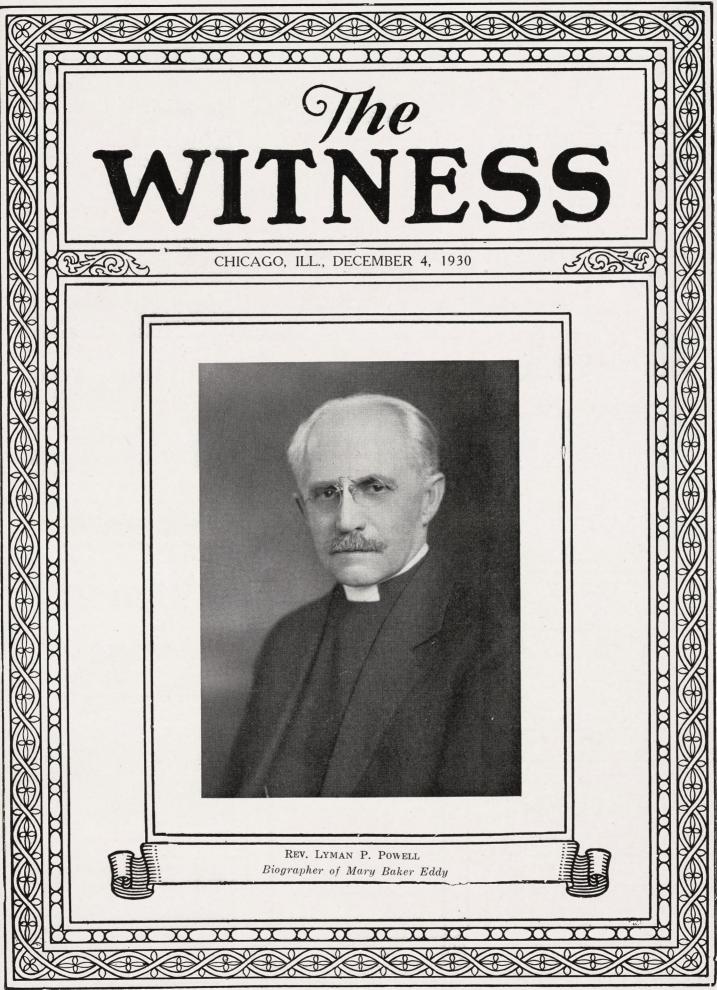
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THE PROPERTIES OF COAL TAR

By

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"There's hardly a thing that a man can name Of use or beauty in life's great game But you can extract in alembic or jar From the 'physical basis' of black coal tar. Oil and cintment, wax and wine, And the lovely colors called aniline; You can make anything from salve to a star, If you only know how, from black coal-tar."

T IS a world full of surprises. In the same way the Master was able to make some wonderful people out of most unpromising material; people that have been an inspiration to the artist and the preacher in all ages. In their ordinary daily routine there was nothing to distinguish the woman who gave two pence or the one who broke the box of ointment, from her fellows. Peter and Andrew, James and John looked like the ordinary type of Galilean fisherman who supplied Capernaum with fish and went about their business in much the same way as other hucksters of their time. Stephen, I have no doubt, was regarded by his fellows as a rather impractical visionary. Saul of Tarsus was, if we judge from history, a very ordinary sort of a man to look at, not at all impressive. Martha and Mary and Lazarus were probably a very unpretentious Hebrew family in comfortable circumstances. Surely the thief on the cross who had a tryst with Christ in Paradise was a most unimpressive fellow and Mary Magdalene may or may not have been a young women with a history.

In any event in God's world and in the Gospel story there have come most wonderful results from most unpromising looking material. It is a world full of surprises and one cannot presage what the possibilities of coal tar may become.

I RECOLLECT being told once by a country doctor that he had frequently found the most heroic and wonderful virtues in most unprepossessing houses, and we all know that no contemporary could ever have prophesied that the child of Nancy Hanks would ever be a world's hero.

Probably the greatest hinderance to spiritual adventure is the feeling on the part of the Christian that he is of no account and that therefore anything that he may do is futile. It is just here that we make our greatest mistake. Human nature is rather drab and most of it fits into the picture of Main Street but while Main Street has a coal tar look it has in it the possibilities of real loveliness. Anyone who will take the trouble to search any town, even one as unpromising as Nazareth must have been, will find in it something besides sordidness and slander.

I fully realize that human judgment is not profound, but if Sinclair Lewis could ferret out all the meanness in a small town, I am very sure that our dear Lord could have found something else, both because it is there and also because men usually find what they are looking for in God's world if they look long enough.

Martha and Mary and Lazarus are not the kind of people that advertise and the public is not interested in their lives unless they fall from grace.

I know that any man who has been a parish priest can look back into the homes of former parishioners in very small hamlets as well as in congested cities and cull out those who have lived lives full of beauty and loveliness. Devoted wives and mothers; godly men working under great handicaps; young men and women who have sacrificed their future prospects in caring for infirm parents or helping to rear younger brothers and sisters; hard working people who have found time to worship God and help their less fortunate comrades. If I had been a deserted babe I would have considered myself fortunate to have been left on their doorsteps.

Coal tar is not a very prepossessing looking article but it is capable of remarkable adaptations in its liquid state. Charcoal and diamonds do not look much alike but they are very close relatives, the one making up in usefulness what the other lacks.

I^F THE gospel of Christ means anything at all, and I sometimes feel that many of our parishes are missing their opportunity, it is that the Gospel of Christ is capable of producing marvelous results out of the most ordinary looking stuff. Somehow Christ did not make much fuss over prominent people, probably because they were making a good deal of fuss over their own importance. The heroes of the Gospel were not the prominent citizens of Jerusalem but rather those whom nobody guessed were unusual.

There is a good deal of meaning in what Christ has to say about "Good seeing in secret" and I fancy it is just that which I have been writing about. There is a great opportunity for ordinary people to become really distinguished, providing they are not looking for decorations. And right here let me say that there is nothing more tragic in the ministry than a clergyman who is obsessed with impressing upon people the fact that he is remarkably able and clever. A good test of this is to be found in the way that a rector takes criticism. Now criticism is really the most useful instrument in a minister's shaping of his life. If it makes him peevish and irritable; if he takes refuge in his rectorial dignity and issues mandates, it is only a question of time when he will either be seeking a new field of opportunity or else he will be taking a trip to Rome.

I PRESUME that human nature is like coal tar. It has to be in a liquid state in order to make anything much out of it. When it is solid coal tar—well it is just coal tar and you cannot make anything else out of it. I have sometimes felt this way about influential laymen and prominent rectors. They are like coal tar when it has set. They may have arrived at a certain prominence but they lack the fluidity to become much more than they are already. That is why I imagine that the Lord prefers the humble and meek. They have not yet set and so they will have possibilities.

In any event I do not think that Christians should be discouraged because they do not receive credit for what they are doing. It is a stupid thing to stop doing things for Christ because no one publishes them. Why? Because Christ has told us that if we do things to receive credit from men, then we have our reward. We are seen of men; they applaud our efforts and that is the end of it all. The layman or rector that works only in the limelight suffers the fate of all theatricals—their efforts may be wonderful but they are not real. It is one thing to pretend to be a public benefactor on the stage and quite another to serve your fellow men in secret. Each has its own reward but it is different.

Do not hold back from good works because no one is looking at you but God.

"You can make anything from salve to a star If you only know how from black coal tar."

Endowments

By

GEORGE PARKIN ATWATER

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The Records

 $T^{\rm HE}$ recorder of the endowments in a parish should keep three sets of records as follows:

First: A Roll of the Founders of Endowments. This roll should have the name of every founder, correctly spelled, with the age of children, and every other item of information which might be of value. Sufficient space should be given to each name, so that change of address and other changes could be noted. Each name should be numbered to assist identification.

Second: The recorder should keep a cash book. This should be a well bound book, into which would be entered every gift received from a founder. These entries should be dated and be recorded continuously. The occasion which prompted the gift should be recorded, if known.

Third: The recorder should secure a tray of large cards, ruled for ledger entry. The name of each founder should be written at the top of a card, to be devoted exclusively to the record of that person. The entries in the cash book should be at once transferred to the card of the person to whom credit is due. The entries on the card should show the date of the gift, the amount and in a parallel column, the total of all gifts. Upon the back of the card may be entered any information which may guide the recorder in his later approach to the giver.

The Recorder should send to the treasurer of the parish a complete copy of all entries in his cash book. The treasurer should carefully preserve these reports.

The cash book and tray of cards should be safely kept in separate places, in order to safeguard the records.

The money, as it comes in, should first be placed on deposit in a savings account at a trustworthy bank, and as soon as it reaches the sum of one thousand dollars, it should be placed in the custody of a trust company. If there is no local trust company, the committee should seek one in a larger city. Great care should be exercised in selecting a trust company. Funds might be divided among several companies.

A trust agreement should then be entered into between the parish, or its legal representatives, and the trust company. Legal advice should be sought in making this agreement.

The agreement should embody these features:

(1) The principal of the fund shall remain perpetually in trust. The money is given to the parish on that understanding, and there should be no reservation whatever on that point.

(2) The income shall be paid to the authorized legal body which controls the property of the parish.(3) A provision shall be made that in case the

parish ceases to exist, the income shall be paid to such other legal representatives of the Church as shall be able to spend it most nearly for the purpose, and in the same locality, for which it was originally given.

(4) The further provision should be made that in the event of the inability of the trust company to find responsible stewards for the expenditure of the income, in accord with the original intention, the trust company may pay the income to the Trustees of the Diocese.

The Endowment Committee of each parish must devise methods by which the founders may easily make their gifts. The following suggestions may be of value:

(1) Send to each founder a special set of six or eight envelopes, marked plainly "ENDOWMENT GIFT", and in fine print, "This envelope may be sent to

(Name) (Address) or it may be put upon the alms-basin at any service of the Church."

This envelope should also have sufficient space for name of the donor.

(2) Have a box containing "ENDOWMENT FUND" envelopes in the vestibule of the church, so that any founder may use such an envelope at any service.

(3) An acknowledgement of each gift should be made, as soon as possible after it is received.

Each acknowledgment should state the amount received and also the total in the founders endowment. This receipt should contain a word of thanks, and should be signed in ink by the Recorder and the Rector.

It is not to be expected that the individual endowments will be adequately increased unless the parish makes an effort to bring them frequently to the attention of the people. There should be no appeals, in the usual sense of the word, but persuasive reminders of the existence of the endowments.

The following ways are suggested:

(I) Constant, but judicious and unobtrusive publicity must be given to the method, so that founders may be continally reminded of it. Notices should appear in parish papers and bulletins.

(2) An annual report should be printed and sent to every founder. This report should print the name of every founder, but not the amount of his endowment. Upon a blank page of the report should be a statement, written in ink, of the status of the individual endowment of the person to whom that particular report is to be sent. The exact form of the other details of the report must be determined by the committee in charge of the Endowment Foundation.

One Sunday in each year should be devoted to a commemoration of the founders of the Endowment Foundation. The annual report should be issued about two weeks in advance of this Sunday. A Sunday in October would be suitable. The commemoration would be likewise a rally for the winter's work. Notice of this service should be sent to every founder, in the parish and elsewhere. The suggestion should be made that at that service gifts to each endowment would be appropriate.

Each founder should be asked to make a gift to his endowment at least four times a year. It is possible to give notice that on Whitsunday, for example, the Parish would be glad to have each founder make a gift to his endowment.

Parish bulletins should constantly refer to the Endowments.

A MEMORIAL RECORD

The names of all the departed in whose memory endowments are founded should be entered in a neat leather bound book and kept perpetually on the Altar of the Church. This list of founders should be read on All Saints Day.

An alert committee can do much to keep all the people alert to the method.

(To be continued)

Exchange of Method

T ALL Saints, San Benito, Texas, where the Rev. A W. Everett Johnson is rector, fifty per cent of the congregation each Sunday is made up of children from the Church school. This is due to the fact that the instruction aims at an understanding of the Prayer Book and the services of the Church and does not attempt to teach Bible history. The rector prepares each week a questionnaire which the children take home and return filled out the following week. To answer the questions correctly they have to know what is going on in the Church. To aid them in this they depend on the Church weeklies and the Spirit of Missions. As a result of this training the children, and their parents too incidentally, are Church conscious. They have to be in order to answer the questions. To illustrate, a week or two before the election of Bishop Perry as Presiding Bishop the rector heard a group of twelve year old boys discussing who should be elected with each one pulling for his favorite. They knew of the election and of possible candidates because of their reading. The Church School meets at ten, and then attend the church service at eleven. Mr. Johnson bases his system upon the idea that if he can get the children to love the Church they will remain in it when older, and that the way to get them to love it is to teach them about the Church and its worship rather than about Old Testament patriarchs.

"I like your preaching, vicar. I learn a lot from your sermons."

Vicar: "I'm very glad to hear that."

"Yes; until I heard what you had to say on Sunday I always thought Sodom and Gomorrah were man and wife!"

GOOD BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

THE purpose of this page or two is to present books which we feel might well be given attention, now that Christmas is upon us. Reviewers have read these books and have sent in to THE WITNESS their opinions of them. Their opinions are passed on to you in this form solely for space economy.

Children being the most important, particularly at Christmas, suppose we first list a few books for them. The Tale of the Warrior Lord is the story of the Cid, Spanish hero, that some of us had to read about once upon a time in French. Here it is beautifully translated and illustrated in a handsomely bound book, brought out by Longmans Green for \$2.50. The adolescent boy will say that you have good taste if you present him this volume. Hoofbeats in the Wilderness by Arthur Baker is one of the thriller sort that boys like-Indians, heroic rescues and all the rest of it. There is wholesome adventure here. with a horse who is quite as much a hero as his master. It is a McBride book and sells for \$2. The younger boy will like it.

Porto Rican Neighbors by Charles W. St. John is a little book which will give the child in the early teens something of an idea of our wards in the southern sea. It is brought out by the Friendship Press (\$1). The Story of Musa by Mary Entwistle also by the Friendship Press (\$1) is for children from six to nine. It tells of boys and girls in the East in a fascinating way with many fine illustrations. Little Pilgrim to Penn's Woods by Edna Albert is a Longmans Green book to be had for \$2. It is the story of an 1800th century migration to the woods of William Penn, told against a background that is historically notable. Either a boy or girl will appreciate it. Little Kin Chan by B. H. Converse, Friendship Press (\$1.25) is another six to niner and relates the story of a little Japanese girl, The Crab, which is the delightful name of her dog, and the Missionary Lady. It is a delightful story.

Some one child in your household who loves dogs? A Terrier's Tale by Olwen-Bowen, McBrides (\$1.50) will suit him very well indeed if he is between eleven and fourteen. The Amber Bead is sparkling with fun and humor, a combination of the real and the imaginative. It is a story of the little girl Heidi and her friends of the forest. A fine book to give the girl who is in the early teens. It is a Longmans Green book and costs \$2. The Story that Peter Told by Elsie Reviews Edited by WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD



STARS TONIGHT A Delightful Book of Verse

Ball is a children's life of Jesus that any child will enjoy; a Henry Holt book that can now be had for one dollar. Two other fine books for children of grammar school age, and high school age too for that matter, are *Hands Around the World* by Archer Wallace, in which he gives fascinating biographies of world heroes— Woodrow Wilson, Leo Tolstoy, Sun Yat Sen, Mahatma Gandhi and others. Any boy will like it and it



like it and it will do him a lot of good too. A book equally good is *Girls W h o M a d e Good* in which Winifred and Frances Kirkland do pretty much the same th in g f o r girls, though I selections are Alice Foote

cannot say that their selections are particularly inspiring. Alice Foote MacDougall sells good hot dogs and coffee but I am not at all sure that I want my daughter to follow in her footsteps. However there are fifteen stories in all and most of the subjects are more worthy of the fine treatment they receive from these gifted authors. Both are inexpensive books —but one dollar—and are handsomely bound and printed by Richard R. Smith. And I must not fail to mention Songs for Johnny Jump Up by John Farrar, a book of delightful verse, beautifully illustrated. The children will be singing these poems around the house for a long time. It is a Richard R. Smith book and sells for \$1.50. Another fine book of verse, which will be a welcome gift to both the young and old, is *Stars Tonight* by Sara Teasdale, illustrated by Dorothy P. Lathrop. Finally there is a story that will delight the children called *The Talking Bird*, written by Idella Purnell and John M. Weatherwax. Both are Macmillan books. The former is \$2.00; the latter \$2.25.

 $\mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{N}}^{\mathrm{OW}}$ for the adults, and we will limit ourselves to religious books since you of course get your information about other books elsewhere. Certainly one of the most widely discussed books of the fall is the new life of Mary Baker Eddy by the Rev. Lyman Powell, a New York rector. It has already sold into the thousands and has stirred up considerable controversy, especially among those who have broken away from the Mother Church. It is their contention that Dr. Powell's book is mere propaganda and omits many facts in the life of his heroine. However that may be it is an exceedingly interesting piece of work, written with style by a man who knows his subject thoroughly. It is a Macmillan book and the price of it is \$5.

Anything by our good friend John Rathbone Oliver will of course interest Episcopalians and certainly readers of this paper. His latest novel is Rock and Sand also a Macmillan book (\$2.50). Writes the reviewer, "A story in which sophisticated, conventionally Christian Americans are contrasted with simple but devout French Canadians. The Americans suffer by the contrast. The book gives an extremely interesting picture of the life of the French Canadian habitants of the closing years of the last century. The character delineation is splendid. Although the book does not seem to the reviewer to equal Dr. Oliver's former books, it is very much worthwhile and valuable."

One of the finest and most beautiful of the new books is *The Monastery by the River* by Stanley Russell, Toronto parson, published by Richard R. Smith (\$1.25). He pictures intimately the lives lived in an old monastery in England and he does it with a prose that is close to poetry. I cannot imagine anyone who would not be delighted with it. A fine gift indeed for your Church friend or rector. There is beauty here and Christian wisdom.

There are many beautiful reprints

of religious books that may now be had for one dollar, all of them books that formerly sold for \$2.00 or more. Among these we find Beliefs That Matter by William Adams Brown of the Union Seminary; The Master: A Life of Jesus Christ by Dr. Bowie of Grace Church; The Motives of Men by Dr. Coe of Union, all of them Scribners books. Then there is What to Preach by Henry Sloane Coffin of Union; The Impatience of a Parson by Dick Sheppard of London; The Wicket Gate by our own beloved G. A. Studdert-Kennedy; The Parallel New Testament by Dr. James Moffat, in which he gives you his translation along side the King James version. These and many other fine dollar books are brought out by Richard R. Smith and Co. Add to this list the handsome edition of This Believing World by Lewis Brown, brought out by Macmillan, and you have a large number of remarkable books from which to select gift books and at exceedingly low cost. Mind, these books are all beautifully bound in cloth and are in every way up to the printing and binding standards for books that sell for three times that sum.

Another fine new book is *Pathways* to *Certainty* by Williams Adams Brown, a Scribners book (\$2.50). Those who are troubled by the prevailing humanism, and by the writings of Walter Lippmann and John Dewey, will find much in this noble work to reassure them.

If it is poetry that you seek let us recommend He Is Become My Song by Edith A. S. Robertson, Macmillans (\$2.25) which is a life of Jesus in beautiful verse. It will make a handsome gift. Another book of verse is The Master of Men, edited by Thomas Curtis Clark and published by Richard R. Smith (\$2.00) in which Mr. Clark has gathered the quotable poems about the Master. This too will make a fine present, particularly to the rector. The reports of the Catholic Congresses of 1930, both here and in England, may be secured from the Morehouse Co., The Body of Christ being the title of the book giving the addresses at the recent Buffalo con-





BISHOP MCCONNELL Writes on Ventures in Belief

gress, and *The Church*, *One*, *Holy*, *Catholic*, *Apostolic* being the volume that reports the English congress. The former sells for \$1.75; the latter, a larger book, for \$2.50.

Joseph Fort Newton is one of the most popular of present day writers on religious subjects, and his *Things I Know in Religion* is up to his usual high standard. He is certainly one of America's great preachers and here there is presented for you twelve of his most inspiring sermons. It is brought out by Harpers and sells for \$2.00. Another Harper book of unusual worth is *The Inner Sentinel* by L. P. Jacks of England, who writes, as always, with vigor and freshness about the most important matters in life.

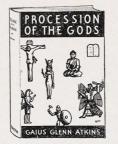
A most interesting book has just been brought out by Macmillan in which twenty-four people of importance give their views of *Marriage*— Maude Royden, Judge Lindsey, Walter Lippmann, Bertrand Russell, Joseph Fort Newton, Sherwood Eddy, Count Keyserling and others of equal importance. I am not sure that it would do to present the book to husband or wife as a Christmas present there might be misunderstandings. But in any case it is a book to read in these days of discussion about family life. The price is \$2.50.

Life's An Art is written by Maurice Legrand of France, writing under the name of Franc-Nohain, a French poet and musical and dramatic critic of distinction. He writes delightfully in this book of life—of youth and age, of marriage and what comes after, of citizenship and faith in God. It is a wise and lovable book. Henry Holt is the publisher and the price is \$2.00. A Faith that Works by Canon E. S.

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Woods of England (Richard R. Smith, \$2.00) presents a faith that not only will jibe with modern knowledge but also a faith that calls for action. A book that would be of value to the clergy is *Church and Newspaper* by the religious editor of a Chicago newspaper, Rev. W. B. Norton. In it he gives the inside story of a newspaper office and tells you what is copy, how to prepare it, what newspaper men are like and how to approach them. He knows, for he has been on that job for over twenty years. It is an exceedingly practical book, brought out by Macmillan (\$2.50).

Two books of history deserve more than passing mention; Procession of



the Gods by Gaius Glenn Atkins is a story of all religions, woven together in a most fascinating tale — an epic of human a spiration done in comm and ing

prose. The other is *The Story of Religions in America* by William Warren Sweet in which we find the more than two hundred denominations of America placed against our political, economic and social background and really explained. Both are fascinating books. The former is published by Richard R. Smith and sells for \$3.00; the latter is a Harpers publication and costs \$4.00.

One could go on endlessly listing good books but space prevents us from doing more than merely naming a few others, any of which would be gladly welcomed by the Church friend whom you wish to remember on Christmas. The Message of Francis of Assisi by Rev. H. F. B. Mackey, Morehouse, \$1.75; The Dream Power of Youth by Percy R. Hayward, Harpers, \$2.00; As We Were, A Victorian Peep Show by E. F. Benson, Longmans Green, \$4; Why I Am and Why I Am not a Catholic by various English writers, Macmillans, \$2.00; Our Economic Morality by Harry F.



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Ward, a book that is appropriate for these times, Macmillan, \$1.35; The Fight for Peace by Devere Allen, also appropriate for these times, Macmillan, \$5.00; Ventures in Belief by Bishop McConnell, Angus Dun, Henry Van Dusen, Henry Sloane Coffin and others, Scribners, \$2.00; What's Life All About? by Bertha Conde, who is known to many Church people for her

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lectures and conference leadership, Scribners, \$2.00; Christ in the Gospels by Professor Easton of the General, a book that will be particularly appreciated by the clergy, Scribners, \$2.50; and finally Jesus of Nazareth by Bishop Gore, a Henry Holt book that is also priced at one dollar, and Jesus the Son of God by Professor Bacon of Yale, Henry Holt, \$1.50. It might be well to end these briefest of reviews by telling you that the Morehouse Publishing Co. has put out a little box labelled *Little Treasures* of *Poetry and Art*. Inside are three little books, with appropriate Christmas covers, containing the best of poetry and art. The price is \$1 for the box—a very nice Christmas remembrance indeed.

NEWS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

 T^{HE} United States of America is not the only place where they have rackets apparently. I have just received a nicely printed leaflet from Mr. F. J. Griffiths of London, the founder of a Theological Society which informs me that for the small sum of \$12.50 I may become a fellow of his society and forever after have the distinction of placing after my name the letters F.Th.S., the inference being that anything as tricky as that is quite as good as a D.D. any old time. What's more, being a fellow of the society also entitles me to wear a hood-and a very impressive one, since it is a combination of black, purple, crimson and white. The society has headquarters in London. Not very elaborate headquarters to be sure, but at least a place where Mr. Griffiths, founder, can receive his American mail. And that it is American mail that he relies upon chiefly I gather from the fact that he has so much to say about dollars. The word "shilling" does not appear in his four printed pages. The chances are, at that, that Mr. Griffiths is an American racketeer operating from London. I can only hope that he has under-estimated the intelligence and over-estimated the vanity of our clergy, all of whom, I assume, have received his broadside.

Canon T. A. E. Davey of Liverpool Cathedral expects to arrive in New York early in January on his way to the Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, where he will be Special Lecturer on Apologetics and Christian Ethics. He will remain on the staff of the Berkeley Divinity School until Easter and while there will do a certain amount of outside lecturing and preaching. The following breezy account of Canon Davey is from the pen of a fellow member of the Liverpool Cathedral chapter, Canon F. W. Dwelly.

"Tuck," as Canon Davey is popularly known, came into his own in the

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great Coal Strike of 1926. That grim situation called for a man with intense faith and irresistible humour; one who had a clear vision strengthened with a background well packed with sound knowledge of the psychology of the crowd and the psychology of leadership.

Southwest Lancashire, where Canon Davey was then a vicar, was a key position for the labor industry since there the situation was not complicated by combines which shut out the chance to meet controllers face to face. Lancashire men have, moreover, a canny way of proving, and then trusting, the man they have found to be both "Janack" and free of "bats in the belfry." "Tuck" filled the bill to a letter and became the man of the hour. With the weapon of humour, he made Bishop face peer, and parson face manager, and every committee face up to facts, so that the Archbishop and Bish-ops of the Church thought it was time that they all got together at High Leigh to see what ought to be done. The Bishop of Salisbury, acting as Chairman, "fell" for Tuck, and it was Tuck's scheme of Renewal which was taken up, a scheme which eventually grew into the well-known Lambeth "Way of Renewal" put forward as the challenge of the Church by the Archbishop of Canterbury at his enthronement in December, 1928.

It was Tuck who, at every turn, said "Let's have a do" until that slogan got into every episcopal palace in England, and with good humor, the live men of the Church all over England today are saying "Let's have a do." (Look out for "Let's have a do." (Look out for "Let's have a do." His method is the opposite of theory. He doesn't believe in putting organization first: "No," says he, "Let's have a do on our own. If the thing has life then some sort of organization will be inevitable; if it's inevitable—well there it is—

it's inevitable; but, let's have a do, let's try it out, my Lord." And the odd thing about it is that Tuck does not know he is achieving something extraordinary when he makes Bishops and Peers and Peasants "have a do."

Of course the Bishop of Liverpool seized on to him and attached him to Liverpool Cathedral. But up and down Old England he goes, he is behind the scenes at everything that matters. Talk? He can talk and does talk until what he sees is also seen by those whom he wants to see it, and the biggest insult you ever get done to you is if Tuck is silent in your presence.

The Diocese of Western Massachusetts early in 1930 decided that tales of financial stringency, stock market disasters and the deplorable unemployment situation had no part in their plans for missionary giving. They assumed that the people of the Church in Western Massachusetts were able and willing to maintain the general work of the Church, and with their usual careful planning and intelligent use of publicity they have succeeded in doing what in some quarters has been declared impossible.

Archdeacon Mott, executive secretary of the diocese, tells the inspiring story in an announcement just made "to all parishioners of the diocese:"

"With a just sense of pride we are sending out the best missionary statement in the history of the diocese, for the first ten months of the year. November, 1929, was our previous high-water mark; but this statement is \$2,249 increase. The diocese as a whole stands 91 per cent against 87 per cent last year at this time, and we have 31 parishes in the 100 per cent class as compared with 24 parishes last November.

Brotherhood men and other

Churchmen will be interested in the National Men's Congress (interdenominational) to be held in Cincinnati, December 11-12, at which an attendance of a thousand men is expected. Those desiring credentials admitting them to the sessions of this meeting are asked to notify the Brotherhood headquarters.

Rev. Thomas A. Conover, rector at Bernardsville, N. J., conducted a quiet day on November 25 for the women of the diocese of Pennsylvania. * * *

Bishop Perry was the guest of honor at a meeting of the Church Club of Pennsylvania, held at Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, on November 20th.

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Rev. Herbert L. Johnson, Haverhill, Mass., has accepted a call to the rectorship of St. Paul's, South Philadelphia, Pa. * * *

A mission on the subject, "Religion That Works" is being held this week at Calvary Church, New York City, with men from all walks of life doing the speaking.

William H. Matthews, director of family welfare in New York is to speak on unemployment relief at a meeting of the fellowship of social workers of the diocese of New York, to be held at Calvary, New York, on December 8th. The Rev. Frank Gavin is to lead a quiet hour before the meeting.

The Rev. Noble C. Powell, rector of St. Paul's, University of Virginia, has accepted his election as rector of Emmanuel, Baltimore, long vacant.

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* * * It is interesting to know that the Province of the Pacific is alive to the advantages of the new Church Properties Fire Insurance Corporation. We learn that policies amounting to \$1,317,325 have been written to date on Episcopal churches, guild halls, rectories and institutions, as follows: California, \$935,925; Los \$236,950; Sacramento, Angeles. \$60,600; Arizona, \$33,300; Oregon, \$17,500; Olympia, \$6000; Spokane, \$9000; Nevada, \$8000.

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Members of the department of missions and church extension of the diocese of East Carolina met at New Bern on November 9th. There was an address by Bishop Darst in which he said that there has been more confirmations in the diocese this year than in any year of his episcopate. No depression down there. It was reported that the diocese as a whole

CHRISTMAS CARDS

THE WITNESS has each year received many inquiries from readers as to where Christmas Cards of a really Christian character could be secured. Since there seemed to be a considerable demand for them the management engaged an artist who has drawn a number of very beautiful silhouettes which have been reproduced as Christmas cards. They are available in boxes of twenty-five, with envelopes at \$1.50 a box. Orders should be sent to the New York office, 931 Tribune Building.

was meeting its obligations to the Church Program well, the representatives of the several parishes and missions that are behind reporting that any shortage will be made up before the end of the year. * *

Some weeks ago it was reported here that Sadhu Sundar Singh was to preach at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston. That was entirely wrong. The lecture was about this famous Indian saint, not by him. Some months ago he went on a journey into the interior of India and has not been heard from since.

* * * Dean White of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, conducted a fine mission at St. Luke's, Racine, Wisconsin, November 3-9.

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Bishop Rogers was installed into the episcopal throne of the cathedral in Cleveland on Tuesday, November 18th, by Dean White. Following the service there was a dinner given by the Church Club of the diocese, with Bishop Stewart of Chicago as the speaker.

Another interesting item from the diocese of Ohio is this statement to his parishioners from Dean White of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland:

"I think you should know that shortly after Bishop Leonard's death I placed my resignation as dean of this cathedral in the hands of Bishop Rogers and the executive committee of the cathedral chapter. The bishop graciously acknowledged receipt of my letter and indicated his desire that I retain the deanship to which I was called by Bishop Leonard and the executive committee twelve years ago next March. Certain debatable matters of policy rising out of changed and changing congregational conditions are soon to be considered by a committee of

conference and I will advise you of the result of our deliberations as soon as the bishop, the executive committee and I have come to an agreement."

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The Rev. L. F. Piper, executive secretary of the diocese of New Hampshire, has become the rector of the Transfiguration, Derry, N. H.

Fine synod of the fourth province at Jackson, Mississippi, November 11-13 with somewhat smaller attendance than last year but with more earnestness and enthusiasm. There was a great deal of time devoted to a discussion of social service and of religious education.

The Rev. C. F. Andrews, interpreter of Gandhi, was a visitor at the Episcopal Seminary, Cambridge, November 17. The preceding week Dean J. W. Nichols, St. John's University, Shanghai, was in residence at the school and addressed the men on opportunities in China.

Rev. Robert Atkinson Mayo, formerly rector of West River, Maryland, died on November 15th. He was in charge of parishes in Baltimore and Philadelphia before his long rectorship at West River.

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The young people's fellowship of St. Luke's, Scranton, Pa., was the host to 150 delegates of the northern convocation of the diocese on November 7th.

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St. Augustine's, Illion, N. Y., was host to the diocesan conference of the young people's fellowship November 28-30. Speakers: Rev. T. Raymond Jones of Oswego, Bishop Oldham, Miss C. Tompkins and Rev. T. T. Butler of Utica, with Congressman Davenport as the banquet orator.

Bishop Jenkins of Nevada has been preaching in the diocese of Quincy on the work in Nevada. The Advance Work project for Quincy is a parish hall at Las Vegas, Nevada. * * *

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A dozen of the leading denominational ministers of Quincy, Illinois, joined with our clergy for a quiet day on November 12, held at the cathedral and conducted by Bishop Fawcett.

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Three hours after sending in the news that appeared in these columns last week about the election of Bishop Blair Roberts as bishop of Harrisburg I was informed on good authority that he had declined the election. He feels, apparently, that he has an important work to do in

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South Dakota. Sometimes something will have to be written on the presumption of eastern dioceses in thinking that everyone at work west of the Mississippi is just crazy to get a job back east. Bishop Roberts spoke eloquently on the subject even though, as far as I know, the only word he uttered was "No." But how quickly he barked it out. Nothing against Harrisburg of course, and Bishop Roberts must be grateful for the honor. But it is a simple fact that he is doing a big job right now and there is no particular reason for shifting his field.

Because of the interest of the Girls' Friendly Society in the welfare of children and young people they were asked to send a representative to the White House Conference on child health November 18-22. Miss Florence L. Newbold represented the society.

The Rev. Sigfred W. Sundin has been elected superintendent of the Buffalo church extension society to succeed the late Rev. Alfred S. Priddis. Mr. Sundin has been a member of the staff for some time.

The Rev. Thomas L. Settle of Kentucky conducted a preaching mission at St. Matthew's, Brooklyn, N. Y., November 20-30. Mr. Settle is well known for his excellent work among the mountain people of Kentucky. One of the features of the mission was the boys' meeting when Episcopal vouths from several churches in the neighborhood came together for joint meetings.

Dr. George H. Crocker of Providence, R. I., has given to the diocese of Rhode Island his mansion as a deanery for the cathedral. He also gives \$50,000 for maintenance. The fine old brick residence is directly across the street from St. Dunstan's College of Sacred Music and less than a stone's throw from the cathedral.

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Bishop Farthing of Montreal is to be the preacher at the Cathedral of St. John, Providence, on December 14th. On the following day he is to address the Churchmen's club of the diocese. On the same day Bishop Perry is to talk before the Rhode Island ministerial association, composed of the clergy of all the Protestant denominations in the state, on the Lambeth Conference.

An event of unique interest in the history of the Church in the South took place on Wednesday, Nov. 19, when Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire laid the corner stone of Ephphatha Church

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for the deaf in Durham, N. C. Many visiting clergy and a large congregation were present. In his address, Bishop Cheshire reviewed the history of the work among the deaf in the diocese, and spoke of the significance

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of the new church as the centre of work for these people. Work among the deaf was begun in Durham in 1906 by the Rev. S. S. Bost, rector of St. Philip's. He found in the city a goodly number of deaf people, so he

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learned the sign language, and formed a Bible class. The work grew, and finally Roma C. Fortune, himself a deaf mute, offered himself for the ministry. He was ordained deacon in 1921, and was put in charge of the work. He ministers not only to the large colony in Durham, but also to other smaller colonies in other parts of the diocese. He was advanced to the priesthood in 1929.

The new church will be completed, it is hoped, by Easter. The whole diocese has taken part in the project, as practically every parish has contributed to the building fund.

Rev. John H. Lever of Lincoln, Nebraska, has accepted an appointment as an assistant to Rev. Allen W. Clark at All Saints', Worcester, Mass. * * *

Rev. J. C. Kolb, assistant at St. Stephen's, Lynn, Mass., has become the rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan, Mass.

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Bishop Remington of Eastern Oregon, was the preacher last Sunday at Christ Church, Alexandria, Va., when he presented to the church the clapper from the bell in the tower of the Anglican Church, Purleigh, England, which was presented to him last summer while visiting there. Rev. Lawrence Washington, great-great-greatgrandfather of George Washington, was the vicar of the Purleigh church, and this clapper is being presented to the church in Alexandria of which George Washington was a vestryman. The bell, of which this clapper was a part, has rung at the coronation of thirteen sovereigns of England. A new clapper was placed in the bell last year, as this original one was so worn that it did not give the proper tone to the bell.

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Bishop Sherrill of Massachusetts was the preacher on Thanksgiving at St. James, North Cambridge, at a service in which five congregations participated, Baptist, Congregational, Armenian, Swedish, Evangelical and our own.

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Special Advent preachers at Christ Church, Cambridge, Mass., where the Rev. Leslie Glenn its rector; Rev. S. S. Drury of St. Paul's School; Rev. Professor Angus Dun of the Cambridge Seminary; Rev. John Bryant, assistant at Christ Church; Mr. Glenn and Rev. Howard C. Robbins of New York.

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Dr. John W. Wood, secretary of the department of missions, was the Page Eleven

preacher last Sunday at the Epiphany, Winchester, Mass. In the evening he spoke at St. Paul's, Malden.

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The Church of the Holy Nativity, New York, was consecrated by Bishop Manning on November 23rd. * * *

The Rev. Charles H. Boynton, formerly professor at General, is now on the staff of the Chapel of the Intercession, New York.

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A mile of dimes is the goal of St. Andrew's Church, New York, as a substitute for the annual fair. A mile of dimes, so I am informed by the research department, is \$8,448.

Bishop Perry is to speak at the third annual meeting of the Church Army, to be held in St. Thomas' Guild Hall, New York, December 11th. Mr. Samuel Thorne is to preside and other speakers are to be the Rev. F. S. Fleming of the Intercession and Captain Mountford, boss of the Army. * *

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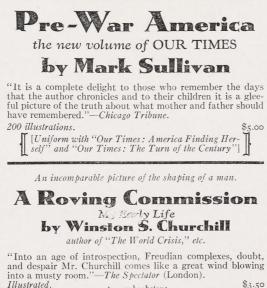
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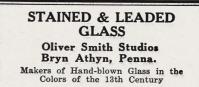
Boston, President of the recent Junior Brotherhood Convention, has been engaged by the National Brotherhood for organization and promotion work, especially among young men, in the Province of New England this fall, working under the direction of the National Council member for Massachusetts, Charles E. Billings. Jack Lee, of Detroit, has been secured for similar work in the Fifth Province, working under the direction of Rev. Irwin C. Johnson of Detroit.

Upon invitation of Dr. B. F. Finney, vice-chancellor of the Un.versity of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., has been selected as the place for the triennial National Convention of the Brotherhood, to be held August 27th to September 3rd. A sevenday intensive program of training conferences in personal evangelism, the technique of Christian living, religious problems of today, etc., is being prepared. The Presiding Bishop of the Church, Rt. Rev. James De-Wolf Perry, will give the leading address of the Convention and will be the celebrant at the Corporate Communion.

Two parish branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in Georgia have programs on race relations. At St. John's, Savannah, they are taking for their study this year "Race Relations," and have had several addresses on it, one by the Negro archdeacon of the diocese, the Ven. J. Archdeacon Brown Henry Brown. was late in arriving at the meeting, having had tire trouble on his 300 mile journey. He got there a half hour late and the first thing he said was: "Well, there has been progress in the south when Southern white women will wait a half hour to hear a talk by a Negro priest." Then at Christ Church, St. Simons Island, the Auxiliary is helping the congregation of St. Ignatius Chapel, a congregation of Negroes. This all began as a result of a study of "Personal Evangelism" by the Rev. J. A. Schaad. They are also assisting

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The department of religious education of the diocese of Western New York is to have a rural meeting on January 12 in Buffalo, the program being in charge of Miss Clarice Lambright of Rochester and Mrs. Lewis E. Ward of Jamestown. Bishop Davis is to be the chairman.

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Speaking of the Lambeth Conference, word comes from England that the discussions of the Lambeth Report are still continued in the press as well as in the committees and assemblies of the churches. The protagonists are the Archbishop of York, Rev. Carnegie Simpson, the Bishop of Chichester, Rev. Charles Brown, Rev. Dr. Norwood and Rev. J. Vernon Bartlet. The net result, at present, is that a complete halt has occurred in the movement towards reunion. It is doubtful whether the former conversations between Anglicans and



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Free Church leaders will be resumed for some time. Each side remonstrates more in sorrow than in anger with the other. An excellent temper prevails in the discussion and no breach of fellowship, but it is to be feared that the effect of the discussion of episcopacy will be felt in the South Indian churches where the plan for reunion on the basis of episcopacy is before them. There is without doubt

a hardening among the Free Churches

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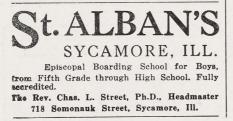
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A wireless message informs the department of missions that Dr. Grafton Burke has been ill for over a month with a septic throat but has been obliged to keep going night and day doing a great deal of nursing as well as doctor's work. He is now on the verge of a breakdown because of work and worry. Efforts are being made to bring a physician from Fairbanks by airplane for consultation with regard to Dr. Burke's condition.

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The associate secretary of the department of missions, Rev. A. B. Parson, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York. will be glad to supply information to anyone willing to consider helping out in this emergency for the next eight months or longer.

The new church, St. Luke's, Haverstraw, N. Y., is to be dedicated by the Bishop of the Diocese December 14th. It is interesting to note that the brick for this colonial type structure was made by the Haverstraw brickyards and donated by the owners, a Presbyterian and a Roman Catholic. The brick was hauled free by a Roman Catholic. The Rector, the Rev. Walter F. Hoffman, seems to have established an "entente cordiale" and succeeded in obtaining a practical spirit of Church unity.

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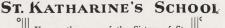
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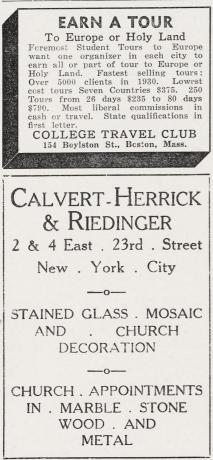
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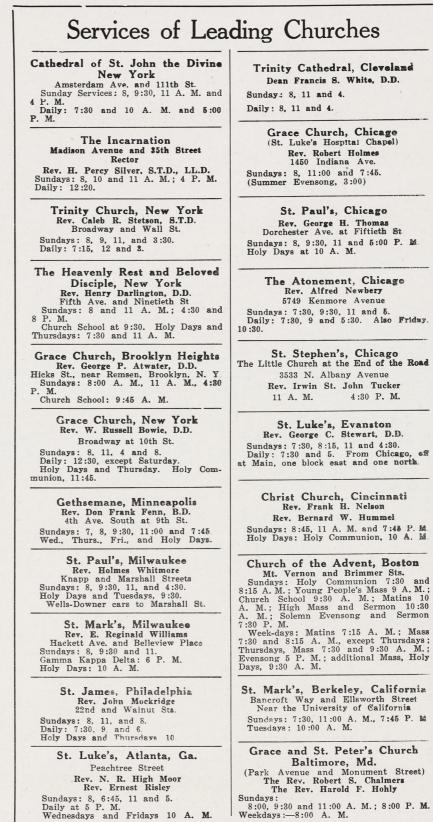
D., warden of St. Stephen's College, is scheduled as special preacher at a number of colleges and universities between now and next summer. These include: Union College, Middlebury College, Williams College, Princeton University, University of Chicago, Amherst College and Amherst Agricultural College, Wesleyan Univer-sity, Wellesley College, Connecticut State College for Women and Hamilton College. Dr. Bell will also preach for a week at Trinity Church, New York City, and a week at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston; and will be one of the speakers at the Sunday evening Club of Chicago.

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One of the finest parishes in South Florida is Holy Trinity, West Palm Beach, where the Rev. William P. S. Lander is rector. It is a structure valued at close to \$300,000, handsomely furnished, with an auditorium that seats 450 people. The parish ministers to the people living in a large area, in the summer time particularly the parish boundaries extending for fifty miles. But Mr. Lander has many volunteer helpers, particularly in the senior young people's service league, the members of which often go to distant points to conduct services, There is also a close relationship between Holy Trinity and the Negro parish of the city, the members of the



parish assisting in the parochial day school that is run by the Negro parish. What's more the priest of the Negro parish is always invited to sit in at the clergy conferences whenever the entertaining is done at Holy Trinity. Oh, and there is a marital relations bureau at this parish too you know, a bit of a scrap, so go to the rector and talk it over. A bully idea for he more often than not can patch up the difficulty.



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