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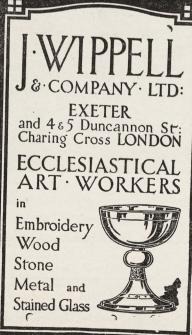
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# THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Its Great Importance This Year

BY BISHOP JOHNSON

THERE are about one million communicants in this Church who have pledged themselves to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in His mission to make His love and grace a force for right-cousness in the world.

Presumably this million are praying that His Kingdom may come into the world so that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

If these prayers are the expression of a sincere purpose they will be followed up by deeds. Too many say, "Lord! Lord!" whose prayers are worthless because they do not express the intention to do His will, as well as to ask for our daily bread.

It is one thing to "come unto Him" for help; it is the complement of the same thing to "Go into all the world."

The two go together if our service is to be acceptable. It is the duty of each one who says the prayer to do something to make the prayer a reality and not merely a platitude. It is the privilege of some to give their persons to Christ in service; others hold back of their persons, but open their purses; and some hold back everything else and open merely their mouths.

This is the season of the Every Member Canvass, which is the annual test of persons, purses and mouths.

Some are ready to undertake the invidious task of going from house to house in order that the parish may know the resources with which to meet the budget. Some are ready and willing to meet the need by pledging generously for the work of the Church. And some (may their tribe decrease) meet the opportunity by giving an alibi why they neither serve nor give.

No one has yet succeeded in running a parish on these alibis.

What is the budget of our service to Christ for 1926? In round numbers, about forty millions; not a large sum



BISHOP VINCENT

Host of the Girls' Friendly

for a million people whose resources are in the billions. Yet in the aggregate it seems a goodly sum. Of this forty millions it will take about thirty millions to run our parochial machinery; about six millions to maintain our diocesan organization and about four millions to support our national program. Surely the output is rather small, considering the overhead.

If you will think of the parish as a factory, its output for universal right-eousness is not extravagantly large, but it is as big as our vision. That has been demonstrated in the past six

Another point to consider is that while the income of the parishes has more than doubled in the past six years, that of the National Council has been nearly at a standstill.

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We have said, "Thy kingdom come" with reservations, confining the visitation of progress to the limited area of parochial responsibility and using up the surplus in various improvements that seemed locally needed.

Moreover, the generosity needed to make our prayers potent outside the circle of our immediate needs must necessarily come from those parishes whose margin of income over necessities is great.

If the Church is to engage in spiritual adventure it must do so on its margins; it cannot do so out of its necessities.

In order to arrive at the measure of its service, parish, diocese and National Council must have some definite idea of its expectancy. If the parish pledges a salary to a rector or the diocese employs clergymen to do its difficult tasks or the National Council sends missionaries to the field, it must have the assurance of the faithful that they will furnish the necessary means to carry on the program.

The deficit of the National Council represents the difference between such sum as the National Council expected us to give and that which we failed to give. Therefore, it is our deficit and not theirs; our failure to measure up to a reasonable requisition; not their extravagance in estimating what we ought to have given.

But now that the payment of the deficit is assured, the National Council has been instructed by the General Convention to plan its work by the assurances received in January, 1926, from each parish and diocese in the country.

There is no other way to give this assurance than to make a canvass of

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the million from whom it must come.

If you fail to make your canvass, you cannot give the necessary assurance and you, then, and not the National Council, will be responsible for the closing of work or the discharge of workers.

The inertia which refuses to give the needed assurance will be the cause of any retrogression in the work of the Church.

And this canvass should cover 100 per cent of the members; not 75 per cent, or 85 per cent, but the whole constituency; as the failure of any individual to pledge for the whole work of the Church will be directly responsible for any retraction in the work of the Church.

Every individual who fails to pledge his share will become directly responsible for the failure to carry on the work of the Kingdom.

It is, therefore, imperative if we are to play the game according to the rules for every rector to see that a canvass is made and for every individual to see that he is doing his part to serve the Master. The fact that you do not wish to make a canvass or to be canvassed is merely a confession that you belong to an army in which you place your own prejudices above the general orders of the body to which you belong.

There will be no financial problem in this Church if every one does his part to play the game according to the rules

# Let's Know By Rev. Frank E. Wilson

# FIRST THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

THE New England Thanksgiving dates from 1633, when a day was set apart for that purpose by the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The annual presidential proclamations designating the last Thursday in November date from the time of Abraham Lincoln in 1863. But what may well be called the first really national observance comes to us from the time of George Washington, who issued a proclamation under date of Jan. 1, 1795, calling for a Thanksgiving Day to be observed on Thursday, Feb. 19 of that same year. It may be interesting to see some of the things he had to say.

"When we review the calamities which afflict so many other nations, the present condition of the United States affords much matter of consolation and satisfaction. Our exemption hitherto from foreign war, an increasing prospect of the continuance of that exemption, the great degree of internal tranquility we have enjoyed, the recent confirmation of that tranquility by the suppression of an in-

#### Our Cover

The window illustrated on our cover is one of a series designed for St. Peter's Church, Morristown, N. J. In the center is the presentation of Our Lord in the temple. The aged Simeon holds in his arms the infant Jesus, who looks down at His mother who kneels below. The small panel shows the flight into Egypt; while that on the left is Our Lord with the doctors in the temple, and the right, the home life in the carpenter shop. The window is the work of James Powell & Sons, London.

surrection which so wantonly threatened it, the happy course of our public affairs in general, the unexampled prosperity of all classes of our citizens—are circumstances which peculiarly mark our situation with indications of the Divine Beneficence towards us. In such a state of things it is, in an especial manner, our duty as a people, with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God and to implore Him to continue and confirm the blessings we experience.

"Deeply penetrated with this sentiment, I, George Washington, President of the United States, do recommend to all Religious Societies and Denominations and to all persons whomsoever within the United States to set apart and observe Thursday, the nineteenth day of February next as a day of public Thanksgiving and prayer, and on that day to meet together and render their sincere and hearty thanks to the great ruler of nations for the manifold and signal mercies, which distinguish our lot as a nation; particularly for the possessions of constitutions of government which unite and by their union establish liberty with order, for the preservation of our peace, foreign and domestic, for the seasonable control which has been given to a spirit of disorder in the suppression of the late insurrection, and generally for the prosperous course of our affairs public and private; and at the same time humbly and fervently to beseech the kind Author of these blessings graciously to prolong them to us-to imprint on our hearts a deep and solemn sense of our obligations to Him for them-to teach us rightly to estimate their immense value—to preserve us from the arrogance of prosperity and from hazarding the advantages we enjoy by delusive pursuits-to dispose us to merit the continuance of His favors, by not abusing them, by our gratitude for them, and by a cormen—to render this country more and more a safe and propitious asylum for the unfortunate of other countries—to extend among us true and useful knowledge—to diffuse and establish habits of sobriety, order, morality, and piety and finally to impart all the blessings we possess, or ask for ourselves, to the whole family of mankind."

The proclamation is signed by George Washington and by Edward Randolph, Secretary of State. Could Washington have foreseen the United States 130 years ahead, I doubt if he would have changed much of his proclamation. He would have been just that much more thankful.

# Cheerful Confidences

By Rev. George Parkin Atwater

BUILDING UP A CONFIRMATION CLASS

A WELL known judge, who was a devoted Churchman, was accustomed to ask puzzling questions of his friends among the clergy. One of his favorite questions came as a climax to a series. He began in this way:

way:
"Does the Church teach that Confirmation is not joining the Church?"
Upon being assured that the Church so taught, he continued:

"Is a person baptized in the Presbyterian Church a member of the Episcopal Church?"

It required a good deal of explanation to make clear the significance of baptism. But it did not satisfy the judge.

"I have two friends, a man and his wife. They were baptized in the Presbyterian Church and became members of it. But a few years ago they were confirmed in a certain parish of the Episcopal Church. If confirmation is not joining the Church, when did they become members of the Episcopal Church?"

When my turn came to be catechized by the judge, I replied that, in my opinion, having been baptized, they became members of the Episcopal Church at the very moment in which they made an acknowledgment to a priest or bishop of their desire and intention to be admitted to the membership in the Church.

To my surprise the judge agreed that such must be the conclusion from the facts.

If this be true, then this Church ought to have a formal way of receiving members. That is, we ought to have a service, by whose specific terms a baptized person may conform to the Church and definitely become a member.

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often than once a year. That is not often enough for our purpose. every large community there are many people who have been baptized in some other church, but who have come into some sort of contact with our Church. If such a person says to the rector in July, "I should like to become a member of the Episcopal Church," what does the rector say? "You must place yourself under instructions and next May, when the bishop comes, I shall present you for confirmation." It is true that the rector may admit such persons to the Holy Communion before confirmation, but even that does not satisfy the needs of our work.

What we ought to be able to say to such a person is this, "I shall be glad to admit you to membership in the Church. On next Sunday I shall ask you openly to renew your baptismal vows, and I shall admit you to membership, provided, of course, that when the bishop comes you will be confirmed."

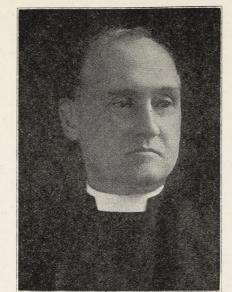
If the Church had a very simple service of admission which it could use frequently, the rector could make an approach to many a person who would not be interested in a confirmation class ten months away.

Steadily, throughout the year, he could persuade persons to take this initial step of conformity. It would become a familiar step to the congre-People would have the gation. chance to see it from time to time. Its frequent recurrence would tend to persuade the hesitent.

I do not believe we appreciate how many people are reluctant to be confirmed because they think that it is an ordeal in which they may be embarrassed. Many persons in our confirmation classes have never seen a confirmation until the one of which they are a part.

A simple service of affiliation which could be used once a month, by which baptized adults could conform to the Church, would permit a rector to have continuously a method of gaining the decision of many persons. It would also assure him a confirmation class, which would have the advantage of many months' preparation.

I believe that our doctrines of baptism, and of confirmation, and our



BISHOP BREWSTER Pontificates at Catholic Congress

practices, are logically and theologically agreeable to such a service of conformity.

Could we not persuade some bishop to prepare such a service and to authorize it in his diocese? We should soon discover if it had the advantages which I claim for it. If it did not meet any real needs, it could be discontinued. It is worth a trial.

### The Council's Work

By Alfred Newbery

TWO THINGS NEEDFUL

GENERAL Convention is over. Looked at from the point of view of one who was not there, and who followed it only through the papers, it registered a growing consciousness on the part of the Church that the parochial, diocesan and national aspects of the Church's life and task are but aspects-that all are fitly joined together, that they are not naturally competitive and that one cannot be stressed at the expense of the others without harm to the body.

The means by which that con-sciousness of being one Church with one task has been stimulated were given at New Orleans a greater measure of sympathetic support than ever before. It is recognized that we must have some organization, some distribution of literature, some financial objectives, that an every-member canvass is a good thing and should be prepared for.

But there are two dangers which grow in importance along with the growth of this consciousness of oneness and of the steps that stimulate

scheme. There is no plan for awakening a parish which does not need adapting that can be done only locally. Also there is no adapting which can properly be done without an understanding of the principles underlying the thing adapted. Any chart, plan, or book of organization, handed to me by national or diocesan organization is to save my time, not to save my thought, and I must not try to put its steps into effect until I have understood the principle on which those steps are based. Otherwise the whole thing is turned into a machine instead of a life.

It is not a question of my being unable in my parish to get a discussion group together. The question is: do I believe strongly enough in my religion to want to try to get hold of even one person! If there is real religion in me, I will face the task as a possible one. Too often we are likely to say, "That is going to be a very hard thing to do," meaning that in our hearts we really believe it is impossible! And that, of course, kills it. Of course it is hard. But is it important? If it is we shall face its difficulty as one faces every other necessity, not as an alibi, but as something somehow to be disposed

If I believe, then I am worried as to the "how" of my operations. All the plans and schemes and books that come may prove very helpful here if I try to understand what they mean, and why they propose doing things in this or that particular way. All I need to know after that is my own group or individual to be reached. If I let my imagination play on it or him, I shall see how these principles can be applied in this case. And I may find that much of a particular scheme works.

But the time must pass when we can say, "Nothing like that works in this parish." If the principle is right, something like that must work in this or any other parish, and we are lacking either in essential faith or in imagination sufficient to make real to ourselves the people to be reached.

Do not believe a book because it is a book. But do not reject it because it is merely a book. Accept or reject it on the principles it claims to be based on. And if the principles approve themselves, apply them. Whether they are to be applied as the book suggests or otherwise depends on the local situation and our ability to envisage it.

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St. Andrew's, Albany, New York, Rev. C. W. Findlay, rector, has completed a campaign for a new church building. The parish needs \$225,000 to do the job as planned. This cam-

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# YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

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THE GREATEST GAME IN THE WORLD

By Rev. Ellis B. Dean

EVERYONE is interested in games. We all love movement, the zest of chance. We cheer the winner; we cheer the good loser.

All life is a great game. Each, if he is earnest and full of high resolve, is trying to make the most of himself in the game of life.

How many have tried the jig-saw puzzle, and thought how it bears a striking analogy to the great puzzle of the ages? Here is a collection of pieces of wood, curious, awkward in shape, with fragments of a picture on both sides. The puzzle is to fit them together, forming a perfect square. A picture is thus formed; on one side, perhaps, is a Chinese garden with houses, people, birds and trees; or possibly a magazine girl, with all the accessories.

When the square is complete, all locked together, then it can be turned over and another picture is on the reverse side-fairies dancing in a glen, or St. Paul's Cathedral. Sometimes a different picture can be formed by joining the picture in other ways, but if it is turned over, there is no sense in the collection on the back side, and generally there are lots of pieces left

The picture on top must be according to the first intention to make the back as it was meant to be.

Now, life is a kind of jig-saw puzzle, with very curious fragments. Our business is to fit them together to make a perfect square with a true picture. There are some very strange and awkward pieces to put in place. We are all playing at the game; each has a set of pieces. We may play at it, or work at it—no matter how, everyone is taking part in the game.

Sometimes there are a few pieces left over; these are the lives poorly fitted together. Let us look at a few.

Many young men are working well; some are having a hard time putting their pieces together. These are making a bad job of getting even a straight edge to start on, and some pieces are left over-industry, study, kindness, courtesy, for example. They are making some kind of a picture, but not the one intended.

Most young women are playing the game well, but, like some of the young men, there is a type which can't get all the pieces together. She has some left over-modesty, homeduty, common sense, religion. She is not making the picture intended.

Men in public life are playing a

very fascinating game. Some are doing well, and some are making a bad They cannot even get a straight edge for a good start.

Even socialists and reformers have some pieces left out, such as charity, and the other man's angle.

It is a very busy world; all are playing at the game—some fumbling at it, some not caring much if only amusement is furnished, some in dead

But there's only one way to fit all the pieces into a perfect square. Do you ask what is that way? Here's the answer: A Christian life, living with Jesus Christ in the center, each side of the square formed in a straight line according to His rules: "Wisdom," "Stature," "Favor With God," "and Man," loving God with all the "Mind," "Strength," "Soul," and "Body."

And there is the larger square, made up of all the millions of smaller squares. Do you ask how to form the larger square? Here's the answer: A Christian people, living in a Christian world, with Jesus Christ in the center.

We can arrange the pieces many ways, but to be a picture of a perfect life, there must be a reflection of the Divine Image. Then when all the pieces are fitted together and a perfect square formed, and all the squares fitted together and the Perfect Square formed, turn it over and what is found? The Vision of God Our Father.

We have interpreted God as He is when our life is what it ought to be-Christ in the middle and our Father at the back of all causes. God is seen through His Son, and men ought to see Christ through us.

Who would not wish to play the most fascinating game in the worldand win!

#### HAS YOUR SOCIETY?

Has your Society promoted a Men and Boys' Corporate Communion? For seven years the first Sunday in Advent has been a time when the men and boys of the Church have had a Corporate Communion in their respective parishes all over the land. Thousands now join together in this practice which is growing into large proportions. If no effort is being made in your parish, how about starting it this year? November 29th is the date.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Christ is not valued at all unless He be valued above all."-St. Augus-

### Preacher, Pulpit and Pew

Edited by E. P. Jots

PREACHER who was weary of A the sight of empty pews,

And whose flock was rather careless as to paying up its dues,

Decided that his methods were oldfashioned and effete,

And should be made more appealing to the man upon the street.

So a large electric signboard graced the meeting house's front,

And the parson fished for sinners with a Sunday morning stunt,

Such as showing snappy movies, with selections by the choir,

And the ushers and the deacons in appropriate attire.

In the evening there was music by the barber shop quartet,

And the very best magician it was possible to get.

The parson made his sermons less didactic and more brief,

And was heartily applauded, to his very great relief.

The public came a-flocking, and the empty pews were filled,

With S.R.O. when ragtime by the organist was billed.

They found the stunts amusing, at the movies they would weep,

And a nickel at collection made the entertainment cheap.

But the parson soon discovered he was trying to compete

With the vaudeville the-ayter that was just across the street.

Which, he found with disappointment, was invariably packed

When a group of sprightly maidens did a hula-hula act.

Then he reached the grim conclusion that he didn't have a chance,

For his deacons and their ladies barred the hula-hula dance; And the parson learned the lesson,

which so many of us know, That you can't have any scruples when you start to give a show.

> STODARD KING, in The Spokesman Review.

Parson-"You love to go to Sunday

School, don't you, Robert?"
Bobby—"Yes, sir."
Parson—"What do you expect to

learn today?" Bobby-"The date of the picnic."

"How is it, Katie, that I never see you at Sunday School?" asked the

vicar's wife. "Oh, please ma'am, I'm having music lessons; mother doesn't want

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### Labor Leader's Motto As Slogan For Church

Dr. Abbott Urges People of Church to Realize the Importance of Their Job

#### **EVOLUTION AGAIN**

By Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott Mr. Will Crooks, late lamented Labor Leader, one of the sanest of his kind and day, used to tell the story of an old man who was breaking stones by the roadside, when a flippant youth stopped and enquired: "Hello, old chap! Whatever are you up to?" The stone breaker lifted a pair of calm eyes to the youth and replied: "I am building the King's Highway."

It would be hard to improve upon an answer like that. Surely, that is the sort of business in which as Christians we are, or ought to be, engaged. "Building the King's Highway." It is something to remember. Bless Will Crooks for having left the tale behind him. The application runs in every direction. We think of the words just now in relation to a suggestion that appeared in the report of the Joint Committee on the Budget and Program, presented to the General Convention in New Orleans. The suggestion was unanimously adopted, and in effect it is this: "On or before the fifteenth of January each year, the treasurer of each diocese or missionary district shall report to the treasurer of the National Church what may be expected from the diocese or missionary district during the coming year, and at the first meeting of the National Council in February the National Council shall so adjust appropriations as not to exceed such expectations, plus interest on invested

It is the attempt to avoid all deficits in the future. The idea was sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and God grant that it may prove effective in the direction in which it is aimed. The danger in it, inherent and obvious, may only be eliminated by the Church people of each diocese and missionary district realizing that it is incumbent upon every Christian to realize that he or she is occupied or should be occupied in "building the King's Highway." There must be no falling down from original assessment through the recognition that "an expectation" will fill the bill. King's business requires haste," and the building of His Highway, both at home and abroad, demands giving, to the point of sacrifice and beyond.

It will be remembered that there was a great foregathering of Methodists in Washington last October at the unveiling of the equestrian statue of Bishop Asbury, the founder of American Methodism. We are interested to find that Methodists throughout the United States are inaugurating a movement to submit the worthy Bishop's name for placement in the National Hall of Fame at New York University. "There were giants in those days," giants who expended many years in the arduous proclamation of the Gospel of Christ, and Bishop Asbury was numbered among the greatest. We wish the Methodists all success in their praiseworthy endeavors.

It is interesting to realize that of the sixty-three names already placed in the Hall of Fame, five are preachers-Jonathan Edwards, Henry Ward Beecher, William E. Channing, Phillips Brooks and Roger Williams. us hope that another Episcopalian preacher may eventually be added out of the number of us who are "holding forth" in this generation! Surely it would be difficult to make a selection-were our own convictions consulted! As a preacher ask your brother preacher about it-and see him blush!

The world famous Bible student and expositor, Dr. Campbell Morgan has recently said that "to pray is to wish forward." Yes, but—is it not sometimes to "wish backward"? "Forgive us our trespasses" would seem to indicate such a direction. "Lord have mercy upon us"-suggests not only the living present and the prospective future, but, also, the seared and haunting past. To be able to cover all tenses and their needs in that phase of prayer known as petition, what a blessed and ever-necessary "range" it is!

The Convention of Colored Baptists in session in Baltimore has distinguished, or extinguished, itself by deciding against the truth of the evolutionary hypothesis in the space of twenty-five minutes! "The Seven Days" of creation have been expanded in periods and aeons of time; but, it only takes our Colored Baptist brethren a short half hour to determine the inanity of Charles Darwin and kindred spirits! Verily, this is an age of speed! The motor car has nothing on the rapidity with which the intellectual processes of the Negro arrive at revolutionary conclusions!

All Saints was a great day at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in St. Paul, Minnesota. First of all the former rector, now the bishop of Spokane, Rt. Rev. Edward M. Cross, was present. He celebrated at the early service and preached at the later service. Then it was made an occasion for rejoicing over finding such a competent successor to Bishop Cross in the Rev. Frederick D. Butler. Lastly the new Chancel furnishings were blessed.

### Christians Gather To Discuss Race Problem

Federal Council of Churches Holds Number of Conferences in Interest of Better Race Relations

#### AN EXPERIMENT

As a step toward racial understanding, goodwill and justice, an experiment will be conducted in Illinois by a group of national organizations during the next few weeks. Thousands of persons throughout the country will watch the outcome with interest, say those directing the movement.

The plans call for a series of interracial conferences in cities throughout the state. Churches, social agencies, Y. M. C. A.'s, and in two cities chambers of commerce, are taking part. Meetings will be held in six cities in various parts of the state, and it is possible that the conferences will be carried to other cities. If the experiment is successful the same plan, leaders say, will be carried out in other states.

Outstanding men and women of both the White and Negro races will sit down to discuss mutual problems. On the program are such matters as housing, education, health, social hygiene, recreation and church life. As a preliminary to these meetings, the first of which was to be held at Evanston on November 10 and 11, the local communities have been making a study of conditions among the colored people and their relations to white people.

The six cities and the dates on which the meetings will be held are: Evanston, Nov. 10 and 11; Peoria, Nov. 12 and 13; Danville, Nov. 15 and 16; Quincy, Nov. 17 and 18; Decatur, Nov. 19 and 20; Champaign, Nov. 22 and 23.

A team of five persons, of which three will be colored and two white, will visit these cities. The two white members will be Dr. Will M. Alex-ander, director of the Interracial Commission, with headquarters at Atlanta, and the Rev. Ralph C. Mc-Afee, secretary of the Kansas City Council of Churches. The colored members will be Franklin O. Nichols, associate educational secretary of the American Social Hygiene Association, the Rev. Irving K. Merchant, field representative of the Commission on Race Relations in Illinois, and Dr. George E. Haynes, secretary of the Commission on Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches.

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### **English Church Faces** Prayer Book Revision

Church of England Is Having Its Own Troubles Over Revision of Prayer Book

#### HIT AT AMERICANS

By Rev. A. Manby Lloyd The House of Bishops met in the Hoare Memorial Hall of the Church House to consider the revision of the Book of Common Prayer, as set out in the Revised Prayer Book (Permissive Use) Measure of 1923. On Monday they met in private; on Tuesday the gallery was thrown open to the public, and was well filled when in the presence of all the Diocesan Bishops (except Southwell), the Archbishop rose to speak. He spoke obviously under a strong sense of the gravity of the occasion, and with more than his usual emotion; he was followed by the Bishop of Norwich, who said they dare not go emptyhanded to those who would be expecting a new Prayer Book, but Dr. Henson objected to a motion that would postpone the issue. The object of the Royal Commission was to restore the reign of law in the C. of E. He noticed two kinds of lawlessness, one of an innocent type springing from the obsolecence of rubrics; the other actuated by a confessed desire not to carry out the letter or spirit of the Prayer Book. .... In short, "down with the Romanisers."

The debate was kept at a high level, till the ubiquitous Bishop Barnes rose to denounce the "Fetish Worship" of the Left Wing of Anglo-Catholicism, with all the assurance of a distinguished mathematician. They had, he said, reached a stage when the English Church would have to consider whether it would continue to be the heir of a theology based upon renaissance learning. Within the Church there was a body which, so far from desiring a continuance of renaissance conditions, wished to go behind it and to reestablish the beliefs and superstitions of the middle ags. The cultus of the reserved sacrament was, to the student of comparative religion, the recrudescence of fetish worship, and the modern man of science would not accept a religion in which that gained expression. The operations of God were limited by the conditions created by humanity, and at the present time those conditions were exceptionally unfavorable for a right expression of religious belief.

The Bishop of London did not want it to go out that the great bulk of the Anglo-Catholics took a superstitious view of the Holy Communion. He repudiated that absolutely. The

great mass of Anglo-Catholics were anxious to be loval, but they felt that a reasonable liberty had never been given to them. He urged their Lordships to face the whole problem of revision.

This from Mr. Chesterton's week

ly:
"While in no way agreeing with the political views of Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Labor ex-Home Secretary ( and a very good one, too.) we cannot help consoling with him in the extraordinary and foolish insult levelled at him by the business men of Hartford, Connecticut. The National Security League of America objected to him as a Socialist and Internationalist. Over here we know 'Uncle Arthur' as an honest nonconformist, a mild Trade Unionist, an excellent citizen, and a harmless politician. But the 'go-getters' of America think otherwise. It is this sort of stupid bigotry which makes America ridiculous in the eyes of the world."

The Bishop of Lichfield deals, in his "Magazine." with what he describes as "a serious summer problem"—that is, the problem of the Sunday tripper. No one can lightly condemn the Sunday exodus, says Dr. Kempthorne, but "Sunday is a day of worship as well as the day of "The clergy and congregations of country churches," the bishop adds, "would warmly welcome strangers who wish to worship in their church and to make that worship a part of the enjoyment of the day. There are churches close to our main roads and in all the places of popular resort. No doubt some travellers come to their services. Why not many more? We have too many 'associations,' and I hesitate to propose another. But I sometimes think that a 'Sunday League of Town and Country' might meet a need. Members of town congregations who want to have a Sunday in the country, could join the League and be supplied with a list of country churches and their hours of services."

The consecration of Dr. Burroughs as Bishop of Ripon is expected to take place on January 6th, and the enthronement in the following

Rev. Bertram L. Smith, assistant at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas, has accepted a call to the rectorship of St. Barnabas', Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Smith has, for several years been the head of the department of religious education in the diocese of Dallas, and had a large share in starting the conferences held each summer at St. Mary's College.

# Catholic Churchmen Meet in Convention

Your Pledge This Year to National Work Will Determine Nature and Extent of Work

#### CLERICAL CHANGES

By Rev. W. B. Spofford Catholic Congress in New Haven. Father Hughson O. H. C., in a paper, 'What is the Episcopal Church?" said that the Episcopal Church has no doctrine that is distinctive, declared that the Catholic faith is the only faith the Church recognizes, and pleaded that the name "Protestant" be dropped. In a paper on "Faith Healthe Rev. Selden P. Delany, associate rector of St. Mary the Virgin, New York, stated that three of the best medicines that God has given humanity are sacramental confession, frequent communions, and a life of prayer and devotion. The Rev. Francis J. Hall, professor at the General Seminary denied the current fallacy that illness is always evil and contrary to the will of God. Papers on the Bible were read by Rev. W. P. McCune of New York and by Prof. C. S. Baldwin of Columbia University. The Rev. Charles L Gomph of Newark read a paper on Holy Unction. The big event of the Congress was the solemn Pontifical Mass in which four bishops in cope and mitre and a large number of vested clergy took part. The next Catholic Congress will be held next year in Milwaukee.

The advertisement on the last page of this issue carries one of the most vital messages that has ever appeared in THE WITNESS. There is real danger that the people of the Church will not realize it until it is too late. It amounts to this: The National Council is compelled by the action taken at the General Convention to figure the budget on the basis of reports that are to be submitted by the dioceses in January. The dioceses, of course, will base their reports on the reports of the parishes, who in turn will base their reports on the total pledges of the folks in the pew. Thus this Every Member Canvass business is really a referendum. Each and every Church member is being asked: "Shall we cut out some of the work now being done by the National Council? Shall we recall missionaries?" Be generous with your pledge, and as generous in paying it after it is made, and your vote is for keeping up the work of the past, and even extending it. It is up to the people. There is democracy for you. But democracy has one great weakness . . . . people sometimes vote without knowing what the issues are.

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gates from practically all of the dioceses and with representatives from several foreign countries. They changed the Central Rules, which have disturbed many people for years. The rules are now stated positively instead of negatively. Resolutions were passed favoring the ratification of the Child Labor Amendment, affirming its belief in world peace, and urging the United States to become a member of the International Court. All of the old officers were reelected. A great corporate communion was celebrated in St. Paul's Cathedral on November first, attended by 500 members of the Society. The celebrant was Bishop Vincent, assisted by Bishop Reese, Dean Jones and the Rev. J. D. Herron. Bishop Tucker of the Virginia Seminary preached. There were many social events in connection with the Convention.

The Rev. Robert Kreitler of Scranton, Pa., is taking a prominent part in the Community Chest Drive. Episcopal parsons seem to be leaders in this sort of thing.

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Rev. R. D. Crawford was ordained priest by Bishop Burleson at Grace Church, Huron, S. D., last week. Mr. Crawford has charge of three missions in the district.

Organists from five churches and the combined choirs of several parishes took part in a great choral service at All Saints', Worcester, Mass., last Sunday night. The Rev. E. T. Sullivan of Newton Centre was the preacher.

The Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev. A. F. W. Ingram, is to visit this country next year for lectures

Sir Henry Lunn, editor of the Review of the Churches, is to deliver the Washington Birthday address in St. Paul's, New York. Funny, the things that can happen in a hundred and fifty years. \*

Canon Plant has been elected rector emeritus of Christ Church, Gardiner, Maine, in recognition of the thirty years he has served the church.

Too early to get your suggestions on present-day famous Episcopalians. Guess I'll have to give you another. Alright . . . Charles Rann Kennedy, the author of "A Servant in the House," one of the greatest plays ever written. Ought to mention his wife too . . . can't leave these women folks out of Church affairs altogether. She is Edith Wynne Mattheson, one of the greatest living actresses. Send in your

This paragraph from an address made last Thursday by Dr. H. H. Hart, one of the heads of the Russell

Sage Foundation should interest Church folks who are following the plan of the department of social service in giving special study to the problem of jails. He said:

"The United States Government having no jails of its own is using one-third of all the city and county jails in the country without paying any rent, and is boarding out more than 7,000 prisoners-including many who are merely awaiting trial-to local jails over which the Federal Government has no control and many of which are desperately overcrowded, reeking of physical and moral filth."

The Rev. John T. Ogburn, late of Youngstown, Ohio, has taken charge of Holy Cross, Harrisburg, Pa., and of St. Barnabas', Altoona.

By the will of Mr. C. H. Hampton \$15,000 goes to St. Barnabas Hospital, Newark, and \$50,000 for the new parish house of Grace Church, Newark. The rest of the estate, the amount of which is not know, but which is

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Rev. A. J. Cuffee, St. Philip's, New York City, has accepted a call to St. Mark's, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

All Saints, Brookland, Pa., famed for its beauty, has received by the will of the late Mrs. Sterrett of Baltimore, an addition of \$5000 to its endowment, and also money for four memorial windows. The family of Mrs. Sterrett has promised to refurnish and redecorate the church. The Rev. H. D. Speakman is rector.

The Church is again taking the lead in a trying industrial tangle . . . the fight between the owners of the mines in the anthracite coal fields and the workers. The Rev. J. J. Curran, the pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Scranton, Pa., is doing everything in his power to bring the contending factions together in conference. More power to him.

Here is the monthly letter from Mr.



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"Ali of the Dioceses noted last

month as having paid their proportionate share of the Budget to date are still in the honor column with the exception of Maryland and we know that this is only a temporary set back. Their Treasurer has not been well.

"Of the Dioceses noted last month as being way behind last year, Virginia, Mississippi, Michigan and Ohio have made fair recoveries; but something is still the matter with Washington, South Carolina, South Florida, Upper South Carolina, and West Missouri. Maybe the weather is still hot in those Dioceses."

Bishop Fiske of Central New York was the speaker at the Layman's dinner in Albany on the 17th.

The bishops of Albany, Nelson and Oldham, have sent out a pastoral letter on Missions. This letter was read in the churches last Sunday, preceding the Every Member Canvass set for that day. The letter stressed the

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It would not be just to say that these figures, large as they are, measure up to what we aimed to accomplish, but under existing conditions, with increased cost of manufacture and our limited means, we may confidently assert we have done our best to be faithful to our trust. Needless to say, whatever assistance we have been able to extend has been greatly appreciated.

Today a new year confronts us, the Church is expanding rapidly and as the opportunity for greater service faces us, the demands made upon our resources, will, of necessity, become more difficult of fulon, and we will, and with faith abundant, we shall surely find at the year's end that we have carried on far better than ever before.

All contributions for our work will be gratefully acknowledged, and we would welcome additions to our endowment, as well as individual and Church donations. May vidual and Church donations. May we not ask, therefore, that our clergy, on Bible Sunday, emphasize the great missionary task we are endeavoring to accomplish, and afford our Church people an oppor-tunity to forward this so important work with liberal contributions?

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vital importance of loyal and generous support of the Church's mission work.

My friend Gilbert Symons, rector at Glendale, Ohio, has an article in Harper's for November from which I steal this paragraph which seems to me to be very beautiful: "Above all other bonds I love the Church of Christ. She is His bride and the mother of a new mankind. Blemishes she has because she welcomes weak men like me into her Family. But how reasonable is her service! In her the meanest find a place: the noblest can never outgrow her size. She knows no class nor nation . . . only the children of men. Blemishes she has, but if that is due to weak men like me, shall I blame her? Rather let me repent of my sins and learn her obedience, her faith, her hope, her prayer, her worship and her good works. In short, let me learn in her Family to live in love. Thanks be to Thee, Heavenly Father, Merciful Savior, Holy Spirit. Thanks for this Love."

Here is a pretty little pastime for petty Christians. The churches of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, have just copied the New Testament with every verse written by a different person. It took 7,959 people in all to do the job, each one signing his name after the verse. Some scholar about a thousand years from now is going to have a merry time when that book is dug out of the ruins, what?

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A group of people in Albany, N. Y., are buying a page in the Saturday edition of a daily paper to display the merits of attending church. Bishop Nelson was the copy writer last week. He gives three reasons for attending church: First, it is an act of positive faith; second, it is a recognition of spiritual values; third, it is an act of self-secrifice.

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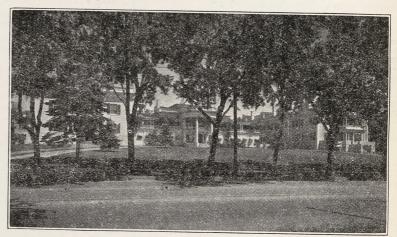
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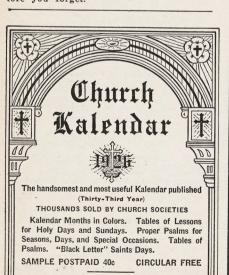
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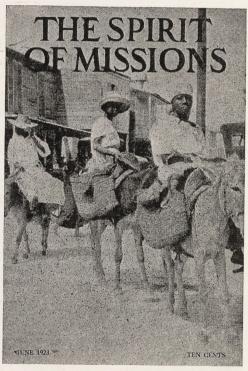
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# The National Council Said "NO"

Drafting a bread and butter Budget based on the existing world-wide work of the Church, the National Council passed the question on to the General Convention.

# The General Convention Said "NO"

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