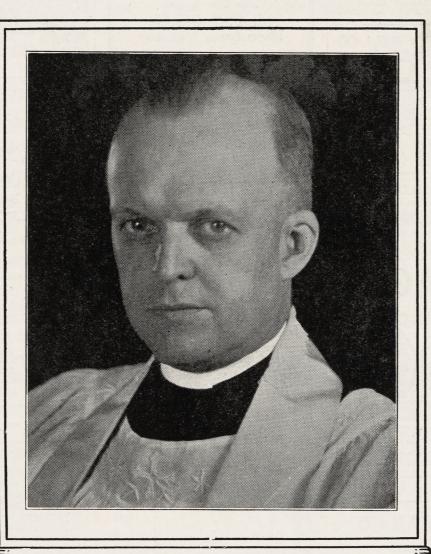
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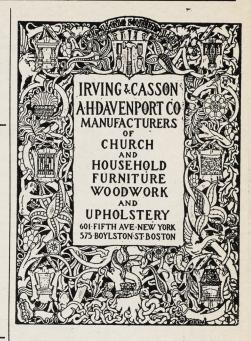




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SYMPTOMS OF DEGENERATION

Bv

REV. LOUIS AUGUSTUS PARSONS

I HAD been following a little stream that murmured through the pastures so cheerily, so peacefully, that my troubled mood of the early morning was wholly gone. Not many trout were rising to my fly; but cowslips blossomed at my feet and from a nearby thicket came the joyous note of a song sparrow. A strange sense of tranquility crept over me, and I recalled that reference of Stevenson's to the music of the little rivers that "quiets a man down like saying his prayers."

It was not to last long. As I climbed upon the bridge for a bite of lunch and a brief reflection on nature's consolations, I was nearly bowled over by a passing car. It stopped abruptly not far from where I clung in terror to the wooden railing, and a man got out. My first impression was of a rather mild individual who would politely apologize for the rude encounter. But I had misjudged my man. Giving me a swift, appraising look, as if searching for a vulnerable spot, he unlimbered his guns and peppered me with a fusilade of the loudest and most insolent sales talk I had ever listened to. He was selling automobile insurance; and his method of forcing a sale was similar to his manner of driving a car; impetuous, overbearing and calculated to drive his victim to the wall.

I stood my ground, however, and when he put the question would I buy any? I fairly bellowed "No!!! thank God, I do not own a car! But," I added, "if you were selling life insurance—"

Personifies a Nation's Desire

My sales resistance had its effect. With scarcely another word, save some casual remark about the weather, he drove away and left me to my thoughts.

And so, the lunch disposed of, I fell into a reverie—I mused upon the problems of the day that wait solution, the trials and annoyances that beset our daily life. Then somehow they seemed to pale into insignificance and fade away before the menace of the moment: the high powered salesman. Is there a spot on this fair earth where we are safe from his insistent overtures? He becomes an arrant nuisance.

And yet, after all, is he not the legitimate product of deaden the finer sensibilities.

an age which seems dedicated to the proposition that a fool and his money are soon parted? Without a doubt; but more than this, he personifies a nation's love of noise.

No Peaceful Refuge Left

Among the many vexations of the world there are some which are quite unavoidable. We must accept them with becoming humility. There are others, however, which are entirely unnecessary and are permitted to exist only because people are ignorant or depraved. One of these is the increasing discomfort of noise.

Until recent years, the business of advertising was conducted largely through the medium of magazine and billboard. But since the advent of the motor car and the loudspeaker the air has been rent by the infernal din. And now, it seems, this deafening roar of commerce is to be further augmented by the advertising planes, which are to fly over our towns and cities at an altitude of not more than 150 feet, not only distracting, but endangering the lives of people below. Even the countryside is no longer the peaceful refuge that it used to be.

Blatant commerce has invaded this last resort; and today "the ploughman homeward plods his weary way" in peril of violent and sudden death. And if he reaches home in safety, it will be amid the hoots and rumbling and backfire of five-ton trucks, motor-busses, and ratling roadsters, driven by frantic salesmen.

But what shall we do about it? Just how shall we escape from this unceasing clatter and roar which devastates the peace and quiet of the world?

I venture to suggest that quite possibly there is no general desire for any such escape.

It would seem as if people revelled in noise nowadays, as they delighted in contemplating beauty in the ages past. This may be in a measure due to the widespread interest in the development of machinery. The world has gone machine mad, and in time it must pay the penalty. For the ultimate effect of machinery on the human mind is to destroy the imagination and deaden the finer sensibilities.

The city, to be sure, was always a noisy place, with its "central roar," its factory whistles, and its rumbling traffic. But now the automobile has intensified this an hundred-fold, and the ear is deafened and the nerves are tortured by the incessant screech and rasp of horn and gear.

And, worst of all, it is no longer confined to the city. Motor cars are flying over the country in all directions, and the noise of the city streets is being reproduced on country roads.

SALESMEN AT THE DINNER TABLE

Then, too, much of this noise is unnecessary. To blow the horn now and then is absolutely essential; and, unfortunately, at such times it is often neglected. But many drivers find an unholy satisfaction in blowing to attract the attention of a friend, or to bring someone to the door, or just to make a noise. Indeed, it is perfectly safe to say that at least eight-tenths of the use of the motor horn are simply expressions of individual taste and inclination.

Popular music today has taken the form of jazz, which is nothing more or less than syncopated noise. This pandemonium of sound is broadcast at all hours of day and night for the delectation of its devotees, who gather about the loudspeaker and drink it in. And the louder the loudspeaker the better they like it.

Multitudes of people are apparently unable to eat a meal without the assistance of a jazz orchestra. And then, after each selection, comes the blatant note of commerce, as someone sounds the praises of a toothpaste or a vacuum-cleaner. Again, the salesman.

SYMPTOMS OF SPIRITUAL POVERTY But, as I have said, what can we do about it?

It is folly to suppose that legislation, propaganda, or even mechanical improvement, can do very much to alleviate conditions which only a minority find intolerable. It cannot be denied that the material and the spiritual act and re-act on each other; and that it is frequently difficult, if not impossible, to determine which is cause and which is effect. But it is none the less clear that the cheerful readiness with which the results of modern ingenuity are appropriated indicates full well that no reaction is possible without a change of heart. The prevalence of strident and ceaseless noise bears witness to the quality of the age in which we live. It is an age of blatant mediocrity.

People shout and shriek at one another, and apparently like it. They bawl and are bawled out. It seems to be the only way to make an impression.

The turnpike on a Sunday morning; the cheap colored supplements that litter the streets and homes; the slang and bunk of politics, professional ball, and prizefights; the audacious vulgarity of theater and screen, are all and equally the unmistakable symptoms of a vacuous mentality and a poverty of inner resource which spells degeneration.

THE RELIGIOUS POWER OF SILENCE

Even the Church has been infected by this bacillus

Sensational advertising, political chicanery and pulpit bombast are one and all disquieting indications of spiritual decline. The type of religious leadership in demand today is arrogant and vociferous. The popular preacher is the man who can "put it across"—a high-pressure salesman.

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our Chief Executive is a Quaker.

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THE STILL SMALL VOICE UNHEARD

If the Christian Church is to regain its ancient influence over the lives of men, it must shift its emphasis from the loud and ostentatious methods of the business world to the quiet ways of the spirit.

The old familiar argument that religion must be made to "suit the requirements of the age" seems based on the theory that if the world wants noise, the Church must give it noise.

This is a fallacy.

What the world needs today is peace of mind and heart. And the Church must count among its many responsibilities the duty of stressing the joy of peace and the refreshment that comes from quiet.

It is written that God speaks, not in the tempest nor in the tumult, but in the still small voice. It is difficult to catch the sound of the still small voice in the roar of modern life. It is, therefore, the peculiar mission of the Church to provide the place where, in an atmosphere of peace, that voice can be heard.

Instead of the announcement, so often seen on the notice-board outside a church, that on the following Sunday morning a live-wire preacher will occupy the pulpit, assisted by a cornet-soloist, let us hope some day to see written over the door of every church the promise: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

A Moment of God's Peace

I awoke with a start, and found myself propped up against the parapet of the bridge, where I had been dozing through the heat of the afternoon. It was cooler now. The sun had reached the ridge of hills, and was sinking behind the pines. A great peace was brooding over the land. No alien sounds profaned it. Only nature's voices could be heard: the contented lowing of cattle, waiting at the pasture gate; the happy cries of children, at play in some distant place; and then, as the sun dropped lower, flooding the sky with crimson splendor, the long liquid chant of a veery came out of the wood.

My soul was bathed in peace. And as I looked out across the quiet meadows to the green hill beyond, my thoughts went back to Virgil and the Golden Age; to Tityrus, reclining in the shade of the beech tree, surveying the tranquil scene and saying, "Deus nobis haec otia fecit."

I picked up my things and set my face toward home. And as I trudged on I remembered Izaak Walton's blessing "upon all that are lovers of virtue; and dare trust in His providence; and be quiet; and go a-Angling."



CHEERFUL CONFIDENCES
By GEORGE PARKIN ATWATER

CHEERFULNESS

SOMEONE has suggested that sometimes my articles do not seem as cheerful as the title implies. Well, I must admit that it sometimes requires courage to be cheerful in the midst of so much that is difficult in our Church's life and work.

But a relief comes from contact with cheerful people, and from the brighter aspects of our tasks.

Only recently I learned that one of our very small children went home from Sunday School last Palm Sunday, bursting with the news that every one must shout "Susanna in the highest."

The same little girl having heard the story of Joseph and his brethren, approached a neighbor boy named Joseph and said, "Joe, I am sorry your brothers are so mean to you." Joe vigorously denied any ill-treatment much to the confusion of the small Biblical student.

These things bring a smile of the right sort.

Countless people associate religion and grimness, dullness, sternness and death. It is true that life has these phases. But religion has likewise its joys, its pleasures, satisfactions, comradeships, attainments and rewards. I sometimes feel that we have let Sunday absorb too much of the former, and not enough of the latter.

Someone with courage ought to form an association for brightening up Sunday afternoon and evening. It is true that commercialized amusements will do it for you, but even these grow stale.

I think that for many people and for children Sunday afternoon and evening are the dullest hours of the week.

How many times do we hear on Sundays, "Mother, what can I do?" "Go and read your book, and don't bother me, I want to rest."

"But, mother, I don't want to read any more. What can I do?" "Go and play in the yard." "But mother, there is no one to play with. What can I do?"

Blessed is the parent who can find some proper thing for a child to do on Sunday afternoons. The Church could help very much if it could have some cheerful gatherings for children on Sunday afternoon, with games. We claim that Sunday is a festival and we treat it like a rehearsal for a funeral.

If the people who established the decorum for Sunday had for a year to live and work in conditions that surround those who are expected, religiously, to observe that decorum, we should soon be enjoying the privileges of the day, without surrender to commercialized amusements.

A parish should be a cheerful household, with its joyous hours, its fine spirit of comradeship, its organized pleasures.

Sunday must have its time for serious religious education, discipline and worship.

But it may likewise have its time for spiritual refreshment and friendly encouragement, in the comradeship of permissable recreations.

And the parish must have its services, its hours of work, its serious tasks. But it must likewise be a household of joy, and friendly companionship, and relaxation.

If your parish does not give you some happy hours, then try to make it over. It is woefully deficient.

Converting Christians

By

SAMUEL M. SHOEMAKER, JR.

SUSPECT that the real reason why modern Christianity is not more convincing lies in the Christians themselves. The problem is "we," not "they." The salt has lost its savor. Modern Christianity is tasteless to the palate of the ordinary unbeliever and outsider. When original Christianity broke on the pagan world, a world in many respects rather like our own, it broke with good news-NEWS, mind you, not advice. The lives of that little company about Jesus were headlines in the world of their time, and they were so different from the life about them, so superior to it in their faith and their unconventionality and their love for each other and their triumph over temptation and death, that the pagan world was startled, excited, almost frightened. This thing did not depend upon great minds or outstanding personalities. The remarkable thing about Christianity was precisely that it could create so much of a stir with such a lot of human scrubs and nondescripts, all of whose faculties and perceptions and values had been so immeasurably heightened through their contact with Jesus Christ. Christianity won out over paganism, not through superior intellectual arguments, but by a more workable way of life.

We are trying today to argue with an unbelieving generation by the refinement of our teaching methods, by appreciation of what the intellectuals are striving for, by the efficiency of our church-machinery, and by the outward appeal of large memberships, great edifices and stately services. These things say almost nothing to our generation. They think about a barefooted Carpenter, and His little company of friends; His faith in God and His direct attack on human hearts—and they wonder what on earth all these religious accessories have got to do with Him. They know that there is no necessary connection between the outward prosperity of the Church and its inward fidelity: the church of Jesus' time was successful enough, but the heart was gone out of it. It had as good teach-

ers in it as the times could supply, but for all their meticulous information they neglected the great matters of mercy and the love of God. They had their great Temple and their rituals and their sacrifices: but there was no pith nor savor. None of these outward things will save the Church of our day. We are wide of the mark if we think that the intellectual approach, or more money, or bigger churches, or better organization can save the soul of the Church, or commend it to our age. The only way to argue with the kind of age in which we live is to argue by means of a richer and more adventurous life. Our age is no different from any other past age in some respects: for all our fancied intellectuality and modernism, we still stand in the presence of the mystery of our own existence, bounded by nothingness and death. Evil is still here, and conscience. The great mysteries have never had the heart of them plucked out: only the religious interpretation furnishes a working clue. The best argument for religion is still a faith that overcomes the world, the one unanswerable thing about genuine Christians is their greater inward security and their profounder spiritual

How many of us know the gladness and the liberty of sharing a genuine experience of Christ with others? The first-century Christians were marked by contagious enthusiasm. Something perfectly tremendous had happened to them. They were frankly excited about Jesus Christ. Are you? When you see a couple on the verge of divorce, can you help Him to come into the situation and clear the air? When you find a woman worried to death by fears and self-pity, can you bring Christ into the picture, Who alone can change it? When a man asks you for a quarter on the street, can you give him something more than a small piece of change? When you meet spiritual indifference and unbelief, have you in your possession so radiant, so enthusiastic, so contagious and joyous an experience of Christ that you can meet it, not with argument so much, but with an obvious possession which is its own argument? Until we are far enough along to talk with people naturally about Christ, we are still self-conscious about Christians. And they are usually insipid Christians.

How in the world are we going to stir out of the spiritual lethargy and dullness which holds us? Wherewith can the salt be made salt again?

There has got to be born a profound conviction that the Church can never move the world travelling at its present rate, and living at its present level. No amount of analyzing the situation in long reports, no amount of pointing to our fine churches or looking on the bright side of things will do. We are in a desperately serious situation. Blind optimism and stupid complacency will drive the world yet farther from us. We need to look down deep into the poverty of our own souls, and realize that the great need lies right there. We are setting about frantic and atheistic financial drives to support our institutions, we have retrenched our missionary enterprises, our spiritual leaders are driven to death with executive and financial obliga-

tions, because there is not enough religion in the church. Going as we are going, I think there will be no more religion generated than we have had. We need to repent of a great many of our present churchmethods as we repent of our sins, for at heart they ape the world and distrust God. There has got to come a radical conviction in the church that we must turn our attention in a different direction if our present administrative and financial worries are not to grow worse and finally swamp us altogether. The conversion of individuals to Jesus Christ at home is the only way to raise money for the church's enterprise abroad. Financial needs are but a symptom of our anaemic spiritual condition. The most disturbing thing about the church today is the condition of our own souls. We have no spiritual possession with which to compel the attention and the allegiance of the world.

If you ask me the way out, I say frankly, convert the Christians. I mean by conversion, at its beginning, a perfectly definite experience which is open to us all through the gateway of personal surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe this spreads into countless applications, but that the heart of it has been lost if the life is not forever marked by being centered in God and His Kingdom in the world, by peace that is not ruffled by trouble, by strength in the hour of temptation, by enthusiasm for Jesus Christ, by sensitiveness to the motions of the Holy Spirit, and by the power to bring about conversion in the lives of others. I believe that those of you who are living outside of that experience are living below par. Show me a period in the church's life, from apostolic times downward, that has been marked by true conversion of individual souls to Christ, church-members as well as outsiders, and I will show you a period when the salt got back its savor. Many say to me that all this personal religion leaves out the social implications of the Gospel. It shouldn't, and it is defective and incomplete if it does. But in my judgment we have been asking people to apply in racial, political, industrial and international matters the Spirit of Christ before we were sure they knew that Spirit in their own homes and their own souls. You can't apply what you haven't got! The need of the Social Gospel, like the need of the Church at large, is for an enrichment of its own inner life and a deeper understanding of the meaning of our whole Christian enterprise.



A T WHAT point in the history of the world was man created?

That is a matter for speculation. There is now all the difference between man and animals. As to where it began you can hold what views you like. Some people hold, of course, that man was a special creation quite apart. Others would say that at a certain stage there was a new creation when the outward frame that we share with the animals had been sufficiently prepared to receive it. Others that the soul of man had been there from the beginning in germ as it were, and that when the growing consciousness and will first became predominant that we may say man first became man, that he was not man in the true sense till the spiritual first began to dominate the animal and material. In any case man created by God, made in His image a spiritual being with free will and responsible for his actions.

At what point, then, did the Fall take place?

That depends on what you think about when man became man. As soon as he became conscious of himself and could exercise his free will he began to misuse it and to pass on the entail of corruption. If you think he became man when the spiritual side first began to predominate over the animal side, then you will think it began then. If you say that no such line can be drawn and that his will existed in germ from the beginning, then you will say the fall was there in germ from the first. It does not matter much, but what does matter is that we should recognize that, however it began, man is now fallen. He is not what he should be. He is a strange compound—made in the image of God and yet sinful, needing redemption by Christ.

Do you believe in a personal devil?

I believe there is a spirit of evil that is always present tempting us. I don't wish to deny that there are evil spirits possessed of personality and of a different order from ourselves. But I think there are great difficulties in the belief in a personal devil. It seems to me to be a belief in a second omnipresent and almost omnipotent God—a sort of revival of the old Persian Dualism with its two gods Ormuzd and Arhiman, or of

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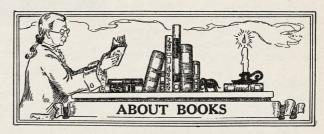
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Manichaeism with its belief in the permanent existence of evil in Matter. A doctrine very like it has recently been put forth by Mr. Wells, as before by J. S. Mill, but I do not think this sort of dualism commends itself to modern thought. No! Sin lies in the will. It may be externalised in bad customs and influences, but people are much too ready to lay the blame on the devil instead of on themselves.

But doesn't it say that Christ was tempted of the devil?

Yes; and whatever the story of the temptation may mean it must have come from Christ Himself. It seems to be His way of describing the great inner conflict He, as man, experienced when tempted to use His supernatural powers for Himself. But it is obviously not to be taken literally. There is no mountain from which you can actually see all the kingdoms of the world. When He said He saw Satan falling as lightning from Heaven He was not describing an actual vision. When I say that the popular idea that "it injures your health to live chastely" is "the devil's own favorite lie" I do not commit myself to a belief in a personal devil, but you understand quite well what I mean.



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Irvine Goddard.

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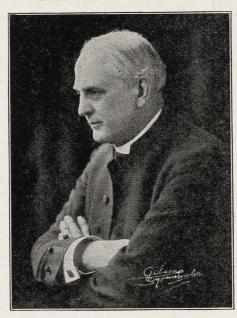
BISHOP ANDERSON of Chicago is the new Presiding Bishop of the Church and President of the National Council. He was elected on the 16th ballot last Wednesday afternoon at a special meeting of the House of Bishops held at Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C. During the first fifteen ballots Bishop Anderson received no votes. His election came Midway in the 16th ballot when he received 70 of the 94 votes polled, which gave him two more than the necessary constitutional majority. While the election was held in executive session it is reported that Bishop Perry of Rhode Island and Bishop Tucker of Virginia had been leading in the voting on the first fifteen ballots. Other Bishops to receive votes were Bishop Burleson of South Dakota, Bishop Freeman of Washington, Bishop Stires of Long Island, Bishop Cook of Delaware, Bishop Parsons of California, Bishop Gailor of Tennessee and Bishop Matthews of New Jersey.

Immediately following his election Bishop Anderson appointed Bishop Burleson his assessor, a position he held under Bishop Murray, and this appointment was immediately confirmed by the House.

Bishop Anderson has been the Bishop of Chicago since 1905, having been rector of Grace Church, Oak Park, Illinois, previous to his election as Coadjutor of Chicago in 1900. He is a native of Canada and is sixty-four years of age. In an interview immediately following his election Bishop Anderson said when asked what his policies would be:

"I have just been elected and have not yet had any time to think and there is nothing further upon that point that I desire to say at this time, except that I shall give my best service to the church and to all of its work. Of course, I shall be in New York at the headquarters of the church for a part of my time, but I shall retain my headquarters in Chicago, and have no intention of resigning my office as Bishop of Chicago.

Previous to the election of Bishop Anderson, the House elected the Rev. S. Harrington Littell, a missionary in the service of the Church at Hankow, China, to the position of Missionary Bishop of Honolulu. The Bishop-elect of Honolulu, who is fifty-four years old, has been in the service of the Church in China throughout his adult life.



BISHOP ANDERSON
The New Presiding Bishop

"It is of little worth that we multiply great Gothic buildings unless we are prepared to furnish them with trained men who shall be capable of rendering them vocal with the eternal truths of the Gospel."

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The corner stone of the structure was laid on May 17th, 1928, at which time Bishop Freeman expressed the purpose of the College of Preachers in the words: "The supreme end and purpose of the Christian religion is the enfranchisement and enrichment of the human soul. To interpret to men the mind of the Master; to give them an understanding of the deep and satisfying values of life; to teach them to employ rightly the means necessary to salvation, is the high and holy privilege of the Christian ministry. To this end the College is founded in the sure confidence that the bulwark and sustaining strength of the Nation is in an abiding and unchanging practice of the Christian religion. The College is designed to give to its students a comprehensive and broadly Catholic vision of the history and unity of the Christian Church since its inception. It will lay unfailing emphasis on those central and eternal teachings of the Master which secure to the Christian ministry its power and usefulnessthrough its sacramental office in the priesthood; through its edifying and inspirational office in the prophethood, and through its comforting and consoling office in the priesthood." Bishop Freeman has also said: "The preaching of the evangel has ever been the vital factor in setting forward the high claims of the Christian Church. That our generation has witnessed a serious decline in the prophetic power of the Church is clearly obvious. It is our hope and expectation, when once this College is builded and men of inspirational power are here to train those who are to be sent forth as evangelists, that a new day will dawn for our Church, and its hallowed offices receive freshened impulse and deepened devotion. We dare to believe that in a time as critical as the present, when old things are passing away and innovations and uses foreign to this Church are being discussed and practiced, when the clamorous voices of those who do violence to ancient traditions, creeds and systems are being heard, that such a College as this will do more to stabilize and strengthen the Church's ministry than the many agencies and mechanisms which it has called into being in recent years. At such a time as the present there is need to emphasize those things that lie at the very foundation of our household of faith, those

things that alone can contribute to a finer appreciation of its solidarity and essential unity."

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A Christian Unity Conference was held in St. George's Church, New York City, Nov. 13-15, under the auspices of the Christian Unity League. The presiding officer at the opening session, Nov. 13. was Hon. George W. Wickersham and the speakers were Rev. Karl Reiland of St. George's Church, Robert F. Cutting, New York, and Rev. J. R. Sizoo of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. Dr. Sizoo's theme was "What a United Church Can Do That a Divided Church Cannot Do."

On Nov. 14, the speakers included Rev. Beverly D. Tucker of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, who spoke on "How Much Christian Unity Do We Now Have?" and Rev. J. W. Woodside of Chambers United Church, Ottawa. Canada, whose subject was "Recent Evidences of Growth Toward Christian Unity." In the afternoon Rev. Charles C. Morrison, editor of The Christian Century, addressed the conference on "The End of a Cycle in Protestantism." This was followed by an address by Rev. Ernest F. Tittle, pastor of the First M. E. Church, Evanston, Ill. Dr. Tittle is also chairman of the findings committee of the conference. The formal adresses were interspersed with a number of group discussions on the various aspects of the church reunion movement.

With the addition of "Youth and Its Vocation," as the sixth and final group topic to be discussed, copies of the revised and completed agenda of the Lambeth Conference of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion which will meet in Lambeth Palace, London, July 30, 1930, have been received at the national headquarters of the Episcopal Church, 281 Fourth avenue, New York, and, with the formal invitations to attend, are being distributed to the 149 bishops of the Church in the United States.

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The Lambeth Conference, which meets at intervals of ten years, and calls into conclave the Bishops of the Anglican Church from all parts of the world, ranks among the greatest of the world's religious gatherings. This will be the sixth Lambeth Conference which has met since its establishment in 1851. At least 100 bishops of the American Church will actively participate in next year's meeting, most of them as members of important committees which will discuss acute problems facing the Christian Church, such as readjustments imposed by scientific discovery and new knowledge of the Bible, the sex question, marriage and divorce, the FOR CHRISTMAS

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place of woman in the Church, Christian Unity, faith healing and world

"The root principle of nationalism," said the Rev. Selden P. Delany in his sermon from the pulpit of St. Mary the Virgin's, New York, last Sunday, "is an ambitious national selfishness and it is opposed fundamentally to the claims of God. The articles of its creed are competition for the markets of the world, the perpetuation of national hatreds, the erection of high tariff walls and an ever-increasing enlargement of armies and navies. It has its lobbyists and its special pleaders. This religion of nationalism must be destroyed, root and branch, before we can have world peace."

The newspapers certainly hand out a lot of hokum on the subject of Church Unity. A commission of our Church, headed by Bishop Parsons of California, has met with commissions of the Methodists and Presby-terians. They decided, at a luncheon held at the National Arts Club, New York, and which lasted at the most two hours, to study how far moral and social questions cause existing divisions. These commissions will meet again in June to discuss this very important matter. But as important as it is it hardly justifies the headline that appeared in a New York paper last Monday morning: CHURCHES PLAN MERGERS, with the story stating that "The Episcopalians, Methodists and Presbyterians have been particularly active in the merger negotiations.'

The same paper ran an account of a row in the Church because the Rev. Karl Reiland had given permission to the Rev. Henry Sloan Coffin, Presbyterian and president of the Union Seminary, to celebrate the Holy Communion in St. George's, New York, as the final service of a Christian Unity Conference to be held there. High Churchmen say it is against the canons; low churchmen counter by saying that the Russians held a service at the Cathedral last year; the "highs" come back with; "but theirs is an apostolic church; their clergy are priests, not ministers." Then the "lows" again: "So is the service of Benediction, held in many of your high churches, against the rubrics and canons." All of which leads the rather poorly informed person to suggest that some time might be devoted to Episcopal Church unity before we tackle the problem of union with any other denomination. This particular scrap ended by Bishop Manning requesting that the service be held elsewhere, and by Dr. Chafee declining to celebrate because of the rumpus.

That women are taking a growing interest in race relations is evidenced by recent activities of the church women's committee of the Federal Council's Commission on Race Relations. On October 30, this committee sponsored a women's conference in New York City with more than two hundred delegates in attendance; these represented all the major Protestant denominations, with white and colored women in nearly equal numbers. The purpose of the gathering was to present the need for interracial work in New York City and some of the projects which might be undertaken by a women's committee. The group was enthusiastic in its decision to authorize a permanent committee, which will meet in the near future to perfect its organization. Some of the suggestions made for its work are securing new economic opportunities for Negro women and girls; especially among church organizations which employ clerical help; increasing knowledge of the better side of Negro life through trips to Harlem, and cooperation in the annual exhibit of Negro art at International House; securing opportunities for speakers on race relations at church meetings and promoting a yearly conference of white and colored church women for discussion and inspiration. In undertaking this work, New York is following the example of other cities, north and south, which have discovered that the most effective way of promoting better Christian race relations is through cooperative work on the part of both races.

Under the direction of Bishop Dallas, the Protestant churches of Concord, N. H., have conducted a community-wide mission the past week. Beginning Sunday evening last with a community service in the First Congregational Church, the program has included Holy Communion daily at 7:15 a. m., in St. Paul's

Church, with intercessory services at noon; classes in personal religion in the Pleasant Street Baptist Church; children's mission services in Baker Memorial Church, at 3:15, and preaching services at 8 p. m.

With a celebration which included a parade through the east side of the city to the music of a brass band, the corner stone of a new addition to St. Paul's Church, Hartford, Conn., was laid. Bishop Brewster and Dean S. R. Colladay, of Christ Selections From the Fall Religious List of Henry Holt

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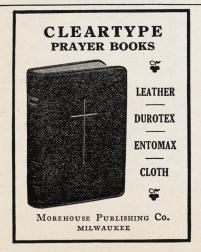
Church Cathedral, were among those who presided. The rector of St. Paul's Church is Rev. Paolo Vasquez.

Rev. Stanley Light, mute Boston clergyman of the Church, is conducting "silent services" for deaf mutes of Bridgeport, Conn., in the Burroughs Memorial Chapel of St. John's Church. During the services, Sunday last, the congregation "sang" in sign language. Following a complete sermon, delivered by the same method, Holy Communion was administered.

A representative of the National Council for the Prevention of War was to have been one of the speakers at a peace meeting at St. Paul's, Milwaukee, on November 10th. But the Daughters of the American Revolution and the boys of the American Legion didn't like her so she was taken off the program. But perhaps it didn't matter over much since President Hoover the follow-ing night told millions of people over a nationwide radio hook-up just what this National Council speaker would have told the few people in Milwaukee. The Daughters of the American Revolution haven't yet told the President of the United States that he must stop talking about peace and disarmament. But don't be surprised if they do. Isn't there anything that you sensible people in the Daughters can do to prevent your officers from being so silly?

Here is a communication from Mr. Louis B. Franklin, treasurer of the National Council:

"It is good to be able to report a better situation with regard to collections on the budget quotas of the current year as during the month of October we made up \$55,500 of the decrease from last year's receipts. There is still more ground to be gained in the last two months as the receipts for the year to No-



vember 1st show a decrease as compared with last year of \$82,242. As the dioceses have told the National Council to expect slightly more in 1929 than in 1928, the task of collection for the remaining two months is a bit heavier than it was last year.

"Only thirteen dioceses and districts are now in the 100 per cent class as compared with sixteen in 1928 and twenty in 1927. The most serious feature of the situation is that instead of a constant growth in missionary giving there has been for the past three years a recession from the record mark reached in 1926. As a result the work is suffering. The natural result of life is growth. The Church's Mission is a living thing, a successful enterprise, and with life comes growth and with success ought to come expansion. Life can be killed by stopping growth and success can be turned into failure by a refusal to permit natural expansion.

"The remedy for the situation is three-fold: First the payment of all that has been pledged for 1929; second, a pledge for 1930 equal to the full budget quota of every parish and of every diocese; third, the adoption by the General Convention of 1931 of a budget sufficiently large to permit of seizing opportunities for new work now being passed by.

by.
"We should ask ourselves not only 'How much is our quota?' but also 'How much does the Church need to do its work efficiently, and how much of that can I give?'"

There is a lot every week here about men of the Church, clerical and lay. Well here is something about women, sent to us by Earl Howell of Los Angeles. Dr. Miriam Van Water, President of the National Conference of Social Work and referee of the Juvenile Court of Los Angeles County, is also a teacher of a large class of adolescent girls



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Jessie Dean, of the supervisors in the county welfare department, is on the diocesan social service commission and president of the "Servers". The "Servers" is a Club for active social service workers, communicants of the Church. It was organized several years ago by the Rev. David R. Covell, executive secretary of the diocese, who believes so heartily in good fellowship. The Club meets quarterly; its object to promote fellowship and knowledge of the Church.

Miss Margaret Norewood, case worker employed by the Church welfare commission, is doing a pioneer service in the Juvenile Court and is a member of St. Paul's.

Miss Margaret Holzsinger, is doing a unique service in charge of the Good Hope Fund in connection with the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Miss Louise Drury, as executive of the children's protective association, is well versed in the problem of youth in the county, and is making history in child saving. She has several Church women on her staff.

Mrs. Margaret Sirch, of the state welfare commission, is a loyal Church woman and active in Church

Another Churchwoman to enter the ranks of civic social service is Mrs. David R. Covell, who some six months ago was persuaded to undertake the reorganization of the Midnight Mission, one of the largest rescue missions for men in the country. It has sleeping accommodations for 500 men and serves 1,800 to 3,000 meals a day.

The mission has lost its Los Angeles City social service commission endorsement and was about to lose its Community chest appropriation.

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Influential churchmen in the Pacific Northwest have become so concerned over the so-called Centralia affair that they have appealed to the Research Department of the Federal Council of Churches to make an investigation of the circumstances attending the incident which resulted in the killing of certain members of the American Legion by members of the I. W. W. on Armistice Day, 1919. The Puget Sound Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church took the initiative in urging the study. The Washington Conference of Congregational Churches also made a similar proposal and individual churchmen like Rt. Rev. Arthur S. Houston, Bishop of Olympia, and Dr. Marvin O. Sansbury, President of the Seattle Council of Churches, have also expressed an intense interest in the matter. Announcement has just been

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made that the Federal Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Central Conference of American Rabbis will jointly make the study, with the active cooperation of church groups in the State of Washington. The reason for undertaking the inquiry is that new evidence has appeared which raises the question whether the seven men who were convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to terms of from 25 to 40 years may have been unjustly imprisoned.

Bishop Bratton of Mississippi held a preaching mission at St Paul's, Savannah, Ga., from October 27th through November 4th.

Bishop Reese of Georgia dedicated the chancel and a memorial tablet of St. James', Pooler, Ga., on All Saints Day. Both are in memory of Mrs. Kate Anderson Wilson, for years a devoted member of the parish.

The famous pioneer work of John Eliot as a missionary among the American Indians has been called freshly to mind by the discovery of the original Old Testament which he had translated into an Indian language. The discovery was made in Exeter Cathedral, England, by Rev. W. W. Rockwell, Librarian of Union Theological Seminary, New York, in connection with a recent visit to England. He recognized the volume as a result of his having

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In an Armistice Day address broadcast from the Bethlehem Chapel of Washington Cathedral over a nation-wide network, the Right Rev. James E. Freeman, Bishop of Washington, denied that

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men can be made good through legal enactments and warned that the nation faces a situation of peril unless Christian culture and refinement continues to hold a place of eminence and influence in thought and practice. He proclaimed the belief, however, that the high hopes and expectations that came with the first Armistice had not failed of fulfillment, and pointed out that the mind of the world is constantly crystallizing about methods and policies that make for peace.

Alanson B. Houghton, former ambassador to Germany and Great Britain, has accepted the chairman-ship of the commission on international justice and good-will of the Federal Council of Churches, succeeding Mr. George W. Wickersham who has served for the past four years. Both Mr. Houghton and Mr. Wickersham are Episcopalians.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Winchester, England, was the preacher at the Cathedral in Albany, N. Y., on November 3rd. In the afternoon he preached at St. Peter's. The day before he addressed a large number of people who met under the auspices of the Foreign Policy association, and on Monday was the guest of Bishop Oldham at a luncheon attended by the clergy of the

Close to 3000 people attended the Armistice Day service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, under the auspices of the Greater New York Federation of

Besides Bishop Manning, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University and George W. Wickersham, chairman of the Hoover Commission on Law Enforcement, spoke in behalf of world peace

Bishop Manning urged his hearers to believe that it is possible for men to live as brothers, and for peace to reign an earth. He ended with a special prayer of thanksgiving, for "the new hope now stirring among us that the vision of brotherhood may be fulfilled."

Dr. Butler, the second speaker, stressed the power for world peace inherent in the pact of Paris. After reading the names of the signatory nations and two of its provisions, Dr. Butler said:

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The Rev. Granville M. Williams, rector of St. Paul's, Brooklyn, was the missioner at a ten day preaching mission recently concluded at Grace Church, Albany, New York. He was assisted by the Rev. Sheafe Walker.

They are celebrating the 75th anniversary of Christ Church, Hornell, N. Y. this week. Many facts of interest are connected with the history of the parish. Perhaps that which is most unique is that during its entire history it has had but six rectors, and during the first fifty years it had but three. During all this time but few changes have been made in the membership of the vestry. Two objectives mark the anniversary services, personal evangelism and an increase of the endowment fund. The Rev. John G. Spencer is the present rector.

Bishop Capers of West Texas re-

cently conducted a preaching mission at Christ Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. Two special features of the Mission was a service particularly for the women of Little Rock conducted on the Wednesday afternoon of the Mission. This service was full of inspiration, largely attended and the Bishop gave a powerful message on the "Responsibility of Women in the Life of Today." The other special feature was a service particularly for the men of the city held on Sunday afternoon, October the 27th. This was well attended, music was furnished by a men's choir and the Bishop preached a strong sermon showing the essential place of the Church in the highest civilization of man.

Bishop Darlington, the Rev. A. G. W. Pfaffko of Blue Ridge Summit, the Rev. Hiram R. Bennett of Williamsport and Mrs. Caleb S. Brinton, president, were the speakers at the fall meeting of the Auxiliary of the archdeaconry of Harrisburg, held October 31st at Trinity, Chambersburg, Pa.

Bishop Hall of Vermont was the guest of honor at a celebration of the centennial of St. James', Arlington, Vermont, on October 26th and 27th. He spoke at a banquet on the evening of the 26th and preached on the Duties of Laymen the following morning. The Rev. George Robert Brush is the rector.

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