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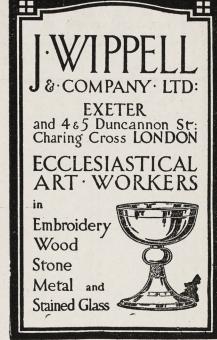






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# THE CATHOLIC CONGRESS

#### An Impression

BY BISHOP JOHNSON

THE Catholic Congress was a most enthusiastic gathering of very able and very genial folk who love the Master and express their devotion in prayer and constructive study.

There was no apparent indication that these people desired to grasp any temporal power or to acknowledge the supremacy of any foreign hierarchy.

As a rule they criticised themselves more severely than they did anyone else and seemed to be earnestly seeking how they could be more effective in their witness for Christ.

They seemed to be most anxious to sustain the Church in her whole program and so to live that they might help others to find the same joy and peace that they had found in the promises of their Saviour,

Of course they take these promises very literally.

They believe that when Christ said: "This is my Body" that He spoke of a reality and not of a mere figure of speech.

They believe that when He said "whosoever sins ye remit they are remitted," that He "gave power and commandment to His ministers, to declare and pronounce to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins."

They believe that the Holy Catholic Church is the Body of Christ and they surround the worship of the Church as though she were indeed a bride prepared for her husband.

They take the preparation of the altar and its appointments as seriously as my lady takes the adornment of her table for honored guests and they are as punctilious in the ritual of the altar as were the Jewish priests or as are our Masonic brethren.

The fact that in doing this they seem to resemble Rome is no more to be wondered at then that they seem to resemble the Greek Church whose dignitaries were there to participate in the services.

All three, Greek, Roman and Anglican, go back to the ancient liturgies of the primitive Church for the justification of their practices which are really very reasonable when one takes the trouble to study their significance. The attitude of animosity to them reminds one of the question which the Younger Pliny, procurator of Bythenia, asked of the Emperor Trojan as to whether he was to punish Christians merely because they were Christians or because, being Christians, they committed crimes which were deserving of punishment.

It is a strange thing to me that some members of the Church are less fraternal in their attitude to Anglicans whose chief offense seems to be that they have revived and continued the ancient customs of the Church, than they are to dissenters who have separated from the communion of the Church.

Of course the Church has its extreme right and its extreme left, as every estate in which there is liberty always has had.

It may be that Catholics lay the greater emphasis on Edification and the Evangelicals on Evangelization, but both of these emphases are much needed, and if we have a care for the young today we will find that definite convictions and spiritual practices are a better and surer safeguard than individual sentimentality which is so easily susceptible to perversion. All young people have sentiments, and these sentiments are their weakness as well as their strength. I am inclined to think that the child brought up to face sin as a thing to be abhorred and

to be treated by a physician is in a much safer way than those who fancy that sinful traits can be eradicated by spasmodic revivals.

Some day parents will wake up to the fact that the one thing we must not do is to serve God casually and to deal with sin by absent treatment.

The one thing needful behind all our religious effort is earnestness and the one thing that impressed one in the Catholic Congress was the earnestness of all concerned.

Temperamentally I am not a ritualist but I am a believer in supernatural grace, and if God chooses to appeal to the imagination of youth through symbols I am not going to impose my somewhat Platonic tendencies as a wet blanket upon the methods that He inaugurated in Israel and permitted for centuries in the Church.

Liturgical poverty has had its trial and I am not impressed with its sanctity. Roman Catholism has had its opportunity and I am not impressed with the results in those countries where its sway has been uncontested. I do not care for the irreverence engendered by the one or for the arrested development fostered by the other.

In the Catholic Congress I found those who were most scrupulously reverent and yet lovers of liberty.

I examine history and find that this combination has had very little test at any time or in any place. I would like to see it given a fair trial just because under most adverse circumstances and unjust censoriousness it has developed Christian families whose morale appeals to me.

Nor do I judge it by the superficial imitators who are mere ritualists but by those who combine outward reverence with inward consecration; and just because this kind of folk do things in secret they can-

not be successfully promoted according to the rules of pagan publicity.

In any event thank God we live in that branch of the Church which sincerely believes that His service is perfect liberty, and I refuse to be influenced by the effect of mob behaviour which lies behind the clamor of those who have no better indictment than that of glittering generalities.

If the Catholic party is guilty of any offence against the traditions of this Church let the prosecution specify the charges or forever after hold its peace.

The fact that these folks do not think as I think leaves the whole question up in the air as to who has a monopoly of wisdom.

In any case it will never get very far in a Church in which personal liberty has ever been the passion of its members.

So long as my liberty is not assailed I shall feel bound to grant to others the liberty which I enjoy; which liberty is safeguarded by the constitution and canons of the Church, which I do not propose wilfully to violate and which I do not propose to look at through spectacles colored by any particular party prejudice.

The one thing which will win in the end is not clamor but quiet devotion to standards and convictions which are not effected by indiscriminate accusations.

I saw nothing worthy of condemnation in the calm of the Catholic Congress.

I know of no better words with which to conclude this article than those which Bishop Murray spoke to the Congress just before leaving Milwaukee:

"May I express to you, and through you to my brethren here, my deep sense of appreciation of the cordial reception you have accorded me, and the loving goodness you have shown me. I have prayed that my presence here might be somewhat of a benediction to you. I know that I myself have received a great blessing. I thank God for what mine eyes have seen and mine ears have heard at the sessions of the Congress, and I return to headquarters with new courage and augmented inspiration for the prosecution of our common work in the name of the Master for the welfare of humanity and the glory of God."

#### AMERICAN CHOIR WINS

The first prize in the male choir competition at the annual Welsh national eisteddfod was awarded to the Orpheus Choir from Cleveland, Ohio. The second prize went to the Dowlais Choir of Wales. There were twenty thousand in attendance.

#### Let's Know

By Rev. Frank E. Wilson

#### AT MEALS

MORE and more in the average home meal-time is the only occasion when the members of the family get together. If religion is not to be left in cold storage between Sundays, it therefore becomes all the more important that God should be thought of in connection with our food. To many people the "saying of grace" may seem like an empty formality but at least it makes daily contact with God a possibility and it has excellent Christian tradition to support the custom.

Before our Lord fed the multitude with the loaves and fishes, He blessed the food. His example was dutifully followed by the early Christians. St. Chrysostom says that Christ "taught us that we should not touch a table before giving thanks to Him who provides the food." St. Cyprian adds—"Nor let the banqueting hour be void of heavenly grace." And St. Basil advises—"Let prayers be said before taking food in meet acknowledgement of the gifts of God."

In the Apostolical Constitutions the following is given as a prayer for the midday meal—"Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who feedest me from my youth up, who giveth food to all flesh. Fill our hearts with joy and gladness; that always having a sufficiency we may abound unto every good work, in Christ Jesus our Lord, thru whom be glory and honor and power unto Thee, world without end. Amen."

A very beautiful prayer is ascribed to St. Athanasius which runs as follows—"We give thanks unto Thee, our Father, for Thy holy resurrection; for thru Thy Son Jesus Christ has Thou made it known unto us; and as this bread upon this table was in separate grains, and being gathered together became one thing, so let Thy Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Thy Kingdom; for Thine is the power and the glory forever and end. Amen."

The Gelasian Sacramentary gives us some sample prayers used in the Latin Church in early centuries. "Refresh us, O Lord, with Thy gifts, and sustain us with the bounty of Thy riches; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." Or again—"O God, who dost always invite us to spiritual delights, give a blessing on Thy gifts: that we may attain to a sanctified reception of those things which are to be eaten in Thy Name; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." And

the Sacramentary also gives us this one which is the substance of the grace most commonly used today by those who are not unmindful of God's presence in the family circle—"Bless, O Lord, Thy gifts, which of Thy bounty we are about to take; thru Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

The trouble with us today is that there are so many steps between the production and consumption of food that God is forgotten on the way. We bolt our food with the tacit intimation that we didn't get it from God anyhow; we got it from the corner grocery store. It is still true that "in Him we live and move and have our being." We shall do well to recognize it, not only as a duty to God but as a check upon ourselves. Every Christian home owes its thanks to God. If nothing else, it is a question of good manners.

#### Mysticism

#### A Brief Review of Five Books on the Interior Life

By the Rev. C. L. Street
The Song of Meditation. MacGowan.
Fleming H. Revell Company.
The Finding of the Cross. E. Herman. George H. Doran Co. \$1.25.
The Song of Mystery. S. L. Christian. Longmans, Green & Co. Ltd.,
London. \$2.25.

Life of St. Francis of Assisi. William H. Leathem. George H. Doran Co. \$1.50.

The Imitation of Christ. Thomas A. Kempis. Edited by Brother Leo, F. S. C., New York. The Macmillan Company, 1926.

One of the encouraging things in the religious outlook of our day is the renewed interest in mysticism. True, much that is hazy and esoteric makes its appeal to us under that name. But at its worst, it is an affirmation of the eternal supremacy of the spiritual over the material, and at its best it is a pathway open to the knowledge of God. Dr. MacGowan's book is interesting as an indication of this tendency, but it has a certain vague optimism and lacks that depth of spiritual insight which comes from familiarity with the mystics of the Catholic Church. Mrs. Herman's posthumous book is less pretentious, but goes much deeper. It would be a good book to use next Lent. The study of the Song of Solomon (written by a sister) does well the only thing that can be done with that strange book-that is, uses it as the basis for a series of meditations picturing the mytical love of the soul for Christ.

Those of you who read Dr. Wilson's article about St. Francis in a recent Witness and want to learn

more about that holy and winsome troubador of God could do no better than to read Leatham's life of St. Francis. It will give you the real St. Francis, and will renew in your heart the sense of the abiding reality of those inner values which were the center of his life. The new edition of Brother Leo's Thomas A Kempis is a worthy climax to this list. The introduction is interesting, the notes are good, it has been beautifully printed on thin paper by Macmillan, and the simplicity and directness and sanctified common sense of the "Imitation" itself stand forth in these fevered times, clear and white, like a snow-capped mountain in the sun.

# A Few Comments on the Bishops' Crusade

WHILE detailed information about the Bishops' Crusade is just now becoming available, there are abundant indications that no project of the Church has ever aroused more general and wide-spread interest. The office of the national commission of Evangelism is receiving constantly letters comending the plan, asking for details, commendation of the methods thus far announced. From this mass of correspondence the following are representative:

Bishop Brent:-I have been thinking a good deal about the Crusade, and have talked with Bishop Walpole on the subject. Two things we need. In the first place, men who feel the urgency of the Christian message, that it is not a thing to be dallied with, but calls for immediate action, and the second thing we need is that the missioners must not expect to do the whole work. That is to say, our function will be to stir the clergy, and especially the laity, to a sense of individual responsibility for the spiritual well-being of others. Our work should be like a torch going through the land setting fire here and there to the little groups who in turn will extend the flame until it becomes gen-This latter feature is indispensable if we are not going to meet with the fate of so many attempts which, though they may edify a few. do not create any sense of responsibility in the minds and hearts of those who are touched.... You can count on me for all that I can give

The Rev. Frederick G. Budlong, of Connecticut:—I am deeply interested in the Bishops' Crusade and shall rejoice to cooperate to the limit of my capacity. I count myself honored by your having selected me among the crusaders.

The Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, of

#### Our Cover

Arthur S. Huston, bishop of Olympia, was born in Cincinnati in 1876. He graduated from Kenyon College in 1900 and in 1903 from Bexley Hall. He began his ministry as a curate at Trinity, Columbus, Ohio, leaving there in 1903 to take a position as curate at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit. In 1913 he became the rector of St. Mark's, Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he served for six years; then for two years he was rector of Christ Church, Baltimore, leaving there in 1921 to go to St. Mark's, San Antonio, Texas, from which parish he was elected bishop.

Minnesota:—I hope that I can be of service and will gladly accept an appointment.

The Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, Pennsylvania:—It is a great honor to be selected for such service and I need not tell you that I am ready and willing to do my part.

The. Rev. George Davidson, of Los Angeles:—I shall be glad indeed to accept the position as one of the crusaders. You may depend on me for two or three weeks of my time, or for such a period as is necessary. I am indeed grateful to you for your part in arousing the Church to a sense of her responsibility for the saving of souls.

The Rev. K. B. O'Ferrall, of Ohio:
—I feel very humble at my selection
as a crusader. I shall with Christ's
help do all that I am able to do.

The Rev. James M. Owen, of Louisiana:—It will be a privilege and a pleasure to cooperate in any possible way with your commission in the splendid work which it has undertaken for the Church.

The Rev. Wyatt Brown, of Maryland:—Count on me for any service I may be able to render the Bishops' Crusade.

The Rev. W. W. Memminger, of Atlanta:—I gladly accept the appointment and God willing, will serve to the best of my ability wheresoever I am assigned.

The Rev. John Henry Hopkins, of Chicago:—Very gladly do I accept the much appreciated invitation to serve as one of the crusaders.

Mr. William F. Pelham, of Chicago:—I shall be glad to serve in any capacity in the Bishops' Crusade, and shall be prepared to act as you and your associates may direct.

The Rev. William H. van Allen, of Massachusetts:—I am honored by the choice and shall be glad to cooperate.

The Ven. A. W. Noel Porter, of California:—I feel honored in being one of those chosen to have some little part in carrying the colors forward for Christ and His Church. It will be a privilege to serve as one of the crusaders.

The Rev. Selden P. Delany, of New York:—It is a great honor to be selected by the commission on Evangelism as one of the crusaders in connection with the Bishops' Crusade. I feel that this request comes to me with authority and therefore I cannot disregard it.

The Rev. William Way, of South Carolina:—You may count on me for at least two weeks. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity.

The Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott, of Maryland:—I shall consider it a privilege to serve as a crusader in the Bishops' Crusade. I shall be ready to go where I am sent and for as long a period as desired.

#### Clerical Changes

SAYWELL, Rev. E. J., resigns at Ft. Valley, Georgia, to accept a call to St. Mary's, Middlesboro, Kentucky.

HYDE, Rev. Arthur P. S., resigns as rector of St. Peter's, Peekskill, New York, because of ill health.

THWING, Rev. Clarence, formerly of St. Andrew's, Green Lake, Seattle, Washington, has been appointed priest in charge of South Tacoma, Washington.

BARRETT, Rev. Frederick W., has been appointed priest in charge of St. Andrew's, Green Lake, Seattle.

CRUMB, Rev. Thomas E., has been appointed priest in charge of the work at Longview and Kelso, Washington.

ALEXANDER, John D., layman, has been elected executive secretary of the diocese of Kentucky. He leaves a position with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

STYRON, Rev. Arthur H., resigns as curate at Emmanuel Church, Newport, R. I.

BRYANT, Rev. Seelye, deacon, has taken charge of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fruit Hill, R. I.

WALKER, Rev. John Moore, resigns as rector of St. Paul's, Albany, Georgia, to accept the rectorship of St. Peter's, Charlotte, N. C.

TIFFANY, Rev. Edgar Louis, resigns as rector of St. Luke's, Marietta, Ohio, to accept a call to be the assistant rector of the Church of the Ascension, Pittsburgh, Pa.

HARDING, Rev. F. H., has been elected executive secretary of the diocese of Atlanta, succeeding the Rev. Cyril Bentley, recently elected rector of Christ Church, Macon, Ga.

DALLINGER, Rev. John R., accepts an appointment as assistant at Grace, Newton, Mass.

FISHER, Rev. George W., of the diocese of Montreal, has accepted appointment as priest in charge of the Holy Communion, Grand Rapids, Minn. He will be in charge also of the Good Shepherd, Coleraine.

JEWELL, Mr. Earl B., candidate for orders, has been appointed in charge of St. Stephen's, Paynesville, Minnesota, with charge of St. Paul's, Glenwood.

MILLS, Rev. James, rector of St. Paul's, Duluth, has added to his work the charge of St. John's, Lakeside.

MILLER, Rev. Kenneth, assistant at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, Connecticut, has been elected rector of St. John Baptist, San Juan, Porto Rico.

# COMMENTS ON OUR ANNIVERSARY

#### The Last of the Letters

RT. REV. W. T. MANNING Bishop of New York

I congratulate you and those who have labored with you, on the work which The Witness is doing, and especially upon the admirable spirit in which the paper is conducted. It holds a real and important place in the life of the church.

RT. REV. THOMAS C. DARST Bishop of East Carolina and Chairman of The Bishops' Crusade

Congratulations to The Witness on its tenth birthday.

It has passed through the most dangerous period in the life of a child, having been singularly free from the ordinary ailments of childhood, and we predict for it a long and useful life.

May it continue to witness for the truth, and may its message to the Church, whatever the channel through which it comes, ever be a message of faith and hope and courage.

VERY REV. F. C. MEREDITH Dean St. Luke's Cathedral, Canal Zone

The Witness has a real place in the work of the Church. Hearty congratulations on the first ten years which are bound to be the hardest! Don't "wax fat and kick." Stay at your present size and "kick" against all that can be changed by right methods. May you have the best circulation of any religious journal in America.

REV. CARROLL M. DAVIS Domestic Secretary, National Council

As The Witness is now celebrating its tenth anniversary, may I send a word of congratulation? The publication is filling a long-felt need. May your subscription list steadily grow.

\* \* \* REV. CALEB R. STETSON Rector, Trinity Church, New York

I am glad to note that The Witness is growing better all the time. The editorials are useful and helpful and the other articles interesting. You avoid controversy and are providing a Church newspaper that is filling a real need. As you know, at Trinity Church we distribute copies each week and the people always seem eager to receive them. I want to congratulate you on your anniversary and to tell you that I have always had faith in The Witness and that my faith has been justified.

RT. REV. EDWARD L. PARSONS Bishop of the Diocese of California

My congratulations upon all the work which The Witness has so well been doing.

\* \* \* MISS W. B. ROGERSON Churchwoman, Chicopee, Mass.

I became acquainted with The Witness in a church which made use of the Bundle Plan, in a city where I happened to be visiting. It has become a valued friend. I look forward to its coming from one week to another, and as soon as it comes I hasten to help it off with its wrap and we sit down for an enjoyable hour. I like its articles and its news, and 1 like the spirit that permeates both, and which comes from the devotion of those who have made the paper what it is today.

MR. E. SINCLAIR HERTELL Senior, Columbia University, New York

Allow me to congratulate The Witness. It is a splendid paper and you have my best wishes for a long and healthy career. \* \* \*

> REV. W. A. SIMMS Rector, St. Mark's, Chicago

Warmest congratulations upon your tenth birthday. Your record of the past is a certain indication of your increasing success. \* \* \*

REV. E. REGINALD WILLIAMS Rector, St. Mark's, Milwaukee

I cannot let pass your 10th anniversary without a line of congratulation and well wishing. The Witness is always the first of the Church weeklies I reach for. It not only informs me, it helps make me a better Christian. It is cluttered with neither an intolerable egotism nor bickering fault-finding. It neither challenges the integrity of great spiritual statesmen nor questions the judgment of beloved and trusted leaders. May your next decade be even more helpful to the whole Church.

REV. ROBERT P. KREITLER Rector, St. Luke's, Scranton, Penn.

If hearty good wishes will start The Witness well on to another decade, your friends, in and about this part of the Church send them to you in abundance. Those average people, in whom Lincoln seemed to think Deity was especially interested because of their number, are right grateful for your venture in the field of a family Church newspaper. May you keep it going, suffer the minimum of discouragement and the maximum of financial return. Continue to tell us the truth; it may not be pleasant, but we need it. When the "bundle" arrives I often think of that phrase in first Samuel, "bound in the bundle of life," and accept it as the weekly evidence of a very lively ten-year old! Again hearty good wishes from St. Luke's, Scranton.

REV. FREDERIC S. FLEMING Rector of The Atonement, Chicago

It is a genuine happiness to tender congratulations on your tenth birthday. You have made your own place in the world, and already we are delighted to find that we can not do without the peculiar service you render.

We rejoice in your abundant enthusiasm of youth. May you never lose it! It is a spirit like yours which the Church sorely needs to arouse the interest and enthusiasm of its members, and to enlist them in joyful service. You have known your struggles, but never has your faith waivered.

On this anniversary may you "thank God and take courage." In your glad confidence and consecrated service you have won our gratitude and compelled our full support of your growing usefulness.

> RT. REV. CHAUNCEY B. BREWSTER Bishop of Connecticut

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Congratulations to The Witness

on this birthday!

The Witness has achieved a place of its own in the life of the Church. It is noteworthy for the breadth of its subject-matter and its securing of writers of ability and distinction. It is, moreover, readable and interesting. One does not find its pages dull.

While the abilities of the Editorin-Chief are recognized by all, for the success of the paper large credit is due to the untiring efforts and journalistic abilities of the Managing Editor. To the wide range, originality, and humor of his own News Column is to be largely ascribed the popularity of the paper, especially perhaps among its younger readers.

Increasing success to The Witness.

PRISONER NUMBER 9469 Federal Prison, Anamosa, Iowa I wish to convey my best wishes and appreciation for the efforts that have made The Witness the best weekly of the Church. I have been getting the paper regularly and can say that it has been a great help to me, not only by keeping me informed of the activities of the Church, but in my life as well. We receive, as you know, a number of copies here which are passed out each week to the men. On this your Tenth Anniversary I take great pleasure in joining you in celebrating the occasion and trust that God will richly bless you in all things.

#### Question Box

Conducted by

REV. G. A. STUDDERT-KENNEDY

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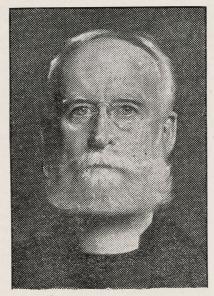
How can a director give advice to a person, A., whose trouble is that he has a growing hatred for a person, B., with whom he has to live, when the director does not know B.?

The director has, in fact, only to deal with A.'s conception of B., which is what causes the trouble. Both A. and B. are the children of God and one in Him, and the director can, if he is given A.'s conception of B., in the light of his experience of men and women, point out where it is erroneous and why, and suggest a better conception and a better method of treatment. Even if he knew B., all he could get to know would be B.'s conception of A., which is probably also erroneous. It would be better if he knew both, but it is possible for a skillful director to give advice of a helpful nature when he only knows

#### Tabor's Missionary Endeavor

By Rev. Frederick Clayton

PERHAPS there never was a time in the history of the Church when the word "missionary" meant so much as it does now. The word is not confined to just religious movements. We use it in connection with science and with all forms of pioneer endeavor. I have a book on my desk now by Paul De Kruif the title of which is "Microbe Hunters"; it is a beautifully written story of the missionaries in the field of microscopic science. Some of the men mentioned in the book were little known in their day and indeed are



BISHOP BURTON
Preaches Anniversary Sermon

little known now. The story is fascinating. I suppose when the complete story is written about the lives of the early missionaries who came to this country, it will make entrancingly fascinating reading.

Tabor College had a wonderful beginning in the early days. Its outlook has always been a missionary one, only today it is somewhat changed. I am going to try to tell you very briefly something about our faculty; something about their work and problems.

The conservatory of music is under the splendid leadership of Mr. Charles Leonard Griffith, Mus. B., M. A. He came to us with a fine record. The thing that attracted him to Tabor was Tabor's struggle for existence. He is giving himself unsparingly to this task. There is need in the worship of the Church for trained musicians, skilled in the art of choir directing and liturgical music. Only last night I listened to the choir singing compline to a setting which he arranged from the Gregorian chants. The key-note was a devotional one. I just thought how wonderful it would be if we could make this a great school where the ancient and modern music of the Church could be efficiently taught. The daily chapel service is beautifully sung. The service has a great influence on the student body.

The science department in the college is being built from the ground up. The heads of the department are true missionaries. Miss Baker, head of the mathematics department, comes to us from Iowa City. Mr. Gore, head of the natural science department comes to us from the Iowa State College. They are both interested in the future of Tabor.

They give of their time unsparingly. I am singling out these two departments because they need at the present time the most attention.

The student body, although not large, is an interesting one. There are a few who came to us voluntarily because of the intriguing situation here. Four members of the Church came to us from the missionary district of South Dakota. One boy came to us from the University of Iowa. He is a candidate for the ministry and at the end of this year will go on to the General Theological Seminary. He is in every sense a missionary. We have several boys and girls here who can't possibly pay all their tuition. Some are working in this small town and paying a very small sum each week. We have not a single student who might be termed "rich," but think of the opportunity here in this part of the country where our Church is practically unknown. It is a great missionary endeavor.

South of us is the great State of Missouri; west of us Nebraska, Colorado; north of us two missionary districts, North and South Dakota, and the great state of Minnesota. If you look at the Living Church Annual, you will see that the communicant list in this part of the world is not very large. If I had my choice to select a field where missionary work was the thing I most needed I would certainly select this part of the country. If a committee of well-informed Churchmen were asked where to place money where it could be used to the greatest possible advantage for the Church, they would naturally select this part of the country. Were there no colleges here at all and we were desirous of building one where our Church boys and girls could be educated, this is the strategic point.

I wish it were posible for me to pass over to you my real feeling of this matter. I wish it were possible for you to stay a day or two with me here and see this work go on; how from time to time we must go out and get work for a boy, raise money to buy books for others; and again pick up second-hand furniture to furnish a room for another with scarcely any money to buy the very essential things. Side by side with all this the knowledge of the great opportunity and the wonderful future in this great field of missionary endeavor. I don't think I am calling in vain because of the wonderful help that some of our Church people gave willingly last year. I do sincerely hope that this opportunity placed at the door of our great and beloved Church is not allowed to slip by and be lost forever.

#### Noted London Rector Gives Up His Charge

Dick Sheppard Is Forced By Illness to Resign as Vicar of St. Martin's in London.

#### A GREAT CHURCH

By Rev. A. Manby Lloyd

Like a bolt from the blue comes the news that "Dick" Sheppard is at last compelled to resign his vicariate of St. Martins-in-the-Fields. It is many years since a young layman accepted the post of private secretary to Cosmo Gordon Lang, then bishop of Stepney, on the one condition that no attempt was to be made to rush him into Holy Orders. A year or two later he went as a resident to Oxford House in Bethnal Green, on the same condition. Yet it was not long before the young layman found himself training for the ministry at Cuddesdon, regarded by some people as a hot-bed of Puseyism.

Once in orders Mr. Sheppard returned to Bethnal Green as chaplain, but in twelve months he had become "head." But not for long. He was moved to Trafalgar Square to become one of the greatest organizers of his day and to be the leader of moral and spiritual forces of which London has not seen the like since the days of the great George Howard Wilkinson of St. Peter's, Eaton Square.

Mr. Sheppard went to a Church which was practically empty, standing on the finest site in the world. He determined to make the church look hospitable, a center of fellowship and courtesy. Most important in the creation of atmosphere the daily eucharist was instituted. Though the Blessed Sacrament was not reserved he found that people came in large numbers to say their prayers.

St. Martin's Guild of Fellowship differed from many parochial organizations because no inquiries were made as to a candidate's religious convictions. It was not confined to communicants because he felt that it was impossible to distinguish between "the sheep" and "the goats." He just took members on their reverent declaration that they wished to serve God. St. Martin's stood for a diffused rather than a sectional Christianity.

Quite recently a Guardian interviewer asked Mr. Sheppard if he would, as a logical consequence, communicate nonconformists. "Yes," he replied, "if it were in answer to a challenge, or to make a demonstration. I do not think our Lord would have turned away any reverent soul

from the altar who could say, 'Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief'."

And here he added a word about the musical recitals. They did not have women wrapped in furs, singing in front of the altar, nor did they pretend it was half a church service. "It is a musical service, and nothing else. Where possible performers are hidden; and we have an average attendance of nearly a thousand."

St. Martin's is also unique in one other respect, for on one Sunday in the month it has probably the largest congregation in the world. "Never for one single moment," said Mr. Sheppard, "have I regretted this broadcast service. The early criticisms have almost entirely ceased." He thought that there was very little in the complaint that it keeps people away from church. The service should always be held after church hours, and secondly, the few lazy people whom it may keep away from Church are really of not much spiritual loss to any congregation.

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Dr. Russell Wakefield, formerly bishop of Birmingham, has been roused by some recent polemics of Bishop Barnes to protest in the columns of the Church Times. Sandwiched in, as he was between "two important teachers," Gore and Barnes, he is bound to state his conviction that no faithful Churchman, Evangelical or Catholic, can be found who would throw over the authority of the Church or that of the Bible, as Bishop Barnes does. Dr. Barnes quotes Wesley in a recent sermon as being dependent on the power of his own faith. On the contrary, says Bishop Wakefield, On the Wesley longed for the support of the Church.

Dr. Barnes laments the "religious confusion and decay." Confusion, no doubt, replies Bishop Wakefield, because of creedless modernism, but no decay while the Church teaches to the full that which our Lord instituted. As to Dr. Barnes' pitying patronage, if a very humble and unscholarly person dare advise a great mathematician, one would be tempted to suggest that close attention to history might make him hesitate in his judgments. Where would we be if the Church of today were as dependent upon mere scholarship as, say, in the 18th century.

Dr. Barnes says that sacramental Church teaching debars the modern youth from Holy Orders. In Dr. Wakefield's judgment he is absolutely wrong. "The real difficulty of today is the action of those teachers who are ever seeking in some way to be destructive."

# News Paragraphs From Pacific Coast Dioceses

Bishop Parsons of California Urges
His People to Build for the
Future Generations.

#### ANOTHER CATHEDRAL

By Bishop Stevens

Churchmen of the Pacific Coast are very proud of the Drake tradition. Sir Francis Drake was the first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe. In 1579 he came to the Pacific Coast and on June 17th of that year moored in what is now Drake's Bay, Martin County and remained there for several weeks. During that period services were held on shore by the ship's chaplain, this being the first use of the Prayer Book in America. In a recent address Bishop Parsons said: "It is our responsibility, as Drake prophesied, to build up the civilization which followed his visit to our shores. It is our duty so to live and plan for the future that those generations to come may enjoy in full all the benefits and spiritual blessings which have followed in the train of Drake."

The Very Rev. Harry Beal has entered upon his duties as dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles. His first week was marked by special services in the Cathedral, a reception given by the Cathedral congregation and other gatherings in his honor arranged by various diocesan organizations.

Other Los Angeles occasions of interest are the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of St. Michael's Anaheim, and the dedication of St. Francis Church, Laguna Beach, both held on October 10th.

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Bishop Johnson who has been ill for several weeks at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan is recovering and has been able to return to his home in Pasadena. The diocese at large is rejoicing in the convalescence of its distinguished leader.

Another well-loved man in the American Church has been ill recently, the Rev. Harry P. Nichols of New York, who has been in one of the Seattle hospitals for a number of weeks. Dr. Nichols has an unusually large acquaintance among the clergy and has been the valued councelor of many of the younger men. To have been one of Dr. Nichols' "boys" is a great privilege to the large group who have come under his influence. The latest word is that he is "mending splendidly."

#### Exception Is Taken To a Sermon on Hell

The Bishops' Crusade Is Out to Win Those That Are Outside the Church

#### HELL

By Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott Bishops are constantly surprising us. It seems to be their nature so to do. But, there are times when we cannot travel with them all the way! The Bishop of Liverpool has attempted to abolish hell with a lordly gesture. He was evidently actuated by the kindest of all possible kindly motives; we do not suggest that there was any thought of self in such a comfortable declaration; but the idea still persists in our minds that even a bishop cannot abolish something that is clearly stated and constantly reiterated in the Word of God! I should rather like to believe, for my own sake and for the sake of sinful, already suffering humanity that hell is a myth; but, evidence, revealed evidence, points in the reverse direction. The Old and New Testaments alike stress the fact of hell, and we humbly suggest that God knows more about it than the Bishop of Liverpool! The Psalmist cries: "If I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there," and Christ, speaking of Dives says: "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment." I notice that Jerome K. Jerome has been indulging in like phantasy. He, also, believes that hell has no solidity of existence outside the perfervid imagination. But, then, Jerome K. Jerome is a novelist, and a humorist. He does not claim to be a great theologian. He might well stick to straight comedy. The Bible does not lend itself to flippant humorization! I am sorry, sincerely sorry; but I do believe in hell. The only consolation is to be discovered in the contemplation of the lurid Future that awaits my enemies! They deserve all that is coming to them! On that account, let us all cheer up.

I have always had a sneaking idea that I would like to do some missionary work in the mission field before my active career was over; that I would like to "fall on sleep" in some outpost of the Church's work. Here is a venerable clergyman who is fulfilling my ideal. The Rev. James Stanfield D. D., formerly rector of St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, England, has been accepted by the Church Missionary Society as a missionary recruit, and he goes shortly to Maseno, near Lake Nyanza, Kenya, Africa, to work in a hospital. Dr. Stanfield is seventy years old, and he has been a preacher-doctor in one of Oxford's

#### MARYLAND ELECTS BISHOP

At the Special convention of the Diocese of Maryland called by Bishop Murray for Wednesday, October 20th, the Rev. Edward T. Helfenstein was elected Bishop Coadjuctor. The Rev. Mr. Helfenstein has served his diocese faithfully for many years, and stands high in the esteem and affection of clergy and laity alike.

poorest and most congested parishes for the past fourteen years. It stirs our blood, does it not, to think of a man of the scriptural age of "three score years and ten" voluntering and being accepted as a missionary in the foreign field. God give us such health of body and such grace of soul that we may be ready to face the hard things before the bells have begun to ring for evensong.

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The Bishops' Crusade! The Bishops' Crusade! It is in the air. We are hearing about it and we are reading about it everywhere. Thank God for it. The time is ripe. The Church's answer to the challenge of the world-the determination of the Church to prove to itself and to the captious critics who stand on the side lines that the Church will not fail in the perplexing present nor in the unknown future. And, the most wonderful thing about it to my mind is that the emphasis of this evangelism is to be placed upon the OUT-SIDERS. We are really to attempt to seek and to save that which is LOST. We are going to focuss less attention upon the hot house plants for a while, and we are going to strive to discover and redeem the wild flowers and the weeds of the byways and hedges. It is time, aye, verily, it is time. We have been unduly intensive in the Episcopal Church. The day has come for a concentrated, concerted and coercive extensiveness and inclusiveness. Too long has the Church been a forcing bed for saints, and too seldom has the Church sought to be a refuge and a hospital for sin-sick souls. After all, the Church should pattern Herself upon Her Lord, and "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."

#### SOCIALIST LEADER DIES

Eugene V. Debs, five times candidate of the Socialist party for President of the United States, died in a sanitarium near Elmhurst, Ill., on Wednesday, October 20th. funeral was held at Terre Haute, Ind., on Saturday. The Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York officiated and Morris Hillquit spoke.

#### Province of Midwest Holds Synod at Racine

Bishop Harris Tells of Missionary Labors in Marquette; Powers of Province Discussed.

#### SUMMER CONFERENCES

By the Rev. C. L. Street

The twelfth Synod of the Province of the Midwest was held at Taylor Hall, Racine, Wisconsin, on October 19, 20 and 21.

In accordance with the new policy by which the Synod is to interest itself in the missionary work within the borders of the province, a report was heard from Bishop Harris of work in the Diocese of Marquette. The bishop told some thrilling tales of the work in his diocese and of his own missionary journeys and those of Archdeacon Poyseor. The diocese is small in number of communicants, but ministers to a large number of people outside of the Episcopal Church. Only about \$8,000 is received from the national council.

Dr. Dibble, a member of the joint commission of General Convention on Enlarging the Powers of the Province reported the results of a recent meeting of that body. The Synod approved recommendations in substance as follows:

1. Resignation of a bishop shall be accepted by the House of Bishops of his Province, but shall not become effective until approved by the Presiding Bishop.

2. In the election of missionary bishops two candidates shall be nominated to the house of bishops of the whole Church by the Synod of the Province where the vacancy is. The House of Bishops shall do the elect-

3. Three other provisions having to do with work within the Province and giving the Provincial authorities more power to go ahead and do

things.

The Rev. G. P. T. Sargeant, chairman of the Department of Religious Education read a report covering the many undertakings of that Department. Bishop Fawcett commended Miss Mabel Lee Cooper's work in teacher training in her recent visit to the Diocese of Quincy. Bishop Weller told with enthusiasm of the organization of a Young People's Association in his diocese. Bishop Gray reported on his visit to the four summer conferences of the Province—Gambier, Wawasee, Hillsdale and Racine. A committee was appointed consisting of one representative of the governing committee of each of these conferences to discuss co-operation between them with special reference to getting leaders.

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#### News Paragraphs Of The Episcopal Church

Rev. George B. Gilbert, Rural Pastor in Connecticut Is to Appear in Moving Pictures.

#### BUILDING IN OLYMPIA

By Rev. W. B. Spofford After this one comment I shall try to confine myself to the job of reporting news. Queen Marie of some country or other, who has a right to figure in our pages since she is a communicant of the Church, was received by officials of the city of New York underneath the window of an office where I gather what news you are kind enough to send me. Good place here to run the address again:

1105 Tribune Building.

A fuss was made over the queen, her daughters, and the gang of boys with yellow feathers in their hats that accompanied them. It was a big day for New York. But—a few days previous to this event, Mr. Tunney, who had recently given thirty minutes of his time to the rather successful task of raising a large lump over the eye of one Mr. Dempsey, was given a reception in this same spot which for size and enthusiasm made the demonstration for the queen look like a beach party in October. You may now write your own characterization of the great American people -red-blooded lovers of democracy or a gang of yokels?

Don't bother to write in the suggestion that it is time we stop patting ourselves on the back by giving space to birthday greetings. The last of them are in this issue; and thanks to one and all for them. Enough certainly to hold us until we celebrate five years hence.

\* Now news. Bishop Thurston has been compelled by illness to resign as the Bishop of Oklahoma. He has served in the state as bishop for sixteen years.

The death of Albion Morse Stevens of Los Angeles and until recently of Boston occurred October 2nd at the residence of his son, Bishop Stevens. Mr. Stevens was born in Maine in 1860 and spent his early years in Lewiston. Since 1903 he had lived in Boston where he was a communicant of St. Paul's Cathedral. His health began to fail over a year ago and in September, 1925, he moved to Los Angeles. The burial office and celebration of the Holy Communion was conducted at St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles, October 4th, by Dean Beal, and the clerical members of the standing committee, the Rev. Messrs.

Evans, Davidson, Windsor, and Gorden. The canons of the Cathedral acted as honorary pallbearers, and the lay members of the standing committee and the wardens of the cathedral and St. John's Church as actual pall-

There is a great deal of Church building going on in the Diocese of Olympia. In addition to the Cathe-

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dral, reported elsewhere by Bishop Stevens, a new parish house for St. Paul's, Bellingham, the Rév. E. B. Smith, rector, is nearly completed. A new \$100,000 wing for St. Luke's Hospital, Bellingham, has also just been dedicated. The newly amalgamated parish of Christ Church, Tacoma, the Rev. Sidney T. James, rector, is raising \$75,000 for a parish house which is already under con-

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struction. It is to be called Wells House in honor of Bishop L. H. Wells. St. Luke's, Renton, the Rev. M. M. Goldie, has purchased a lot upon which they plan to build a new church. At Puyallup, the Rev. F. R. Bateman, a new church is under construction. In addition to this, several parishes are purchasing furnishings of various sorts, in addition to decorations both on the exterior and the interior of their churches.

The Rev. George B. Gilbert, who is doing a unique piece of rural work in Connecticut, is to appear in the 'movies'. Last week a national film producer came to the state and ran two reels with Mr. Gilbert as the hero. The film is to show him approaching one of his churches in his auto; the Church school, the lunch-eon which is served for those who come from a distance, the barber shop, showing Mr. Gilbert cutting the hair of members of his congregation following the service, the distribution of literature and other features of his work will be recognized by those who have been made familiar with it.

Bishop Ingram of London was in Boston over the last week end. One of the most inspiring meetings was at the Church of the Messiah where



BISHOP D'AVIES Speaker at Provincial Synod

he met with a large number of students recruited from the various colleges in and around Boston. In the morning he was the preacher at Harvard University and in the evening at St. Paul's Cathedral. On Saturday he played a round of golf with the Rev. Appleton Lawrence; score not given.

It is said that they were hunting for a man of 68 years, the Bishop of London's age, to take him on for three sets of tennis at Yale. Tennis is his favorite game. 25 \*

Mr. Crawford William Brown was ordained deacon in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 10th by Bishop McElwain. Mr. Brown is the assistant at this parish. The candidate was presented by the rector, the Rev. Frederick D. Butler, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. C. Rollit, professor at Seabury Divinity

Bishop Burton of Lexington was the preacher last Sunday at St. Mark's, Cleveland, the occasion being the fifty-fifth anniversary of the parish. Bishop Burton's father was the founder of the parish in the days when Cleveland was a village. A banquet was held in the parish house during the week, with a large attendance. In his address Bishop Burton related how he had been presented with a clock by the congregation forty-two years ago when he was married in the church. The clock now stands on the mantel in

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G. Budlong, the rector of Christ Church, is obsessed with gambling. Money cannot be raised for a fire hose, a church, a boy scout troop, without resorting to gambling devices. Dr. Budlong calls upon the citizens to end the practice, stressing particularly the bad effect that it has upon children, and he calls upon other nearby towns to follow their lead. He also calls attention to the fact that in most cases the gambling is put on by an outside promoter who comes in for the purpose and who leaves with a considerable part of the money.

Guess this can't go in as Church news in spite of the fact that it was

RETREAT

RACINE, WISCONSIN: Retreat for priests at Taylor Hall, beginning on Monday, Nov. 8th, and closing on Thursday morning, Nov. 11th. Conducted by the Rev. William Pitt McCune, St. Ignatius Church, New York City, N. Y. Address, Mrs. George Biller, Taylor Hall, Racine, Wisconsin

#### RETREAT

RACINE, WISCONSIN: Retreat for lay-women at Taylor Hall, beginning on Tuesday evening, November 2nd, and closing on Friday morning, November 5th. Conducted by the Rev. Charles H. Young, Howe School, Howe, Indiana. Address, Mrs. George Biller, Taylor Hall, Racine, Wisconsin.



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sent in by a contributor to this column. At Phillips Andover Academy there is a young man who is six feet eight inches tall, weighing 215 pounds, very fast and very accurate, who is playing end on their football team. The informer requests that those interested in the game follow him during the season.

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A stained glass window in memory of the late rector, the Rev. F. S. Smithers Jr., was unveiled at St. Paul's, Poughkeepsie, New York, last Sunday. The Rev. James V. Chalmers, a life long friend of Mr. Smithers, was the preacher, and assisted the present rector, the Rev. R. J. Bunten, in the consecration of the window.

The Very Rev. Gilbert K. Good, dean of Trinity Cathedral, Duluth,

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Rev. C. R. Tyner and Rev. George St. George Tyner, brothers, are conducting a six day mission this week at St. George's, Kansas City, Missouri. The latter is the missioner and he is using the rather unique method of getting his message to the congregations by means of large paintings and electrical effects. It is said to be a most effective method by those who have seen it used in other missions. This is the opening of the Bishops' Crusade in the west.

Bishop McCormick of Western Michigan is recovering from an operation and hopes to be back on the job by the first of December.

Mr. Paul R. Palmer was ordained deacon by Bishop McElwain on October 9th, in St. Mary's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. The Rev. G. H. Ten Broeck was the preacher.

Next week we start a series of three articles on The Home, The Church and the College, written by Prof. Albert Parker Fitch. It was the opinion of the large group of Church people who heard these articles at the synod of the Northwest Province that they should be read by every parent. I hope that you rectors will accept their opinion and wire an order for a bundle at once. We do not print more copies than we have orders for. Therefore it will be necessary for your telegram to reach us not later than next Monday morning for us to guarantee delivery. It is a strange thing, the number of orders that we receive too late. It is our purpose to announce these especially fine articles well in advance in order to allow you plenty of time, yet invariably dozens of orders are received for bundles after the paper comes from the press. Please act at once, and by telegram. I am sure you will find the few cents that you will spend well invested.

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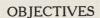
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