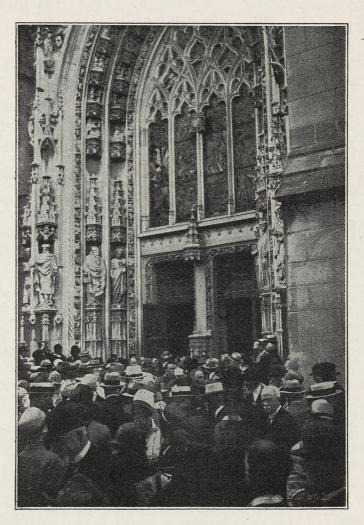
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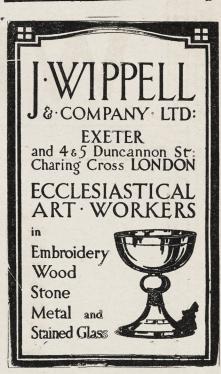




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WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER

I. Program, Problem and Personnel

By

REV. CHARLES L. STREET

TAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND .-The World Conference on Faith and Order is almost over-that conference for which so many years have been spent in preparation, on which so many of the best minds in the churches have been working, and on behalf of which so many faithful people have been praying. It has been a gathering of truly ecumenical proportions. Among the five hundred delegates there have been representatives from every continent and many races. Side by side have been seen English bishops and American bishops, representatives from China and from Japan, bishops of the Eastern Church with long beards and flowing robes, native bishops from India and Negro bishops from America-all met together to acknowledge a common Saviour, to learn to know each other better, to understand better each others' different points of view, and if possible to make a beginning toward a com-mon understanding of the Christian faith as the foundation of a United Church.

PLACE OF MEETING

As I write this on the last day of the Conference, looking out of the window of my room in the Palace Hotel across Lake Lemau at the Alps piling up range upon range to the south and east, it is born in upon me that Lausanne is an ideal place for such a gathering as this. Switzerland—a little country set high up in the clouds—has become of recent years the home of high aspirations and earnest efforts toward understanding and good will. Surely there is no place where understanding and good will are more sorely needed than among the divided followers of the Prince of Peace.

The large meetings were held in

the Cathedral at Lausanne. Meetings of the several sections and committees were held in various hotels and public buildings. The meetings of the Conference itself were held in the main assembly hall of the University of Lausanne which comfortably seated the nearly five hundred delegates and had a gallery high up along one side which held about a hundred people more.

BRENT AND GARVIE

At the first business meeting Bishop Brent was elected President of the Conference and at his request Dr. Garvie, Scotch Congregationalist, was made deputy-chairman. Bishop Brent's influence for fairness. moderation and lofty purpose was one of the major factors in the success of the conference. In order to relieve him Dr. Garvie presided at many of the sessions. In spite of his white hair and full white beard Dr. Garvie made an alert and effective chairman. He was one of the people at the conference who seemed equally at home in English, French and German, and was quite capable of calling recalcitrant delegates down in their own language when occasion arose. The only trouble with him as chairman was that when he got excited he lapsed into Scotch when no Scotch interpreter had been provided.

DIFFICULT TASK

The conference had a tremendously difficult task. Not only were the members divided by cherished theological beliefs apparently as far apart as the poles; Greeks believing in seven sacraments and Quakers believing in none; Anglicans believing in Apostolic Succession and Congregationalists believing in something quite different, but they were divided as well by language. The interpreters had a busy time of it.

The German interpreter took a real joy in his work. The simplest announcement, like the hour of the next meeting, he proclaimed in German with all of the fervor of a Patrick Henry saying "Give me liberty or give me death." The French interpreter was no less efficient but considerably more casual. When his time came he would jump to his feet like a jack-in-the-box, let go a stream of French and sit down again almost before he got through.

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Important ecclesiastics were to be seen on every side. There was Bishop Temple of Manchester, one time infant prodigy at Oxford, destined, according to some, to follow in his father's footsteps as Archbishop of Canterbury. He was altogether one of the most valuable members of the conference. There was Bishop Soederblom, Bishop of Upsala and Primate of Sweden, with flowing mane and vigorous gesture, spurning interpreters and making speeches indiscriminately in French, German and English. There was the saintly Bishop Irenee of Novi Sad and Bishop Stefan of Bulgaria who was saying mass in his cathedral in Sophia when it was bombed not long ago and went right on saying mass without so much as turning around. There was Bishop Headlam of Gloucester, better known as a scholar than as a bishop, long, lanky and remote, sprawling around in his seat in a most unepiscopal fashion, and looking very much bored by the dis-

WOMEN HEARD FROM

There was Miss Lucy Gardiner, a Quaker, prominent in the Copec movement in England. It was she who read a memorial prepared by the women delegates at the confer-

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ence. After calling attention to the fact that out of over four hundred delegates only seven were women the memorial goes on to this: "The signatories of this document make no claim to state what is the right place of women in the Church, and in fact not all of them are agreed on all points. But on one they are agreed: That this is a matter that cannot be decided either by men or women alone. It is not for women to claim and for men to give, but as the Church unitedly sets out on a quest for deeper spiritual unity we believe that in this matter also we shall unitedly see fresh light and a fresh revelation of God's will." "At this hour in the Conference we do not ask that this, one of the problems of 'Order' be discussed. We do ask the prayers of all that the gifts of women as of men may be offered and used to the full in the great task that lies before us—that of the evangelisation of the world through a Church united."

FORMAL SPEECHES

The formal speeches were scattered through the sessions. Bishop Brent's opening address on "The Call to Unity," Bishop Nicholas on "The Sacraments," Dr. Parkes Cadman on "The Church," Professor Deissmann on "The Gospel," to name only a few, were among the noteworthy events of the conference. The real business was done in the less formal meetings. The program committee had prepared an outline of seven topics for discussion: The Call to Unity, The Gospel, The Church, The Church's Common Confession of Faith, The Ministry, The Sacraments, and The Unity of Christendom. In order to study these matters the conference was divided into sections.

During the first ten days three sections studied questions 2, 3 and 4. During the second part of the time the conference was redivided into three other sections for the study of subjects 5, 6 and 7. When they got down to work the sections were redivided into small committees for study and discussion. Thus everyone in the conference had a part in its work. Three days practically free from other meetings were given over to this committee work twice during the conference. When the sections had finished their study they reported to the whole conference, the reports were criticised and sent back to the section for further changes. The final reports, to be submitted to the whole conference on its last three days, is to be the subject matter of my second article, with a third to follow on the significance of the meeting.

THIS QUESTION OF CAPITALISM

What Are the Real Facts?

By

REV. G. A. STUDDERT-KENNEDY

THERE are thousands of men who think that Capitalism is the devil. That is the only definition of it they either know or need. It is responsible for all the miseries of life in great societies and must be destroyed. The destruction of Capitalism is the panacea of all evils and the only way to peace and prosperity. This is the religion of millions of men and women in the modern world.

It is a simple faith which makes no demand upon the intelligence of its followers and owes its power largely to its simplicity? Socialism is God. Capitalism is the devil. Life is a battle between God and the devil. That is all a man needs to know, and all he needs to do is to join the proletariat army and fight. There you have a simple, all-embracing faith which to them explains the meaning of the world and man's duty to it.

LAZINESS-AND TRUTH

I talk to scores of men whose philosophy of life, when you take away the trimmings, is just that—no more, no less. Our longing for simplicity is a snare which often leads us into gross and disastrous errors, and causes us unwittingly to fight our friends and aid our enemies. It does this because it is the result of laziness, and laziness cannot give us truth. There is a true and simple faith that we can gain, but it is not easy to gain, it only comes to crown honest thinking and unselfish living. It cannot come to

those who close their minds and harden their hearts. If we are to fight the devil it is necessary to be quite sure what he is and how he works, and what powers we must use against him.

It is no use trying to fight poison gas with heavy guns or kill influenza bugs with a blunderbuss. They will not touch the enemy in either case. It is a terrible thought, but true, that millions of men in the world today are frantically trying to cure themselves of small pox by cutting off the spots. That is what everyone is doing who holds the simple faith of "to the deuce with Capitalism."

It will be a step in the right direction if I can induce my readers to stop and ask themselves: "What do I mean by Capitalism when I defend or oppose it?" It will be a further step if I can persuade them to do the same about Socialism. It is disastrous that these two important and difficult words should degenerate into terms of abuse bandied about with nothing behind them but passion.

Capitalism in its essence is a method of production and distributing requiring much fixed capital—that is, much expenditure of energy in producing tools and labour-saving appliances. The man who first thought of using a plough, or even a spade, to prepare the soil before he sowed the seed, took a step towards Capitalism. He expended energy in making something which he could not

eat, drink, or wear—something with which he could not satisfy any natural desire, but which he believed would make it easier for him to satisfy his desires in the future.

While he was making the plough he had to live, and it was necessary, therefore, that he should put by something to live on during the time spent in making it. There you have the essence of Capitalism. A spade is a simple form of capital, a railway is highly developed and complex form. But both are essentially the same thing. They are tools or laboursaving contrivances. A railway requires the expenditure of enormous quantities of energy for its construction, energy of hand and brain. While it is being constructed it does not satisfy any natural want, or even make it easier to satisfy natural wants. The men who made it cannot live on it, and yet they must live, and so they must be kept going on what has been saved. They must be fed and clothed out of what has been put by and not immediately consumed.

Now it is quite clear that if these enormous tools are to be made and used and kept in repair—for like all material things they have a habit of wearing away—a railway wears out just like a shirt—there must be a perpetual process of putting up or saving. Men must not consume all they produce at once, but must keep some of it to give to the men who

produce tools and maintain them in proper repair.

THE MEANING OF "CAPITAL"

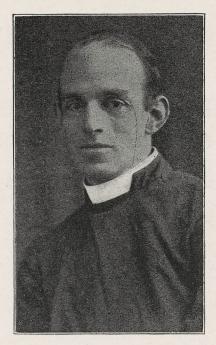
It is this business of making tools and keeping them in repair that leads to the necessity of large savings. Under modern conditions, with our enormously increased and constantly increasing populations, the tools are a necessity-we could not live without them. And that means that the savings are a necessity, too. It is unfortunate but almost inevitable that the word "capital" is applied both to the tools and the instruments, and to the savings necessary to produce them and keep them in repair. The reason of this is that the men and women out of whose savings the tools are made not unnaturally claim to own and control them.

It is this claim to own and control both the tools and the savings necessay to produce them that is the source of all the trouble. Modern tools are so large and complex that no one man could possibly save enough to produce any number of them or keep them in repair. Many men must, therefore, be either persuaded or compelled to save and to sink their joint savings in the making of tools. If they are not compelled or persuaded to save, our tools will wear out and our people will starve. Many men must be found who can and will administer and control the savings wisely and well.

The crux of the question, therefore, comes to this: How are men and women to be compelled or persuaded to save? How are we to procure the best and wisest people to administer and control the huge surplus that must be accumulated? The enormous modern fortunes which make the inequalities of wealth and poverty so glaring and so gross are in part the inevitable result of huge populations which make huge savings an absolute necessity. A man dies worth 250,000 lbs. and his will is published in the paper. A man with 37 shillings a week reads the paper and the contrast drives him mad. He thinks that this man owned a quarter of a million in the same way as he owns his miserable pittance.

Of course, this is not true. The man administered and controlled a quarter of a million of savings—not necessarily his own savings, mind you—and was paid for doing it by interest on it. He may have been overpaid—probably was—but to take his fortune and distribute it among the men who earn less than two pounds a week would mean that you took away that much from the savings of the community as a whole and consumed it immediately.

I know a woman who has 100 lbs. capital which she has saved. She controls it and decides what it shall do. For her self-denial in saving it



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and her trouble in administering it she gets five pounds every year. She is a Capitalist. If you want to get rid of people like her you must find some way of making people save, and other people to decide what is to be done with collected savings, and administer or find others to administer them as they think fit. Natural self-interest will insure that they administer them for the good of all, and that the chance of gain will be adequate inducement to keep sufficient people saving. It is not claimed that this works perfectly, but merely that it works better than any other likely method.

WANTED-NATIONAL TRUSTEES

We must somehow find trustees for our national savings, and unless those trustees are both wise and honorable, we shall all suffer as a consequence. It is manifest that men and women who are trustees—and every Capitalist is one more or less—are vested with enormous power, and therefore have to bear a corresponding responsibility. This power and this responsibility must be vested in some body of people. Who shall they be, and how can we best insure that they perform their duties well? That is the issue.

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Young Peoples Column By Rev. W. A. Jonnard

THE Counsellor system is used in the South and West in the work of the various Young People's Societies of the Church. Those familiar with the work of successful societies pay testimony to the importance of this system.

The importance of having wise counsellors for young people's societies cannot be gainsaid. The influence of such leadership is enormous and yet, as Counsellor, the adult acts only in an advisory capacity and keeps in the background both literally and figuratively.

To quote from a little leaflet of suggestions for Counsellors of the Y.P.S.L. of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina:

"The Counsellor is the backbone of the League and is there to GUIDE and NOT to dictate, and must keep in the background as much as possible. He must be able to work WITH and not FOR the League, and be able to subordinate his personality so that the personality of the others will have a chance to develop.

ers will have a chance to develop.

"Above all, he must have FAITH
in the members and never let them
know he is disappointed in them. He
must also win their confidence.

"He must set for them a high standard of personal life and effort and never consider anything for the good of the League and its members as too much trouble. The success of the League depends largely upon the guiding hand and influence of its Counsellors. Discouraging moments—even failures—are bound to come, but in the end it is all worth while."

The job of being a Young People's Counsellor opens up a wonderful field of opportune service in the Church, and the results, while they cannot be charted, are of value to the Church of the future.

Many summer schools and young people's camps are having very remarkable success in their conferences for counsellors on the subject, "Leadership of Youth." Many Diocesan Young People's Conventions have a limited number of adult Counsellor-delegates and these are not only given place on the program, but an hour is set apart for separate conference.

In the words of one counsellor, his job is "to see that the young people snap into their duties as officers and members of committees, and to use the telephone constantly with the question, "Can I help you with your job, or have you commenced to do it In the words of another counsellor, she acted as a "perpetual memoranda pad" for the young people. But, besides this, there is the wonderful chance to help youth establish standards for themselves, with a sympathetic understanding of what they are thinking and doing, and to bring them into closer fellowship with the "Master Counsellor."

And the job of Counsellor is a big one—too big for any one person; there ought to be two or three. Some of the details not mentioned are: assisting with the Sunday evening programs and other entertainments, chaperonage, assisting in athletic and recreational activities, helping

solve the problem of finance, keeping alive the ideal of Christian Service as well as suggesting details of such in the Five Fields, and a hun-

dred other things that constantly present themselves.

Do you bid for the job? Could you?

THE CHOIR VISIBLE

A Few Practical Suggestions

By

REV. GEORGE PARKIN ATWATER

IT IS a delicate matter to write of choirs. No parson would ever dare to write of his own choir unless he were as fortunate as I have been with an honest, faithful and capable choir. But I shall err on the safe side, and write of other choirs, possibly yours.

You may ask what I mean by an honest choir. Simply this: A choir offering the ministry of praise and making the music an act of worship toward God and not an act of entertainment for the congregation.

Now you must not conclude that all paid choirs are therefore dishonest. Some paid choirs are thoroughly honest and sincere. But in the volunteer choir there is a peculiar integrity that avoids the possibility of insincerity which may rise when men and women are paid for their voices alone. It seems as if there might be a reasonable doubt of the moral right of a church to pay men and women to sing the "Credo." "I believe in God the Father Almighty,and in Jesus Christ, His only Son; in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life everlasting," when the aforesaid singers did not believe a word they uttered. Have our vestries seriously considered the danger of allowing their faith to be sung before God by those who have not that faith? More than the voice of the singer should be tested by the choirmaster. The question should be asked squarely, "Can you honestly sing and mean the words which you may be asked to sing in this choir?" No minister would be tolerated if it were known that he held doctrines contrary to his public utterances. Why should he ask less of those who lead the ministry of praise?

Nor do I believe in the practice of "stars" in the choir. They are apt, like Browning's star, "to throw, now a dart of red, now a dart of blue," toward any one who appears to infringe upon their fancied prerogatives. Not all singers have equal ability to be sure. But each ought to be offering the best he has and that offering ought to be appreciated for its honesty. That is one reason why we should never permit the choir to be augmented by talented singers on

special occasions. If your faithful choir is good enough for other Sundays it ought to be good enough for Easter. The "stars" themselves, when their magnitude is enlarged by too exclusive an assignment of solos, are apt to become the object of undue attention from the nimble wit of the lesser lights. One particularly aspiring young lady in a choir in Alaska, whose voice carried with it the suggestion of an enduring contest, was called the "Heavenly Anthem" by her fellow choristers. Their explanation of the epithet was suitably contained in a line from a familiar hymn:

"Hark how the Heavenly Anthem drowns all music but its own."

The anthem has established itself with choir more than with congregation. The serious fault of the anthem is that the words are too often slighted in favor of the melody. With some anthems, especially with those detestable bits of meaningless sentiment known as sacred songs, this fault of the indistinctness is a decided advantage. The supervision of the words, however, should be without mercy on the part of the parson. We have too many so-called sacred songs which run about like this:

"How long must I wander on life's dewy paths

While a sweet bird in blue heaven sings;

How long must sweet flowers in fair gardens bloom,

Before I get angelic wings?"

When your choir gets to that stage it is time to do something radical. It would be better for the choir to relieve the minister by chanting the notices. That is quite an idea. The congregation would get some benefit from that. It would not take long to get up a whole hymn of notices, say to a familiar tune like St. Anne:

"The Dorcas Guild will meet again:

On Thursday next at nine: Please bring your sewing and your lunch,

Get some one else to 'jine.'"

In what celestial sphere were bishops born and under the spell of what divine harmonies were they brought to the Episcopal throne that they should be the targets toward which

so many special anthems should be directed at the time of the visitation of the parish. Why should the simple people of the pews, who enjoy the plain anthems and chants of the choir, be overlooked, and the chief pastor, whose ears have rung daily with anthems, be thought the "occasion" for a tremendous outburst of song. I use the word "occasion" advisedly, for the bishop is not only a person and a very welcome one in our parishes, but, so great is all that is implied in the person, he becomes an occasion at the time of his visitation. Let us honor our bishop by giving him the music that we think is good enough for ourselves.

And now a word about vestments. It is quite the proper thing for the democratic people of this land to think of vestments as a bit of formalism, an assumption of righteousness or a badge of fashion or hightoned display. How far wide of the mark is such a judgment! There is no formalism in a proper uniform. The most delicious bit of real formalism, that might almost be called ritualism, was recently proposed in a church that would look upon vestments as idolatry. It was in the form of a general letter requesting that the men of the congregation wear frock coats and high hats to the morning service. If anything can beat that for unadulterated formalism and unbounded self-consciousness, I have vet to hear of it. But vestments for the choir are most democratic. The simple white cotta, symbolic of purity, removes every distinction between purple or fine linen and homespun. It opens the privileges of the choir to the poor and rich alike. It relegates to the realm of absolute unimportance every distinction of dress. The simple cap banishes the inharmonious display of millinery. As one wit said: "It places every head on an equal footing." The vestments are a badge of brotherhood and equality before God.

Give words of encouragement to your choir. It is not an easy matter for them to prepare to sing. Remember their constant faithfulness and let not an occasional lapse bring criticism to your lips. A few words of praise will bring cheer to their hearts and success to their efforts.

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NEWS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In Brief Paragraphs

Edited by

WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

HARLEM, the home of jazz, "blues," and night clubs—the Negro Heaven of fiction—is in reality a place where overcrowding, rent exploitation, and the lack of noncommercial recreational facilities is breaking up the family life of the Negro; where the number of mothers forced to abandon home duties for outside work is four to five times as great among Negroes as among the white population; where the proportion of delinquent and neglected children is four to six times as great among the Negro as among the white population of New York City.

These are some of the conditions revealed in a report on "Delinquent and Neglected Negro Children in New York City," published this month as the result of a seven months' investigation by a Joint Committee on Negro Child Study, representing some thirty social agencies, in cooperation with the National Urban League and the Women's City Club of New York. The report deals not alone with Harlem, but with the five boroughs of New York City and the conditions described relate to the several centers of congested Negro population.

The report points out that in the last ten years, through migrations from the South, the Negro population of New York has increased at a rate nearly four times as great as the increase in general population; that there are now in this city more than 200,000 Negroes; that largely as a result of enforced parental neglect and because of the lack of organized recreational facilities there has been since 1919 a considerable increase in the delinquency and neglect of Negro children as against a decrease in delinquency among white children.

"The Church must recognize the existence of industrial problems. It cannot remain aloof from labor. It must win its way into the hearts and lives of working people through a manifestation of deep interest in their material welfare as well as the spiritual welfare," declared President William Green of the American Federation of Labor.

He continued: "The membership of the American Federation of Labor wish very much that the Church might understand and know the true aims and purposes of organized labor. We invite a careful study and

feel confident that such a study will lead to the conclusion that organization among working men and women is the inevitable development of industrial progress for protection against exploitation and oppression.

"It is not expected that the Church would take a position upon the question of the open-shop or the closed-shop or upon technical trade matters which occasionally cause dispute and controversy between employers and employees, but where would the Church go for an expression from labor upon moral, economic, social and humane questions if not to organized labor?

"Attempts to exercise economic control over working men and women have caused many bitter industrial conflicts. These conflicts have caused much suffering and engendered human hate. They have divided employers and employees into two hostile camps and have caused each group to feel that industrial strife represented a normal development of industry and that the differences between employer and employees were insurmountable.

"It is this development in the relationship between employers and employees that has caused men whose lives are devoted to the promotion of peace and understanding deep concern. They have felt that there is a common basis upon which the producing forces in industry can stand and a point of understanding that can be reached so that all can work toward the accomplishment of one common purpose.

"The conflicting claims and clashing interests between employers and employees call for the exercise of good judgment and self control. The exercise of these qualities is a primary requisite to the establishment and maintenance of industrial peace."

The Rev. John K. Shryock, one of our missionaries from China, now in this country, celebrated the Holy Communion recently in the Home for Incurables in Philadelphia. "Many of the patients," he says, "could not even hold the wafer, and all the cases were hopeless. I gave a talk on our mission work in China, but of course I said nothing about contributions. Yet after the service those poor people collected three dollars for mission work and gave it to me. With their consent I bought

a stethoscope for a medical student in St. John's, Shanghai, who needed it.

"I don't know when anything has touched me so deeply as this unasked gift from these unfortunate people."

The Rev. C. T. Bridgeman in Jerusalem has had the good fortune to receive a box from Mowbray containing thirty-eight volumes, of the best and latest Anglican theological writings, without any hint of the donor. It is a fine addition to the library. Tourists returning from Jerusalem speak warmly of Mr. Bridgeman's kindness to them. He was just leaving, early in August, for six weeks in Cyprus where he was to take the English services on Mt. Troodos.

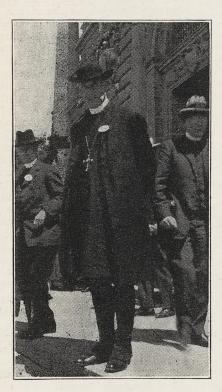
Some gentleman, speaking in Hartford, Connecticut, last week, suggested that churches give way to luncheon clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis, etc., etc.) The topic was further discussed from the pulpit of St. John's Church, Hartford, by the rector, the Rev. William T. Hooper, as follows:

"We are all, I know, well aware of the development during the last twenty-five years of business and professional men's groups known as luncheon clubs. These clubs, which are I believe entirely American in their origin, have come to have a place for good in almost every community in the country. And in spite of the satires hurled against them they mark a desire for fellowship and altruism which is an indication of genuine brotherhood among men. When however, a claim is made for these clubs that they be made a substitute for the church, a definite misunderstanding of both institutions has come about. A luncheon club in the very nature of its purpose cannot become a church. Nor can the church become a luncheon club.

"It is grievous and muddled thinking to claim for either the identical purpose and place of both. It is not my purpose to take too seriously the statement of one person on this topic. As an interested member of one such club, I am speaking, not without experience. I am well aware that such a club may take the place of church in this or that individual life and so far as it goes it is good. Philanthrophy and humanitarian ef-



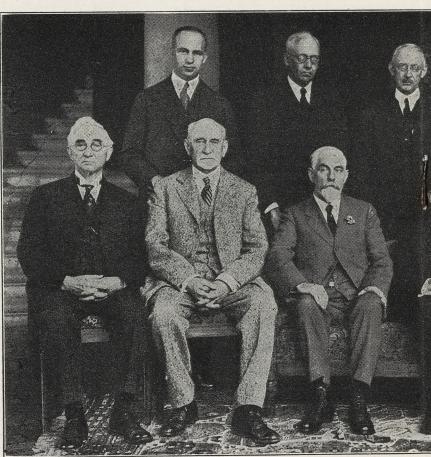
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BISHOP HEADLAM of Gloucester, England



Representatives of the Episcopal Church in this photograph: Bishop Manning, Dr. William Sturgis. Bishop Temple of Manchester is at the right end



CHURCH LEADERS OF THE U (Standing): W. O. Thompson, Presbyterian; Robert A. Ashworth, Baptist; John A. Marquis, Presbyterian.
(Seated): M. G. G. Scherer, Lutheran; A. J. Brown, Presbyterian; W. E. Eciples; Bishop Manning, Episcopalian; J. R. Stevenson, Presbyterian



ion and the Eastern Orthodox Church at Lausanne.
uning, Bishop Parsons, Bishop Perry, Rev. George Craig Stewart, Dean Washburn,
at end of the long standing line; Bishop Gore is on Bishop Manning's left.



THE UNITED STATES AT LAUSANNE.

otist; Bishop Cannon, Methodist; Professor William Adams Brown, Presbyterian;

E. Barton, Congregationalist; Bishop Brent, Episcopalian; Peter Ainslie, Disterian.



BISHOPS MANNING AND GORE in a private conference



BISHOP TEMPLE of Manchester, England

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fort are among man's God-like impulses, but they are far from the the measure of his spiritual, intellectual or even physical capacity.

"Rather now would I raise the whole question of keeping clear before us the deeper functions of the church, as distinct of the estimable but far less fundamental power of the multitude of organizations we refer to as secular groups.

"Of the church I am sure all men would agree that it has answered in all the ages the deepest needs of human nature. In the succeeding centuries it has, now in strength, now in weakness, it has sanctified and hallowed life as nothing else has. In our own day and generation, the church, in its varied aspects and emphasis, still stands as the witness of the ultimate supremacy of the things of the spirit.

"It calls to children, youth and age, and bids them live life, vigorously and happily but it ever reminds them that life and purpose must be linked with something greater than them-

selves.

"I know full well the voice of the church at times seems discordant and without unit of power. Yet it is always possible in the end to discern the effort to declare "The Word of the Lord.' To take all that life holds and consecrate it to a purpose which has a faith not less than the ultimate

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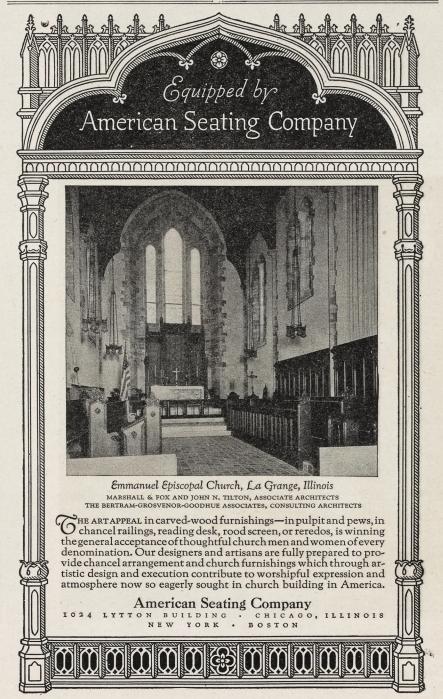
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triumph of goodness over evil, the banishing of suffering through sacrifice and one day in life as we know it that God shall be all in all."

President Potts of St. John's University, Shanghai, has this to say of the Nationalist movement in China: "The Movement has stirred the people to such an extent that in the end it must lead to important conse-The demand for racial quences. equality which is rapidly spreading in eastern countries creates many problems not only in Christian missions but in international relations. If we look beyond the chaos and destruction and the violent antiforeign spirit of the present period

we can see we are entering upon a new era in history, and that one of its great problems will be the adjustments of relations between East and West. Will the new era be ushered in peaceably or will it involve the nations in a long struggle? Time only can show."

In order to meet the "already over organized" argument which rectors frequently put forth as a reason for not starting a chapter of the Daughters of the King, that Church society is urging rectors to transform their existing altar guild into a chapter. The members continue the altar work and add to it the personal service of the Daughters of the King.



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Bishop Seaman of North Texas consecrated St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City, on August 28th.

The Good Samaritan, Oak Park, Illinois, is to build a parish house to cost somewhere around \$20,000. The clergyman in charge of this parish until recently was a member of the Northwest Mounted Police. Bet all the boys want to go to his Sunday School . . . , girls too, if he only wears that snappy uniform the Mounted Police alway wear in the movies.

The bishops of Montana, Faber and Fox, are spending this month ministering to the isolated and unattached Church folks in their district. Bishop Faber is in the southeast accompanied by the Rev. J. L. Craig, while Bishop Fox is in the southwest with the Rev. W. F. Lewis.

The Synod of the Province of Sewanee will meet in Trinity Church, Columbus, Georgia, October 25-27.

Of the entire enrollment of 408 colleges and universities in the United States last year, 39 per cent of the students were partially or wholly self-supporting, according to a survey of the Bureau of Education. The students of these institutions earned in this time \$25,500,000.

They are discovering interesting things during the process of restoration at Westminster Abbey; bright decorations which some had considered an innovation of present day artists. They are at work on the gates of Henry VII chapel upon which are depicted in heraldry the claims that he put forward to the throne.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew runs several summer camps for boys, not the least important of which is Camp Woodcock down in Kentucky.

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St. Paul's, Rochester, N. Y., was badly damaged when struck by lightning recently.

An old bell was unearthed, rusty and worn, at Christ Church, River Forest, Illinois. We ran a word here about it a bit back. They are fixing it up nicely and plan to hang it eventually in a new church tower. "Got the bell, now it is up to you folks to dig up the cash to build a tower to hang it in" is the general idea, if you know what I mean.

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Preachers this Fall at St. Stephen's College include Bishop Atwood, former bishop of Arizona; Dr. Mc-Cune, rector of St. Ignatius, New York; Bishop Griswold of Chicago; Dr. Alexander Cummins of Poughkeepsie; Bishop Lloyd of New York; Dr. Murray Bartlett, president of Hobart College; Dean Sargant of Long Island; Father Huntington of O. H. C.; Rev. John Suter of "281"; Dean Lathrop of "281" and the Rev. C. E. McAllister, secretary of New-

Riga is the capital of Latvia, a republic in northern Europe. Bishop Staunton Batty, in charge of English Churches in Europe, writes of his last visit there:

"At Riga I was met by Mr. Harrison (English chaplain), and taken to the Legation where I was the guest of our Minister, Sir Tudor Vaughan. On the following day I preached and celebrated at 11 o'clock. At 5:30 I was due at the Cathedral where Archbishop John had arranged a special service. As we approached the Cathedral I was amazed to find the streets crowded and the square outside packed with people. The clergy of the Cathedral in their brilliant robes met at the foot of the steps and conducted me to the door where Archbishop John awaited me. The Cathedral was crowded from end to end and the service, which

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included two addresses from myself and the Archbishop, was of a most impressive character. At the close the Archbishop requested me to give the blessing and we then proceeded to leave the Cathedral. This took over twenty minutes as the crowd pressed around asking for my blessing. Outside we found a greater crowd than ever and in addition a host of cameras and cinematographs. The Archbishop insisted on taking my arm and I believe a photograph of us in this posture appeared in most of the English and Latvian papers. It was altogether a very wonderful experience. I have had many proofs of the friendliness of the Orthodox Church towards the Church of England, but I have never met with such cordiality as at Riga."

Creighton of Mexico. Bishop preaching at St. James, Long Island, the other evening had this to say: "Our usual idea of missions is to convert the heathen to the knowledge of the life and love of Jesus Christ: this is part of the propaganda of the Church, but another and greater part

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"Mexico today is sensitive and self-conscious, applying herself indefatigably to the solution of her vast problems. One of the greatest is that of education and she is making fine progress with it. Over one and onehalf million children are now in the public schools, being taught not only book knowledge, but everything that makes for good citizenship. There are schools for the blind, for the sick, for the crippled, reclaiming the wastage of the past as far as may be, there is a great Home for Indian children from which they can attend the best public schools. All these are making for uplift, and we who work there want our share in this. We sometimes find this difficult at

present, but I believe that all the obstacles will be overcome.

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and the second part of the service was again under way when a third group appeared! I really have no idea what time it was when that Confirmation was finally completed.

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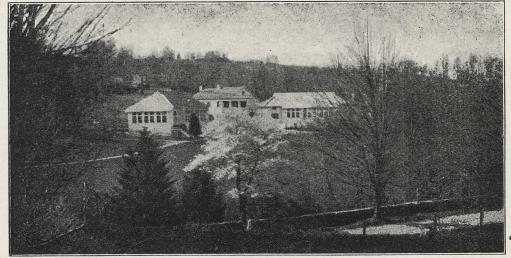
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"Hooker School, of which you have all heard, is at present without religious service, as the chapel was reluctantly dismantled this spring. But with the advice of the authorities we are now planning to place a church so near the school that the pupils may go out into the street and of their own volition attend its services, this being the requirement of the government.

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BAKER, Rev. Edwin P., resigns at Kemmerer, Wyoming to become rector of Christ Church, Douglas, Wyoming.

BAKER, Rev. Richard Henry Jr., resigns as assistant of St. James, Baton Rouge, La., to be the rector of St. John's, Waynesboro, Virginia.

DURRANT, Rev. Henry, resigns at Hyattsville, Maryland, to be the rector of St. Paul's, Louisville, Kentucky.

DuDOMANIE, Rev. Alfred L., resigns as rector of St. Mark's Waupaca, Wisconsin to take up work at St. John's Military School, Salina, Kansas.

JENKIN, Rev. Harold, has resigned as priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's, Syracuse and the Onondaga Indian Reservation, due to the loss of his voice. His present address is 172 Emma Street, Syracuse.

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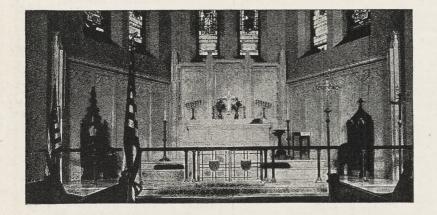
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