions of trust and influence, who give these avowed enemies of our country their countenance, their sympathy and their moral and financial support? Shall we imprison and deport the foreign agitators and allow his American accomplice to proceed without rebuke?

### We Must Stand for True Religion.

As Americans we must stand today

more than ever before for the principles of true religion. This was the central note of Theodore Roosevelt's life. He recognized that true Patriotism and Religion are inseparable. We revere and give our whole loyalty to the Constitution of the United States.

But the Constitution of the United States rests on the Bible and on the truths contained in that Book. We Americans recognize that there is something higher than the will of the people. Above the will of the people is the will and law of God. It is in this faith and on this rock that the life of America is founded. It is our faith in God which makes us believe in justice and law and order, in equal right and opportunity for all. The principles of Americanism have come forth from the Church and it is the Church which is their chief support. The enemies of our country fully recognize this. The men and women who wish to destroy our Government wish also to destroy the Church and the Home, for they know that these three stand or fall together.

In this day no true American anywhere can afford to stand neutral in regard to the Church. This is no time for neutrality or pacifist indifference in the matter of religion. It is time to stand openly for that faith in God and in Christ which has made our country what it is. It is time for every man, woman and child who loves America to do his part in the Church to which he belongs, to make his personal contribution towards that justice and peace and happiness in our land which religion alone can give to it.

The message of Theodore Roosevelt's life is nothing less than this. It is a call to us to take our stand and do our full part as fearless, vigorous American Christians.

## THE CALL TO THE CHURCH

O Bride of Christ! beloved by Him,  
Why are thine eyes of faith so dim?  
Dost thou not know His mighty power  
Is thine to use this very hour?

The world in awful anguish lies  
And heavenward lifts its pleading eyes,  
Body of Christ—His Hands and Feet,  
Thou must the mighty issue meet.

Fullness of Him, Who filleth all,  
Who, never heedless, hears thy call,  
His glorious gifts are thine to share  
With all His creatures everywhere.

O Church of God! why dost thou deem  
His promises an empty dream?  
Shake off thine unbelief and be  
His Angel to humanity.  
—Frederick W. Neve.

## CALLING YOUNG MEN TO THE MINISTRY.

St. Paul's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., has made a large contribution to the ministry of the Church in years past. At present there are two young men candidates for Holy Orders in this parish. The Rev. Dr. Jessup, rector, commenting upon the candidates for Holy Orders in his parish, says: "Are there not other men, perhaps some in college or preparatory schools, who will think seriously of the opportunity which God gives them for work for Him and for their fellowmen in the Church's ministry? This parish has sent some splendid men into the ministry of the Church in years past. I shall be more than glad to talk over the subject of studying for the ministry with any boy or young man who may be willing to give the question serious consideration. I feel it only right to add that at least one other young man is giving this matter very serious consideration, and it is my earnest hope that he may feel that he has a vocation for this work. During the next generation the Christian ministry will have unique and wonderful opportunities to win men for Christ. This is my profound conviction."



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### LOCATING SEAMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

The Seamen's Church Institute, 25 South St., New York, is accomplishing a splendid work in locating lost seamen whose relatives or friends have written to the Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. A. R. Mansfield. Dr. Mansfield writes that instance after instance could be quoted of men who have lost all trace of their family through no negligence on their part. The ship has changed her course, letters have been lost, families have moved; and when once they have become separated they have no means of finding each other. At this time there is a special work to be done in restoring men to their families who have become separated by the war. Just this week Franko, who has for four years tried in vain to get some trace of his family in Poland, found them through our Missing Men Bulletin. Our language is too weak to describe his emotion. Then there was Jack, who had written home week after week for years, without a word in reply, and at last he looked at our bulletin boards and saw his name. His mother had written and when he saw her handwriting he fondled the letter like a precious thing and asked in a trembling voice if he might keep it "just for tonight."

### THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT.

Archdeacon Neve, of Ivy Depot, Va., writes to the Witness: "It seems to me that the Church is hardly touching the tremendous spiritual energy placed at our disposal by God through Christ. There is hope that the Nation-wide Campaign may be the beginning of a great spiritual movement which will put the Church where she ought to be, that is, the controlling factor in the building up of the new order." The Archdeacon is helping forward this greatly to be desired end by giving expression in poems to the hopes of large numbers of the faithful who are dreaming dreams and getting larger visions of the mission of the Church that has come to them through the Nation-wide Campaign. In another column will be found the last contribution of the Archdeacon entitled "The Call to the Church."

### THINKS THE TE DEUM SHOULD BE READ.

"We are trying an experiment of reading the Te Deum by the whole congregation instead of having it sung by the choir," says the Rev. Wm. T. Crocker, rector of the Church of the Epiphany of New York. "The Te Deum as sung everywhere today seems to be more of the rendering of a piece of music by the choir than an active part of worship. By reading the Te Deum, the congregation enters more heartily into the spirit of

this part of our service. The organist and choir are co-operating heartily in the new plan. The Te Deum should be read antiphonally; that is, each side of the congregation and choir taking alternate verses. The colon in the middle of each verse is a temporary resting place. Read vigorously and slowly, the Te Deum ought to become a real act of worship."

### CHICAGO CHOIRS UNITE IN A JOINT SERVICE

The Northwest Clericus, an organization of the clergy of the Northwest Side, Chicago, is at work furthering the interests of the Church in that part of the city. On the Sunday evening after Epiphany, a joint service of Solemn Evensong was held at St. Timothy's Church. The choirs of the Northwest Side, consisting of over 100 voices, sang the service. The Rev. Prof. L. C. Lewis was the preacher.

The choirs of the Northwest Side, which will make a chorus of 200 voices, are planning to give Handel's Messiah next Christmas time.

A devotional feature is a system of intercession. On appointed Sundays the special intention at one Eucharist at all of the churches will be the work of one of the parishes, the several congregations being remembered in turn.

The next joint session will be at St. John's Church, Irving Park, on the evening of Ascension Day.

#### MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

East Mauch Chunk, Pa.—On Christmas Day at the early choral service of the Holy Communion a brass salver of elaborate design in wheat and grapes was dedicated in St. John's Church, East Mauch Chunk, by the then rector, Archdeacon Durell. In the center is the monogram "I. H. S." and around the edge the phrase "Thy prayers and thine alms have come up for a memorial before God." The maltese cross at the top is set with seventeen garnets, which were handed down from the grandmother to Emily Marion Gibbon, in whose memory the salver is given. The inscription is: To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Emily Marion Gibbon, Sept. 18, 1902-Nov. 27, 1918. Presented by her parents, Sampel Moore and Emma Winkler Gibbon, to St. John's Church, East Mauch Chunk, Penn'a., Christmas, 1919.

Mrs. Emma W. Gibbon presented a fair linen altar cloth to St. John's Church, East Mauch Chunk, at the early Christmas service. It is trimmed with lace of her own making, ten inches wide and in a design of Easter lilies and sanctus. It was used for the first time for the service at which a brass salver was dedicated to the memory of her daughter.

At the last meeting of the Presiding Bishop and Council a number of elections took place and matters of importance were considered. Dr. John W. Wood was elected executive secretary of the department of missions. The Rev. Wm. E. Gardner, D. D., the Rev. Lester Bradner, Rev. Paul M. Micou will continue in their present positions. Miss Withers was elected as assistant secretary in the department of religious education and assigned the work of merging the Junior Auxiliary with the Church School League. The Rev. F. J. Clarke was elected recording secretary of the Council, and Bishop Reese of Southern Ohio, was invited to be the head of the department of social service, but declined.

Bishop Parker has visited every town and city in the state of New Hampshire, seeking out new opportunities for the extension of the kingdom. There are eighty-three parishes, missions and preaching stations in his diocese and several hundred towns not reached by the Church.

Some who were present at the General Convention of 1913 in New York may remember the Rev. F. A. K. Russell, the delegate from Liberia, whose appeal for his people made a strong impression. Word has just come to the Church Missions House that the launch in which Mr. Russell was returning to Tobacconnee after a trip to Monrovia to purchase supplies for the school, was wrecked. No lives were lost but several cases containing books and other merchandise for the mission went to the bottom and Mr. Russell suffered severely in the loss of his personal effects. There was no insurance and Mr. Russell writes that he is seriously embarrassed in consequence.

St. Agnes' Guild of Trinity Church, Niles, Michigan, earned \$1,200 during the past year for parish purposes. At the annual meeting of the Guild each lady gave her experience, telling how she made 50c grow into a large sum. The largest sum handed in by one person was \$104, with many more ranging from \$25 to \$40. It was a splendid showing in view of the fact that the Guild is not a large one. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Walter H. Parkin; First Vice-President, Mrs. George E. Flower; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Seeley G. Deam; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred B. Eycleshymer; Secretary, Mrs. Harry Berman.

The Clarke Memorial Hall of Zion Church, Rome, New York, which is a community recreation center, was thrown open for inspection of visitors on New Year's day. Over two hundred called to look around and exchange the customary good wishes of the day. A reception followed by a dinner was given under the auspices of the Ignotus Club. On the Feast of the Epiphany two memorial Eucharistic Candlesticks were presented to the Church by Mrs. Clarence Williams in memory of Miss Marjorie Lewis Williams who for a number of years was a devoted worker in the Altar Society.

The Chicago Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions are holding once a month or oftener, intensely interesting meetings which are well attended. Bishop Anderson was to have addressed the meeting in December, but owing to illness was unable to be present. He spoke at the meeting held January 8. The annual meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, 6724 Stewart Ave., Chicago, on Thursday, January 29.

The fund for the erection of the first unit and auxiliary buildings for the Church General Hospital, Wuchang, is now complete. This happy result is largely due to the untiring work for the past two years of Miss Helen Littell, the secretary of the woman's committee which so efficiently aided the board in raising this fund. Miss Littell is a sister of the Rev. S. Harrington Littell of the Hankow mission.

Within the past year the way has opened for work among the Kalingas and Ifugaos, two of the races in the mountains of northern Luzon in the Philippines. These are both strong, active peoples with a love of home and cleanly habits. Some of their young men have been attending the Trinidad Agricultural School at Baguio where they have been under the influence of our missionary, the Rev. C. R. W. Wagner, who has baptized seventeen of them. They attend the services at our chapel in Easter School. It seems a pity that these promising young men must go back to homes where they will be deprived of the help of a Christian environment.

St. Hilda's School, Wuchang, is now full to the utmost capacity and it has been found necessary to make a ruling that no children can be received below the third grade. There are twice as many girls in the Middle School as there were two years ago.

## THE BOOK TASTER

By REV. E. H. RUDD, D. D.

#### The War Refought.

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The articles in the New York Tribune on Military Strategy written during the war by William L. McPherson, were widely recognized for their value. These with many additions have been gathered into book form. They are well worthy of preservation. No one who had the daring and the ability to sit in judgment on the causes and conduct of the great struggle succeeded more worthily. A work like this, clear-sighted, with no warping bias, and highly analytical, is of the utmost value. Elaborate histories by the hundreds have been, and will be written, but none will be any more informative to the thoughtful student than this critical study of the German and Allied Military policy. It is a work of great merit.

The Strategy of the Great War. A Study of Its Campaigns and Battles in Their Relation to Allied and German Policy. By William L. McPherson. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price, \$2.50.

#### Come Now, Let Us Laugh.

"We got a taxi and was drove out in state to where the ball game was carded to take place."

Three hundred and seventy-eight pages, in nine innings, is what this book presents. It is written in the exaggerated slang of the baseball field. It is throughout true to form. They who like this sort of English as she is spoke and the story of an unlettered successful ball player, may find here the "smile a minute." They who are not up in baseball terminology will wonder where is the promised smile. Any such criticism is doubtless not fair. The book is written for a special class, the crank. He will find much merriment in it.

A Smile a Minute. By H. C. Wither. Boston: Small, Maynard & Co. Price, net, \$1.65

Mr. Horace Russell Chase, M. A., of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, is camp secretary looking after the welfare work at Camp Benning, Columbus, Ga., P. O. Box 783. Mr. Chase is very anxious to get in touch with every member of the Church who may be assigned to this camp whether officers or enlisted men. The 29th Inf., U. S. A., is the regular unit stationed there. There is also in the Infantry School the West Point Class of 1919. Relatives or friends who are able to give such information will kindly write to Mr. Chase.

Until a Bishop is consecrated for Utah that district will remain under the charge of Bishop Touret, whose address is now Boise, Idaho. Western Colorado is now under the care of Bishop I. P. Johnson of Colorado, who may be addressed at Wolfe Hall, Denver. Bishop Beecher has for the present oversight of Salina. All inquiries should be addressed to him at Hastings, Nebraska.

The Rev. Thomas Percival Bate, rector for the past five years of St. James Church, Newark, N. J., died January 11. He was graduated from Seabury Divinity School, Fairbury, Minn., in 1910 and ordained both a deacon and priest by Bishop Worthington in the same year. He was a teacher before seeking Holy Orders and had been a wide traveler.

The Church of the Holy Cross, Troy, N. Y., in the Diocese of Albany, celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on Christmas Day. It has only had two rectors. Its first rector was the Rev. Dr. J. I. Tucker, who died in 1895, and the present rector, the Rev. Ed. W. Babcock.

The Rev. Henry L. Drew, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pittsburgh, Pa., has declined a call to become rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, Vermont.

The Rev. James F. Plummer, Dean of the Convocation of Mobile, has removed from 21 South Ann St. to Toulminville, Mobile Co., a suburb.

After February 1st the business office of the Rt. Rev. Jno. N. McCormick, D.D., and of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and the diocesan paper, The Church Helper, will be removed from St. Mark's Parish to the Kelsey Building, Pearl St. and Ottawa Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Synod of the Provinces of New York and New Jersey will be held in Trinity Cathedral in Newark, beginning on Tuesday, January 27. Bishop Gailor, of Tennessee, president of the Council elected by the General Convention, will give the principal address at the opening of the Synod. It is expected that Bishop Brent will give the closing address.

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## New York Letter

By The REV. JAMES SHEERIN

### ADVERTISING THAT FAILS

Dr Manning and Dr. Slattery have called vigorous attention to some unfortunate mistakes that have been made in the publicity efforts of the Nation-Wide Campaign. Certain press matter presumably sent out by our committees, has been so garbled as to reflect on rather than illuminate Church work, and Trinity Parish seems to have been foolishly used as "a horrible example" of "the rich man's Church" which has no Sunday School worthy of the name. Such statements are stupidly unfair. One would not care if it were not for the fact that the majority of readers are stupidly ready to accept the unfair statement at even more than its face value. Besides making out that Trinity's downtown Sunday School was only one-half the size it really is, this press matter, circulated widely in country weeklies, completely ignores the fact that old Trinity's call is not at all to run Sunday Schools where there is scarcely any Sunday population. Its real call is infinitely greater in that which it does so magnificently, namely, serving as a center of great community expression for great community movements. As such it ranks with Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's, London. To get up Sunday Schools in such a place with such an opportunity is to waste effort.

Another species of publicity that seems to me utterly futile is the way certain of our East Side chapels announce their Sunday services in the Saturday papers. Following the lead of great parish churches, they select for their advertisements the papers that are read only by the educated or the well-to-do, totally oblivious to the fact that such a course is justifiable by the churches located in the way of patronage of this sort while it is rank waste of money elsewhere, unless the purpose be merely to have people of "the better sort" note the fact that there are certain ministers at the East Side chapels. No matter what we may think of them, there are papers read in the homes and clubs and barber shops of the people these chapels ought to try to reach, and those papers are neither The Times nor The Tribune nor the Evening Post. One may despise Hearst's various journals all he pleases, but if a clergyman can reach the multitude through them, he ought to do it. A little judicious discrimination in advertising is an excellent thing, and the basic principle is never to forget one's great objective and the shortest way to reach it.

### A REVIVING PARISH.

Christ Church is next to Trinity the oldest of our city parishes, but it has a distinction that it does not like as well! It has the second largest church mortgage in the city. The new rector, the Rev. John A. Atkinson, who had so many years of success in Elizabeth, N. J., and was a brief time Dean of the Atlanta, Georgia, Cathedral, is now in the second year of service at this old and run down parish, and the direction of run seems at last to be decidedly upward. To enumerate the proofs of this would take too much space, but last Sunday's papers had a couple of columns describing present doings, including an up-to-date neighborhood cafeteria in its basement, and a recent money drive that resulted in the payment of \$55,000 of its \$150,000 mortgage.

In his student days Mr. Atkinson was an amateur actor of unusual histrionic gifts, and he is today the friend of many actors and a liberal patron of the theater at its best. On a Sunday night in December he preached a strong sermon in favor of the great moral opportunity of dramatic art, and Mr. Grant Mitchell, a distinguished actor, was guest of honor and chief speaker at the subsequent forum.

## SOIL READY FOR UNION OF GREEK AND ANGLICAN CHURCHES

The Most Reverend Chrysanthos, Metropolitan of Trebizond, contributes to the Church Herald of Athens a report of his conversations in London with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. Athelstan Ripley, and other Anglicans, in reference to the relations between the Anglican and the Greek Churches. His report, from which the following extract is translated, was originally addressed to the Ecumenical Patriarchate:

"The representative of the Most Reverend Archbishop of Canterbury said that the Bishops of the American Episcopal Church who had just visited the East had stated upon their homeward trip that they had found soil ready for a union of the two churches, and that they believed that if an official proposal were made by the Anglican Church to that end, it would meet with success.

"The Archbishop's representative asked me what I thought of that. I replied that it would be well first to prepare the ground still further, so that neither Church might find itself in the painful necessity of asking questions on points which separate the two Churches before replying to the official proposal; for such hesitations might bring about a coldness between the two Churches. It would help in preparing the ground if the exchange of visits and of views were continued.

"I said it would be well if summaries of the long official discussions on the union of the Churches, which took place during the stay in London of the Most Reverend Metropolitan of Athens, were published so that the Committee of the several Patriarchates, which is considering the question of the union of the two Churches, might have them in view.

"What I said was approved, and I added that I spoke not as one authorized, but as expressing my individual opinion."

### THE CAMPAIGN IN MASSACHUSETTS.

The Nation-wide Campaign was started in the Diocese of Massachusetts on Sunday, January 11. Bishop Lawrence issued a letter to the Church people of the diocese, and also the following letter to the children, which contains a message that should be read by every boy and girl in the Church throughout the land:

"My dear Children:

"When someone calls to a lot of people, the boys and girls as well as the old people turn around and answer, 'What do you want?'

"The Church has sent out a call to everybody: and I know that you will answer, 'What do you want?'

"Well, the Church wants you. When you were baptized, you were made 'a soldier of Christ.' The Church now calls on you to be a better soldier than ever; to have more courage to do the right thing every time, to stand up for what is true and pure, to be ready if necessary to say that you belong to Christ's Church.

"The Church calls you to be helpful at home, cheerful in doing things that you don't like but which you know you ought to do; faithful at your Church school in getting your lessons; alert to get someone who has no Church school to go with you to yours, and glad to do a good turn for Christ's sake. The Church is calling to the older people to be especially faithful from now until Easter. The Church calls you from now until Easter to be especially ready to stand by her service and her work, to show yourself a loyal soldier of Christ.

"Your response goes back to the Church, 'We will.'"

For the first time in its history, the Sixth Form of Boone University, Wuchang, has been divided into two sections on account of its size. There are now seventy students in the college department and 343 in the school department.

## BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FOR GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Chicago Branch Will Raise Funds for Local and National Objects.

A benefit performance of William Gillette in Barrie's new play, "Dear Brutus," will be given in the Illinois Theater, Chicago, Monday evening, Jan. 26, for the Extension Fund of the Chicago Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society of America. The Chicago Branch of which Mrs. Robert B. Gregory is the president, has taken over the entire house on the night of the 26th and up to date the sales have been very large and it is expected that before the night of the benefit the entire house will be sold out.

"Dear Brutus," which takes its name from the lines in "Julius Caesar"—

The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,  
But in ourselves, that we are underlings,

has had a six months' consecutive run in the New York Empire Theater, and is a three act comedy and will be at the Illinois Theater for only a limited engagement. The combined interest in the play and the Girls' Friendly Society is certain to make the benefit a great success.

The Extension Fund for which the benefit is being given will be used to help in the various activities of the National Society which supports field secretaries, who found the new Branches, as well as the Lodges (boarding houses for girls), Rest and Lunch rooms in cities, and the Holiday houses where the girls can spend their vacations for a small sum per week and under the chaperonage of a secretary of the society. The great value of the Girls' Friendly Society to the parish is in the fact that it provides for the thorough organization of work for girls over twelve years of age, not only of the Church and Sunday School, but of the whole neighborhood, in a simple and natural manner. Not only are the characters of the girls builded up by means of secular and religious help but the conditions of environments of their lives are improved, when the need is apparent.

For employed girls the Society Lodges are of immense benefit, as the girls have a quiet, refined, and protected home life. The Chicago Lodge of the Society accommodates sixty girls, the dormitory rate being \$4.25 per week, including breakfast and dinner. As more of these Lodges are needed throughout the country, a portion of the benefit money from the play will go to this fund. The Diocese of Chicago has also a Holiday House for the Girls' Friendly Society at Glenn, Mich., which must be taken care of, and they also carry an endowed room at St. Luke's Hospital.

### History of the Society in a Nutshell.

In dividing the fund there will be a portion sent as a contribution to a proposed memorial in London, England, to Mrs. Townsend, who had the inspiration that made her the founder of the society. In 1873 the first meeting was held at Lambeth Palace and was followed by mass meetings all over the kingdom, and the late Queen Victoria became a patroness. In 1875 the society was formally organized. Hearing of the new organization in England and appreciating its value, Miss Edson of Lowell, Mass., proceeded with the help of Miss Alexander of Baltimore to adapt it to the needs of the American girls. After some planning and correspondence, the first branch was established in St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Lowell, Mass., in 1877, this now being the oldest branch in the United States. Today, only one of the charter members of the branch in Lowell is alive.

From this beginning the society grew rapidly and at the last census there were 934 branches in the country with 42 diocesan organizations and

over fifty thousand women and girls enrolled as members.

Chicago Branch One of the Largest.

The Chicago Branch is one of the largest in the United States and holds the interest of many of the leading society and Churchwomen in Chicago. Mrs. Robert B. Gregory, wife of the late Robert B. Gregory, former president of Lyon & Healy, is the president of this branch and has done wonderful things for the work. Miss Matilda D. Hutchinson, the first vice-president, is also an ardent worker for the branch, as is Miss Elizabeth Middleton, the second vice-president. Mrs. F. H. Bartholomew of Oak Park is the treasurer and Miss Jane Barron, secretary.

### The Patrons and Patronesses.

Among the patrons and patronesses for the benefit performance to be given on January 26 are—

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Bayley, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Bailey, Miss Florence Bartlett, Mrs. T. B. Blackstone, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Blair, Mrs. Luther Bodman, Mrs. J. J. Borland, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carr, Mrs. Wm. E. Caselberry, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Cinch, Mr. and Mrs. R. Floyd Clinch, Mrs. James C. Clow, Mr. and Mrs. Secor A. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Glessner, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Hibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Hale Holden, Miss Harriet Houghteling, Mrs. Lucius Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Ingalls, Mrs. John E. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. William V. Kelley, Mrs. W. W. Kimball, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. John deKoven, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Lobdell, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. August Magnus, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mather, Mrs. William S. North, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Payson, Mrs. Walter Peck, Mrs. Geo. M. Pullman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. ReQua, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Shortell, Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, Mrs. Byron L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Soper, Mrs. A. L. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Teter, Mrs. Henry Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. West, Miss Irene Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Winslow, and Mr. Arthur Wheeler.

## NEW GYMNASIUM FOR ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y., received on January 19th a list of the revised requirements of the educational department of the state of New York, which exercises rigid control of all collegiate institutions within the borders of the state. Unless a college lives up to these requirements it can not call itself a college in New York. These requirements represent a considerable advance in strictness over any before in effect, and so the colleges are all given until July first next to comply with them. It was with much satisfaction that the authorities of the college found that already St. Stephen's met the new and stricter regulations.

Plans for the new gymnasium, to cost when completed forty thousand dollars, are now being drawn by the firm of Hoppin & Koen of New York. It will include a gymnasium floor 40x80 feet, locker rooms for 250 men, pool and billiard rooms and bowling alleys and full facilities for dramatic entertainments and moving pictures. The building will be erected during the approaching spring and summer.

"If we can manage to make our Church people know that we are not a theological institution but a college of established reputation on the same plane as Williams and Bowdoin and Haverford and the undergraduate departments of the state universities, and that in our emphasis upon the human scale in education and upon concentrated individual instruction, we are unique among these institutions," said President Bell the other day to a group of New York clergy, "our capacity will be overtaxed ten times over."

## DEBT OF LONG STANDING FINALLY LIFTED FROM GRACE CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS.

At the parish meeting, held the first week in January, Mr. Charles H. Bender, the treasurer of Grace Church, (the Rev. G. P. T. Sargent, rector; Grand Rapids, Mich., declared that the debt which has hampered the movements of the parish for so many years had been entirely lifted, and the parish faced the world with a clean financial slate, and more nearly paid up pledges than at any time.

This is a matter of great rejoicing in the parish. It is particularly gratifying in the face of the knowledge that the expenses of the past year and the budget facing the parish for 1920—including the Nation-Wide Campaign Fund—are the greatest in the history of the parish.

During the year 1919 the Church was entirely redecorated inside to make it harmonize with the memorials given, and which are now in process of being placed. The stone and marble altar is the gift of Mrs. Jacob Kelnhans, in memory of her husband, beloved senior warden of the Church for many years. Dr. M. E. Roberts, and Mrs. Nellie H. Boer have presented windows, which are being made by Heaton, Butler & Bayne of London, England—the first in memory of Mrs. Roberts, and the second in memory of Lawrence Fuller Boer. Two beautiful chandelier lights are now placed, the gift of Mr. Eugene Berkey Jones, in the name of his two little daughters, Harriet and Katherine, members of the Church School.

It is the spirit of the parish that it can go on to even better and greater things, now that the debt is removed. The Nation-Wide Campaign Fund apportionment is a large amount to face, and a strenuous effort will be in order to meet that and the amount of the 1920 budget; but Grace Parish is confident that because of the deepened and strengthened spiritual life which has resulted from the Campaign a way will open out for the bearing of the financial load.

Though we have been unable so far to reach our full quota we have in sight for the parish expenses over twice as much as for current expenses as we had last year at this time, and we have in sight on the Nation-Wide Campaign quota three times as much as we were assessed for diocesan and general apportionment last year.

The Christmas pageant and Church School service in this parish was an unusual affair. The service began in the church with the presentation, by the boys and girls, of the pageant, "Adeste Fideles," recently written by Miss Marie Hobart. It was solemnly and reverently portrayed in a way never to be forgotten by those who took part and who saw it.

After the pageant the rector gave an address to the children and parents who crowded the church until there was only standing room. The offertory followed, each class bringing forward its basket laden with gifts for some needy family or institution in the city.

The January issue of The Spirit of Missions contains an article on the opportunity for workers in Alaska under the original title, "The Backyard Glorified." It is illustrated with clever pen-and-ink sketches by the author, the Rev. E. P. Ziegler. The cover is a reproduction of one of Mr. Ziegler's paintings. In contrast with this is an account of Epiphany in Nanking, China, "A Week's Impressions of the Panama Missions," "Pictures of the Niobrara Convocation," and "A Plea for Industrial Schools in Liberia" by a woman of the Vey tribe who was educated at our school in Cape Mount.

The Rev. Dr. Jas. W. Morris, rector of the Monumental Church, Richmond, Va., will become Dean of the Theological School at Porto Alegre, Brazil, the first of March.