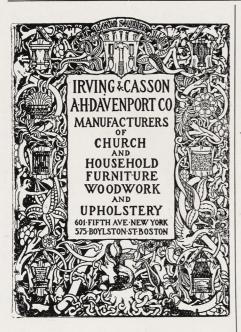
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# STAND BY THE MISSIONARIES

An Editorial by WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

THE members of the National Council are elected I representatives of the Church, assigned the task of directing our National work between General Conventions. At their meeting the other day in New York they were confronted with an unusual situation. They met this situation by taking the unusual action which was described in the news story in our last issue. The General Convention, legislative body of the Church, instructs them to balance the budget for the year. This means that they are under orders to make expenses square with the total sum pledged by dioceses and missionary districts. However the estimated resources of the Church for 1932 were so far under the requirements for the budget, even after reductions, including a 10% reduction in all salaries from the Presiding Bishop to the most humble worker in the mission fields, that balancing the budget at this time would have meant the complete withdrawal from several missionary fields. Rather than scrap vital work the Council voted to carry on under a reduced budget for the first six months of the year, meanwhile going to the Church with a plea that money be provided to continue operations under this reduced budget, for the balance of the year.

Thus they put the matter squarely up to each of us by saying in effect: "the sum of \$400,000 is required to carry on. Do your share. If you fail we will be compelled to make further drastic reductions in the work, including withdrawals from specific missionary fields."

All sorts of debatable questions are immediately raised by their action. But after you get all through discussing the matter, and placing the blame for the present emergency on everyone but yourself, it comes down to this: are we going to stand by our missionaries? The National Council took their action last week because they want to do so. They are also convinced that we, the communicants, want to stand by them. We believe they are right in their assumption. We believe that the people of the Church do want

to stand by their missionaries. We believe therefore that they will do everything possible between now and Whitsunday to raise the sum required to carry on the work. Stand by the missionaries was a slogan of General Convention. It must be our slogan now.

IN URGING the people of the Church to support I the program about to be launched, we feel compelled also to make certain suggestions.

First, as has already been suggested by Dr. Atwater, in his series of articles now appearing in this paper, we believe that an impartial and disinterested commission should be appointed at once to make a survey of the entire work of the Church. There is, at the moment, such a commission to inquire into the quotas and appropriations of missionary districts and aided dioceses.

Liberality of interpretation of the Pay-As-You-Go Plan (the order of General Convention that expenses must be made to square with resources) was considered advisable because of an emergency. For the same reason liberality might be allowed in interpreting the tasks of this commission. They should be given wide powers. It should be made possible for them, if necessary, to engage workers trained in administration and research. Every work of the National Council should be studied in order to discover whether it is producing commensurate with the costs. And this commission should start functioning at once. There is an emergency.

Second, we feel that the Church has no right to place the responsibility for cuts in the budget on the shoulders of executive officers, who are themselves, with their departments, involved. The budget has been cut approximately \$600,000, more than one third of which is accounted for by the general reduction of 10% in all salaries. These cuts were recommended by the officers of 281 Fourth Avenue, whose recommendations were accepted by the National Council. One can readily imagine what may have happened as

these men met each day for two weeks, in a room of the Church Missions House which came to be known generally around the building as "The Slaughter House". A group of executives—colleagues in what is supposed to be a closely knit organization—were faced with the task of urging cuts in each other's work. Frankness under such circumstances would at least be difficult. Cuts, we believe, should not be made by the people involved. They should be made by an impartial and disinterested committee, either composed of National Council members or, if they are men who cannot spare the time, then by a committee appointed by the Council.

A S THINGS stand at the moment, in spite of the resolution of the National Council, printed here last week, to the effect that there had been "the most drastic economies in every department and operation of the Council", an examination of the actual figures is rather disturbing. The General Convention recommended that "Any necessary cuts should, if possible, be confined to administrative economies and to certain items in departmental budgets, especially in the department of publicity and more specifically by the abandonment of the publication of *The Church at Work* (a saving of \$33,000 annually), and reductions in the appropriations to the Committee on Ecclesiastical and Racial Relations."

The budget of the department of publicity, as passed by General Convention, called for the expenditure this year of \$106,835. The executives recommended a cut in this budget of \$11,051. However it should be borne in mind that this is a cut in the budget and not a cut in the expenditures of previous years. There has been a cut in the 1932 budget, but when compared with the expenditures of previous years there has been no cut which can be called in any sense drastic.

As a matter of fact the department of publicity spent \$100,063 in 1931. This means that the National Council now says to the publicity department; "In 1931 you spent \$100,063. However it is now necessary for us to make drastic cuts. Therefore in 1932 you may spend no more than \$95,784, or \$4,279 less than you spent in 1931." When one realizes that this reduction includes a flat 10% cut in the salary of every worker in the department, one naturally wonders what justification there is for the statement of the Council that there have been "drastic cuts", or for the statement recently sent out by the Church Missions House that "these drastic reductions have gone beyond mere economy and have actually crippled the work."

The department of publicity is singled out merely because it was so singled out by General Convention. As a matter of fact an examination of the reduced budget upon which the Church Missions House is now operating will reveal equally startling comparisons for all of the departments. For example, General Administration, (which is an item in the budget for our Presiding Bishop, two vice-presidents and Council secretary, with their private secretaries and

office force), is told that it may spend as much as \$65,276 in 1932, even after these "drastic cuts." But an examination of the books reveals that there was spent on General Administration in 1931 only \$46,256. Thus instead of a cut there is an actual increase in 1932 of \$19,020. It should be pointed out that some of these expenditures are fixed by General Convention, and it is not within the power of The National Council to change them. Nevertheless the whole question of the effectiveness of the recent reorganization, with its promised economies in administration, might well be raised. In the House of Bishops, in Denver, Bishop Johnson's objection to the creation of new executive offices was met with the statement that overhead expenses would not be increased. The figures do not seem to bear this out.

It is true also that there may be lapsed balances in 1932; that is, monies appropriated, and presumably turned over to departments, that is not spent by them and therefore is returned at the end of the year to the treasurer of the Council. The Presiding Bishop, for instance, very generously refused to take a large part of his salary. Nevertheless General Administration is told that it may spend as much as \$19,020 more than they spent in 1931. To talk of an economy that is really crippling the work under such circumstances is, to put it mildly, giving the people of the Church a faulty picture of the actual situation.

The simple fact is that there have been no "drastic cuts" when the present reduced budget is compared with previous expenditures. These "drastic reductions" which we are hearing so much about mean simply that the inflation has been removed from the budget. The margin of safety has been chopped off. The departments have been told that they may spend within a few dollars of what they actually spent in 1931, and the reductions of 10% in salaries is taken into account in making this statement.

There is no idea of fixing blame in presenting these facts. There is blame to be placed everywhere; on all of us for not more generously supporting the work; on the General Convention for not doing its job more thoroughly; on our executives, possibly, for faulty methods. Indulging in the pastime of fixing blame is going to accomplish nothing. And this editorial is written in no such spirit. Rather these facts are presented solely to support our contention that cuts should be made, not by the people involved, but by an impartial and disinterested committee. Further we believe that the whole matter of cuts should be reopened at once and carefully examined. The entire work of the National organization is certainly important. But, if funds are not available to carry on the entire work as it has been done in the past, we believe that the people of the Church want the first cuts made, where the General Convention said they should be made, by administrative and departmental economies, rather than in the mission fields or in the salaries of already underpaid missionaries.

 $S^{\rm O}$  WE——and the plural in this instance means more than the person whose name appears over

this editorial——call upon the people of the Church to stand by the missionaries. Support the program of the National Council, in spite of any criticisms that may arise in your mind, either over their interpretation of the Pay-As-You-Go Plan, or anything else. It is the work of the Church, in these times of great opportunity, that is, after all, at stake.

But in supporting it demand that the whole matter of cuts in the budget be reopened in order that the work in the field may be the last to suffer. It is possible that a way might be found, by economies in departmental work, to make it unnecessary to reduce missionary salaries at all. They are already meagre enough. The people of the Church will be the more willing to help balance the budget if they know that it is the policy of the Council not to bring hardship upon them. It would be better to discover the unfruitful missions and discontinue them than to

bring distress, discouragement and the fear of further cuts to the great body of missionaries. A 50% reduction in morale and efficiency will be no satisfactory return for the saving involved in a 10% cut in salaries.

There should be a thorough study of the entire set-up. And, to quote Dr. Atwater, this study should be made by "an impartial and disinterested commission, men of wide experience and training in administration, men accustomed to social research, men sympathetic to our work but cool in their judgment."

We are for our National Organization. We are for all its work. We do not want it weaker. We want it stronger. And this threatened calamity in National Church affairs, properly handled, may well be turned into a lasting blessing by the creation of a stronger and more efficient organization.

# THE CHRISTIAN WAY OUT

By

WILLIAM GREEN

President of the American Federation of Labor

WE FIND the world in another winter of hunger and want. In millions of homes there are hungry children whose fathers and mothers are helpless to provide. Our production mechanism func-

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tions lamely. Our financial institutions are afraid. Trade and foreign commerce have dwindled. Over Europe hangs the pall of national bankruptcies. Over Asia — the menace of war.

Statesmen and business men are groping for the way out. From everywhere come plans—new mechanisms. But the root of the trouble lies deep as the spirit of men. We have organized our human relations which constitute the fabric of society

without studying or understanding man. We have used as a basic principle that an individual or a group can be advanced at the expense of others in the same field. Quite the contrary is true. The basic law of human relations is that each man is his brother's keeper. The well-being of each individual and each group is interdependent upon the well-being of others. Progress for the individual is in a very definite way interrelated to the well-being of the groups with whom he is associated—the family, the work group, the community, the nation. Each must plan with these groups—not against them. The underlying law

is the new commandment formulated by Christ over nineteen centuries ago—a commandment to love a neighbor as ourselves. This new commandment states the basic law of human relations which should guide all of our relationships, without which we can not have material wealth or lasting cultural and spiritual power.

Until we stop trying to separate the principles of Christianity from business dealings, until an employer scrupulously gives his humblest employee all that he has honestly earned, we shall have injustice, unrest, and all the evils born of them. The most practical, enriching experience that business holds, comes from organized efforts for cooperation of the whole work group—the sharing of information, the fusion of effort, the spirit to make improvements, the will to share justly and equitably the returns from joint efforts.

The real cause of our economic debacle is dishonesty—conscious or unconscious. Employers or investors who took advantage of their position to protect their interests at the expense of others—declaring high dividends and stock dividends and leaving workers' incomes insecure and low, those who hoped to make fortunes by speculation, those who did not give honest service, have all contributed to our present economic unrest.

Capitalists have been living in an unreal world, because they closed their eyes to facts. They have clogged the machinery of distribution by directing larger and larger shares to a favored few and a smaller and less equitable share to the many. Obvi-

ously prosperity and inequitable distribution can not run parallel. Management and investors are paying for their mistakes. While they suffer, the workers they exploited are suffering more.

Our economic structure is no stronger than its weakest link; our national life is no more enduring than the standards that determine relations between men; individual development depends upon capacity for spiritual understanding and progress. Through the spirit man is able to give testimony that he is a son of God but unless the whole of life is organized to permit of development of the spirit there can be no lasting progress. In this fact we find the higher meaning of the common facts of our work worldorganization of wage-earners into unions for the mutual advantage of workers and industry. Unions are the agency through which workers can help to bring industry in line with Christian principles and assure progress for workers and stable development for industry.

Unions are based upon understanding of mutual problems and common interests of wage-earners. They accept the fact that advancement of workers' interests is conditioned by advancement of the industry that employs them. Their purpose is to organize human and industrial relations so as to advance human welfare.

It is this spiritual power of unions that gives them dynamic possibilities and lasting endurance. The spirit of Christ represents an ideal that should be the basic rule of life in all human relations.

IF EVERY employable person who wanted work had a job, the total number of weekly work hours which each could work is 35. To eliminate the unemployment then, we have only to cut the work-week to 35 hours and put everybody to work. There might be variations in applying this general principle but the method of finding the number of work hours available and then adjusting the work period accordingly would remain the same.

Because we did not apply this principle during the past decade of extraordinary technical change, unemployment was steadily developing even before this business depression. In that period unemployment was not under 5 per cent, or approximately one and one-half millions, and steadily rose even in prosperous days. Machinery made it possible to do more work in less time—work which required 52 hours in 1919 could be done in 34 hours in 1929. Yet the actual average working hours were only 2 hours less—52 to 50.

Technical progress should mean freeing human beings for a richer creative life—the kind of life that is necessary in order to provide use for the products our factories are turning out.

Industry is faced with the urgent problem of continuously taking stock of the work hours and adjusting the work period to the number of workers needing work. Adjusting the work hours is basic in developing those principles of balance which will serve as stabilizers to our economic structure.

THE census figures on child labor, while available for only 18 states, show that one out of every twelve children under 16 years of age is at work. This census was taken in April, 1930, when there were millions of unemployed adults. We know perfectly well that children denied opportunity for mental and physical development are seriously handicapped for life, but we have not yet taken the social steps necessary to assure children their heritage and to leave the work opportunities for adults.

We have it within our power to make this depression with its unprecedented distress from unemployment memorable for constructive protection for children. Child labor is not only not needed during this peak unemployment, but it hinders our efforts to get employment for adults. By taking all minors out of gainful employment and sending them to school we can atone for some past mistakes. We can assure ourselves higher social standards by strengthening our child labor and compulsory school-attendance laws and thus eliminate competition of child labor with adult workers.

State legislation should be supplemented and safe-guarded by Federal regulation. The first step to this end is ratification of the child labor amendment by the necessary number of state legislatures. This is an undertaking upon which Labor will need the cooperation of other organizations interested in child welfare. Protection for children should be among the paramount issues of every state labor program.

ALL through life we find two interrelated facts—accumulation and distribution. We find it in the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms going on simply as a law of nature. Only among human beings is it brought under the control of intelligence. In our economic developments we are now forcibly reminded of failure to allow for the correlation of these functions, as we make progress in the arts of production—things accumulated in great quantities. This makes distribution proportionately indispensable or stocks would pile up in a way that forces factories to slow down.

The only way to assure distribution is to put buying power into the hands of those who work—the masses. Production establishments must raise wages and shorten hours in proportion to increased productivity if distribution is to balance production. In other words, instead of declaring extra dividends, stock dividends and increasing profits, more of the proceeds from production must go to producing workmen. Only the application of this principle of balancing accumulation and distribution can save industry from recurring breakdowns which have been increasing in severity and magnitude.

What does it profit a man to monopolize all the proceeds when stocks and bonds fall to ridiculously low prices and he can not sell his wares because he refused to share returns with those who helped to make them. Industry must give in order to have.

All these years trade unions have been as a voice crying in the wilderness the need for fair distribu-

tion as expressed by higher wages and shorter hours. Now comes this economic cataclysm demonstrating that unless industry shares with its employees the benefits of industrial progress it shall lose what it has. The function of the union in calling attention to the need for workers' sharing more equitably in distribution and providing the necessary technique is indispensable to balance between production and distribution.

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Mr. Green states that society is organized on the principle that an individual or a group can be advanced at the expense of others. Do you agree with him? If so, can we call such a society Christian? Give illustrations from our industrial, national and international life to support Mr. Green's statement.

2. What changes would have to be effected in economic, racial, national, international life in order to adhere strictly to the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves? Have each member of the class suggest one necessary change. Discuss thoroughly.

3. The Church states that the first charge upon industry should be a minimum sustenance wage, and if possible a saving wage. Is this the practice of economic life today? Should it be?

4. Do you agree with Mr. Green that an inequitable distribution of goods is responsible for the present depression? If so have members of the class suggest way of correcting the difficulty.

5. Should the hours of labor be reduced? Would that mean a permanent solution for our difficulties? If so, why? If not, why not?

6. Has the invention of machinery been a blessing to everyone?

7. Should we, as Christians, support the child labor amendment?

8. Mr. Green states: "Production establishments must raise wages and shorten hours in proportion to increased productivity if distribution is to balance production." Discuss that statement thoroughly. Is it true? If so, how can it be made effective in economic life?

(Note: It had been our intention to present also this week an article by Archbishop Temple, but what seemed to us the necessity of dealing editorially with National Church affairs, prevented his article from appearing. Archbishop Temple's article will appear next week, together with the contribution of Vida D. Scudder.)

# Fortify the Council

### GEORGE PARKIN ATWATER

THE work of the National Council is now based T upon the most insecure financial foundation. The Council has formed an alliance with every diocese in the land. The Council practically says to the diocese "We want so much from your parishes. You want so much. Add these sums together and allot them to the parishes. If the parishes fail to meet the quota, we shall suffer together."

That is a fine optimistic spirit, but it is a flimsy foundation upon which the Council may underwrite projects which require real money. For a great body like the National Council to project a program based on uncertain pledges, and with no other adequate resources, is to indulge in a delusion of grandeur.

The dioceses, under pressure, make pledges to the Council with every good intention. They have striven nobly to meet the rising cost of National administration. But dioceses are dependent on parishes and parishes are subject to vicissitudes which impair their giving power. Under this method, the capital assets of some parishes, and the resources necessary for efficiency in others, are given to support quotas. There is but one end of such a process.

What is the solution of this dilemma. Many men have an opinion about it. I think that the Church papers would be willing to print any constructive suggestion so I shall venture to make my own.

The National Council is the administrative agency of the collective will and purpose of the parishes of our land. It should not be expected to think of itself as an independent group propelling a detached work, and initiating enterprises for which it has no resources. It should not be in the position of incurring an obligation and of saying in effect "Charge it to the parishes." Our National Council is too fine and faithful a group of men to expect them to make bricks without straw.

We should devise some way by which the collective parishes should say to the Council "We shall give you a fixed sum each year. You are to expend this sum and no more (except as noted below) and we shall expect only a wise and careful administration of this sum."

This fixed sum should be by diocesan pledge, as now, but the diocese should agree that this is the first charge upon parish quotas. The National Council pledge must be first paid.

Under such a system it might be necessary to reduce diocesan pledges to the Council. But any body of administrators could do more in the long run, with let us say, \$3,000,000 a year of certain income, than with an expectancy of \$4,000,000 which, after the work was undertaken on that basis, should suddenly be reduced. The losses on such a fluctuation are incalculable.

The National Council should then endeavor to enlarge its work by endowments. Year after year it should build up its endowments. As rapidly as income was assured from endowments it could enlarge its work. There can be no doubt that a campaign of education in endowment, and a constant effort, would increase the resources of the Council every year.

If the work were thus firmly based upon a substantial foundation, it could be administered more economically and with less distress and fear.

There is a suspicion abroad that the cost incurred in raising the money of the Church, is greater than the amount secured by the extra effort. A saving could be effected there.

Dioceses and parishes with a somewhat decreased burden, could then undertake their own appointed tasks more adequately. And many parishes today need re-inforcing. You cannot have weak parishes and a strong diocese, or a strong Council. If you "lengthen the cords" you must "strengthen the stakes."

Unless we make progress carefully, we shall find that our zeal has outstripped our resources. And why the furious haste? I know that enthusiastic men, whose imaginations are aroused, and who are fired by sympathy for every kind of need cry out "Oh, the great opportunity." All honor to them for their noble yearning to serve. But it is simply impossible to grasp every opportunity. To work in haste to touch the borders of a hundred opportunities, is aspiring, but less commendable than to grasp ten opportunities with such vigor that fruitful and abiding results will follow. No physician has the right to seek more patients than he can adequately care for. The limitation of effort so that it may become deep and intensive and not diffuse and shallow, is a lesson taught by every enterprise. The farmer who tries to cultivate more land than he has strength and capital for, soon finds that his crops are weeds. Opportunity exists everywhere, in every land of Christian effort. There is as much opportunity for Christian work and effort in every city block as there is on the frontiers. Opportunity is as boundless as the waves of the seven seas, and always will be.

By good strategy we must turn some opportunity into achievement. To grasp three opportunities, with hand capacity for one, is soon to be empty handed.

Our Church has nearly two thousand years of history behind it. If this generation is wise it will prepare to make the Church secure for the thousand years to come. But to do so it must not speculate. It must invest. Slowly, steadily, gradually it must go forward, always gaining, always consolidating its gains. To jeopardize our whole structure because we have not the patience to build carefully and on solid foundation, is the height of folly.

If we made the National Council secure, even with a diminished budget, we should take the most progressive step for missions that our generation has seen.

# THE STORY OF THE CHURCH

II. The Preparation

By

BISHOP JOHNSON

"WHEN the fulness of time was come", says St. Paul, "God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law." It is no more astonishing that God should do this than it is that He should have created the universe or have made man in His own image to dwell therein. It is all a mystery beyond man's comprehension, but like all mysteries there is a zone of light in which we can pursue our investigation.

Does the Christ fit into the warp and woof of history? For certainly if He is the "word made flesh" there will be preparation for His coming; there will be fitness in the time and place of His coming; there will be results of sufficient importance to justify His birth. His life will not be an accident but it will be the sequence of certain events that precede and the source of certain consequences that follow. In the providence of God, He will fit into the picture of that which we call history. He will be the alpha and omega of that which He came to give to the world.

There are three main factors in this aspect of His coming. First, the Jewish Church with its expectancy of a Messiah. Second, the Greek culture with its philosophy of the logos, or word of God. Third, the Roman government with its unification of races and religions.

In regard to the Jewish Church, one of His early utterances was to the effect that He came not to destroy but to fulfill the law of Moses, under which St. Paul says His mission was originated. There were three things which characterized Judaism and separated it for two thousand years from the paganism that surrounded it. First, it emphasized the unity of God and His holiness in contrast with the polytheism of other races and the immoral character of

their deities. Then it proclaimed the deadliness of sin and the inexorable fatality thereof. "The soul that sinneth it shall die" and further that "without the shedding of blood there shall be no redemption from sin." Around this thought revolved all the ritual of the temple and all the utterances of the prophets. Finally, it looked forward expectantly to the coming of a Messiah, aptly described by the last of the Hebrew prophets, John the Baptist, "Behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."

Behind the Christ was the Jewish Church. Without this background there could have been no John, Paul or Peter; no Matthew, Luke or Mark; no Elizabeth, Mary or the Magdalen. It provided both the theme of Christ's mission and also the persons who could be the instruments of His gospel.

While the Gospel was to have a Hebrew background, it was intended to become a world religion. To do this the message must be in the language of the world's culture and it must meet the challenge of the world's best thought. It must make its appeal to those who had read Socrates and Plato and Aristotle, as well as those who were familiar with Isaiah and Daniel and Malachi. It was through the ministry of St. Paul, travelling through the Grecian cities, that the Gospel of Christ found a culture suitable to express and interpret that Gospel. Through him it passed from its Hebrew beginning to its Grecian training. It was for this reason that the New Testament was written in Greek; the General Councils were lead by the Greeks; the Creeds were expressed in Greek. In Rome, at this period, the Christian religion was looked upon as Jewish and Greek. Most of the early bishops of Rome had Greek names. For several centuries the dominating influence was that of the Greek. It was thus that God sent His messengers who prepared the way before Him. St. Paul was also the voice of one crying in the wilderness of human bewilderment, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

As a Gospel of Christ emerged from its Hebrew background and its Greek setting, it needed a unified world if it was to be a universal religion. The Hebrew contributed devotional worship and the Greek intellectual gifts, but the Roman made possible its universal application. It was over Roman roads that the early missionaries travelled; it was because Rome had welded the various races into one government that travellers could pass unmolested from one country to another; it was because of Roman practices that the gods of the nations were assembled in a single pantheon, so that men were receptive to other gods than those of their own local tradition.

It was during the century in which the Gospel was first preached that the whole world was at peace, drawn together in political unity. And it was the Roman genius for organization that gave to the Church its ecclesiastical polity. "Parish", "diocese", "province", are divisions of the Roman Empire applied to the use of the Church. So we note how the ancient roads converge at the foot of the Cross and why the inscription thereon was written in Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

In the providence of God the fulness of time was come when God's message to men could be understood by the Hebrew, be interpreted by the Greek and be organized by the Roman, and so play its part in the centuries that were to follow.

The Church came as the result of a universal expectancy that a Savior would come who would give forgiveness and life to men. Note how in the providence of God this provision fitted into the picture. Whereas the Jews had but one temple, yet there was a synagogue in every city so that Christ's apostles could begin their missionary work in each place by gathering together a group of understanding Hebrews, who became the nucleus of the Christian Church in that community. So St. Paul planted the Church at Thessalonica, at Corinth, at Ephesus and in the other Greek cities that he visited. It produced a universality which had a point of inception in the fact that the Hebrews who were prepared for a Messiah were scattered throughout the Roman world, and yet had a solidarity because of the temple at Jerusalem.

It is recorded that a prince once asked his chaplain for a short and conclusive proof of the divine character of the Gospel, and the chaplain replied, "The Jews, my Lord!" For in all history there is no other race who had the expectancy of a Messian and were dispersed throughout the world without losing their racial identity. The setting of the Gospel was found in this remarkable circumstance and the time of its proclamation was unique. If it had come a hundred years earlier or later the stage would not have been

set, for it was only in this particular period that the whole world was at peace and unified.

Moreover if you had lived in the era before Christ you would have found animal sacrifices prevalent throughout the world, whereas in the era following Christ they had practically ceased both at Jerusalem and in pagan Rome. It is not an accident that the birth of Christ separates the ancient from the modern world.

It is of profound significance that the three cities set upon a hill, Jerusalem, Athens and Rome should have become monuments of human failure to redeem man by the law of Moses, or the philosophy of Plato or the censorship of Cato. The law truly came by Moses and by Socrates and by Seneca, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

If we accept the Gospel upon the provisions of its founder we must be prepared for a new principle which is to animate the Church. As Christ presented it, the Christian religion is not fundamentally an external law, an academic philosophy or a humanitarian philanthropy. It is a new life depending upon God's grace for its preservation and its fruitfulness. It is a new humanity which He lived and into which we may be grafted so that He dwells in us and we in Him. "I am the vine and ye are the branches." "Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered." "Herein in my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit. So shall ye be my disciples."

(Continued next week)

# Man's a Mixture

By
G. A. STUDDERT-KENNEDY

"Our Padre, 'e says I'm a sinner, And John Bull says I'm a saint, And they're both of 'em bound to be liars For I'm neither of them, I ain't. I'm a man, and a man's a mixture, Right down from 'is very birth, For part ov 'im comes from 'eaven, And part ov 'im comes from earth. There's nothing in man that's perfect, And nothing that's all complete; 'E's nubbat a big beginning, From 'is 'ead to the soles of 'is feet, There's summat as draws 'im uppards, And summat as drags 'im down, And the consekence is, 'e wabbles 'Twixt muck and a golden crown . . "

# THE NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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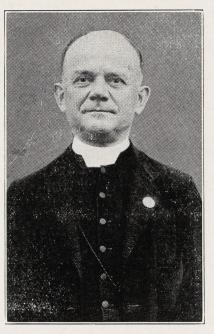
EXTRA space required for our Lenten features, reports of diocesan conventions and the important meeting of the National Council, and one thing and another, has put us considerably behind in presenting the general news of the Church. Well, let's see if we can't catch up—have to be pretty snappy, but I am sure you will understand that it is due to our limitation of space.

First off, don't worry, at least yet, about our missionaries in China. Bishop Roots cables: "Disturbances in Hankow and Wuchang considered unlikely. Rural sections of province of Hupeh have been widely sovietized. Church work in cities going on nominally. All members of staff well." Cable from the diocese of Anking: "There is no disturbance diocese Anking. Staff all well." And from Bishop Graves, Shanghai; "All missionaries are safe Shanghai and other stations." There is no present cause for anxiety.

A commission composed of Southerners, George Fort Milton, Chattanooga editor, chairman, studied the circumstances attending each of 21 lynchings in 1930. Here are their findings; 1. There is real doubt of the guilt of at least half the victims of mob violence. At least two were certainly innocent. 2. Less than one-fourth of the persons lynched since 1890 have been accused of assaults upon white women. 3. The claim that lynchings are necessary because courts do not convict Negroes is fallacious. 4. Mob leaders can be identified without difficulty, although grand jury indictments are seldom brought. 5. There is a direct relationship between a low educational and economic status and the probability of lynchings. Our Auxiliary cooperated with the commission making the study, which brings it under the heading of Church news.

The social service commission of the diocese of New York has sent out a valuable bulletin on the new marriage canon, telling the parsons just what they have to do to keep within the laws of Church and state. It is a nice bit of work.

All the churches of Buffalo united in a service held at St. Paul's Cathedral—a call to prayer for the Peace Conference. The Roman Catholic Church was represented by a layman sent by the R. C. bishop of the dio-



cese. Bishop Davis preached. Fifty clergymen of all denominations were present. Fine.

Report of the convention of the diocese of Western North Carolina states that they are optimistic down there, since for the first time in many years the diocese is completely manned. The convention was held at St. James', Hendersonville.

Daily interdenominational services are held in Tremont Temple, Boston, each day during Lent. Among the Episcopalians preaching are Arthur Kinsolving, rector of Trinity; Richard Preston, Newton; Leslie Glenn, Cambridge; Dean Sturges; Henry Ogilby, Brookline; Bishop Sherrill. The name of George L. Paine does not appear on the program but it might be said that this Episcopal parson, as secretary of the Boston Federation of Churches, is in charge of the whole business.

Back up the international peace conference with prayer.

Methodist minister was confirmed the other day in the chapel of the Church Missions House, New York, by Bishop Sanford. Duncan G. Porteous—born in Scotland, graduate of Drew and Hartford seminaries, with fifteen years behind him as a Methodist parson. He is now in the district of San Joaquin in charge of a Mission. He will be ordained presently.

A special meeting of the House of Bishops has been called, to meet in Garden City, Long Island, April 26-28. The National Council is to meet at the same time so that joint meetings will be possible. They will discuss not only the present financial emergency but also the entire work of the Church with an idea of establishing it upon foundations of greater security.

Upon recommendation of the social service department, the National Council, at their meeting the first of the month, went on record as emphatically endorsing the principle of unemployment reserves in industry.

Mr. Burton Mansfield, asked to reconsider his resignation as a member of the National Council, has finally declined. Regrets, and words of ap-

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preciation for his more than 30 years of service to the national organization of the Church, and then the election of Judge Philip Parker of Brookline, Mass., to fill the vacancy.

The Rev. Eric M. Tasman, Lansing, Michigan, was elected a general secretary of the field department. He has not yet accepted.

Retreat is to be held, February 23-26, at the House of the Nazarene, Saint Augustine, Florida. Inexpensive too—\$6 for the period, for the whole business. Write Sister-incharge, 30 Rhode Avenue, if it appeals to you.

Interdenominational mass meeting —Jewish, Protestant and Roman—was held in Portland, Oregon, in behalf of world disarmament. Bishop Sumner was one of the speakers; also R. C. Archbishop Howard, and Rabbi Berkowitz.

Bishop Perry is to be the preacher at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on February 21st. General and Mrs. Washington had a pew in Christ Church from 1790 until 1797. Another George Washington service is to be held at St. Peter's, where the Washingtons also frequently worshipped.

Drastic cuts all along the line were approved at the convention of the diocese of Olympia, held at Trinity, Seattle.

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The proposed merger of Holy Trin-

# FOR THESE HARD TIMES, —A NEW RELIGIOUS NOVEL

The Macmillan Company of New York issues a Biblical tale from the pen of Louis Wallis, "By the Waters of Babylon, A Story of Ancient Israel." It is the first novel based on Scriptural "higher criticism," and is warmly commended for historical and scientific accuracy by theological scholars. The plot is cast in a dramatic period of Israel's history, when ethical monotheism was evolving out of paganism through a great struggle for social justice. In The Living Church, Dr. John H. Hopkins writes, "This brilliant book is a most helpful addition to our libraries."

The author, whose earlier volume, "Sociological Study of the Bible," is a standard work, says, "The Bible should be re-examined as a literature coming out of hard times, which raises the problem of social justice and world peace. The Scriptural conception of one true God entered the human mind as a revelation taking form through the pressure of economic and sociological forces identical in nature with the forces which are now influencing religious thought."

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ity and St. James', Philadelphia, is still under discussion. Meanwhile all Lenten weekday services are to be held jointly at Holy Trinity.

Bishop Johnson, editor, is holding a mission the week of February 24 at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle.

Dr. John W. Wood was the speaker at a Shove Tuesday luncheon of churchwomen in Albany, N. Y. There were two hundred present. Bishop Oldham also spoke.

Bishop Gooden of Los Angeles and

Bishop Schmuck of Wyoming were the highlights at the convention of Sacramento, February 2 and 3.

St. Peter's, Helena, Montana, held its last service in their old church on Sexagesima Sunday. Then the congregation moved into their fine new church, while services will be held through Lent in the parish house. The church will be formally opened Easter Sunday with Bishop Faber as the preacher.

Now here is something. Colonel Johnson, executive secretary of the

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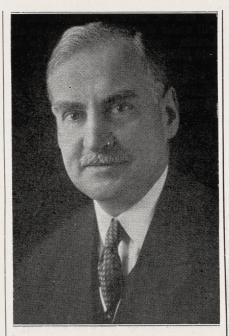
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Reserve Officers Training Corps Association, told a group of women representing patriotic societies the other day that "the greatest menace to the corps is the Federal Council of Churches." He said further; "How to protect the Protestant churches from the pacifist preachers is one of the greatest problems in America at this time."

Whether the Colonel was taking a slap at the Federal Council or was paying them a compliment I am unable to determine from the report.

Seeing as how George Washington's Birthday is nearly upon us I shall pass on to you this story which comes from the Rev. Paul S. Atkins, rector of St. John's Church, York, Pa.

During the period from September 30th, 1777, to June 27th, 1778, when the Continental Congress met in the Village of Yorktown, Washington remained with his troops at Valley Forge, 70 miles away. It is not recorded that he ever visited the Congress during its sessions here. It was not until July 2nd and 3rd, 1791 as he was journeying north by way of Wright's Ferry, that he visited York and was the guest of Colonel Thomas Hartley, Warden of the Parish and delegate to the first General Convention. At this time the Rector of the Parish, the Reverend Thomas Barton, resided at York Springs and alternated his services between Carlisle, York Springs and Yorktown, now York. The Sunday of Washington's visit happened to be the day for services at Carlisle. On the Monday following in Lancaster Washington records in his diary this statement ERNEST W. LAKEMAN

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which throws light on his habits as a Churchman and reveals also a subtle sense of humor, which his biographers often fail to recognize; "Received and answered an address from the inhabitants of Yorktown—and there being no Episcopal Minister in the place, I went to hear morning Service performed in the Dutch (German) Reformed Church—which, being in that language not a word of which I understood I was in no danger of becoming a proselyte to its religion by the eloquence of the Preacher."

A bag of gold for the Rev. Henry B. Todd, rector of Trinity, Waterbury, on his tenth anniversary as rector. He thought he was going to a meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, but when he got there the parish house was full. Speeches of course about the grand job he has done, and then the tangible expression of esteem, presented amid cheers.

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The associated press not long ago sent out a story that Bishop Bennett, on his way to Providence to help Bishop Perry, was lost. Front page stuff of course. I don't know what really did happen to the bishop. Anyhow he finally arrived and is now on the job, so if you have been worrying about him there is one more load you can get off your mind.

How's this: Mrs. Fenton, St. John's Church, Boulder, Colorado, was confirmed 74 years ago and is still going strong. Imagine.

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Oh, and there is another thing that needs to be said. All these reports from bishops state that they are having more confirmations than ever before—that people are turning to the Church. So when you are examining budgets and deploring the falling off of cash, just keep that in mind. The job is being done, apparently, cash

or no cash. Pretty important, these days, to have your Christian values well fixed in mind.

Here is a new stunt. At the convention in Chicago the bishop made awards for distinguished service to the diocese during the past year. Sounds like a good idea.

All budgets in the district of North Texas were reduced about 15% at their convocation, held at Big Springs. Increases in confirmations and baptisms were reported. The work is well manned by a fine lot of clergymen and by 28 lay-readers, mostly young fellows. Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook addressed the convention on the work of the commission on evangelism: Dorothy M. Fischer, provincial young people's secretary, was

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about with the young folks, and also addressed the adults on her work. Fine convocation all around.

Convention of Florida, held at Jacksonville, has a 100% clergy attendance. Again a report of increased confirmations. Not so good however when it came to cash; bishop's salary, at his own request, was cut, as was the salary of the executive secretary of the diocese. Only \$6000 was promised the National Council, instead of the \$13,600 requested. This is the first time in six years that the full quota has not been guaranteed, and with the exception of 1931, paid in full. The Rev. David R. Covell, national field secretary, so the report has it, addressed two mass meetings and "spoke with force and conviction", as I am sure he would.

More than a thousand men and boys, including many fathers and sons, are expected to attend the annual corporate communion of the diocese of Washington, at Epiphany, on Washington's Birthday. Fellowship breakfast is to follow, with George Wharton Pepper and Bishop Freeman as speakers.

Bishop Cameron Mann of South Florida died last Monday in his eightieth year. He was consecrated bishop of North Dakota in 1901, going to South Florida in 1913.

If you are not already aware of the fact it ought to be stated that the Rev. Arthur R. McKinstry, formerly rector in Albany, N. Y., is now the rector of St. Mark's, San Antonio.

Men to the tune of 128, members of clubs at Trinity, St. Paul's, and the Redeemer, Watertown, N. Y., attended a joint meeting held at Trinity. The Rev. Harold Sawyer, Utica, was the speaker and the dislocation of industry, lawlessness and world peace were the lively subjects under discussion.

The annual conference for seminary students, sponsored by the Church League for Industrial Democracy, is to be held over the week-end of Washington's Birthday at the Cambridge Seminary. The students, coming from Berkeley, General, Union, Alexandria and Cambridge, are going to face up to present world problems. On Sunday the annual C. L. I. D. service is to be held in Christ Church, Cambridge, at 4:30, with the Rev. Norman Nash as preacher. Then on Monday Washington's Birthday, there is to be the annual C. L. I. D. luncheon, held at Trinity Parish House, Boston, with addresses by the Rev. James Myers, industrial secretary of

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The diocese of New Jersey, inspired by the results of the Teaching Mission on the Great Commission, held throughout the province of Sewanee, is having one of its own this Lent. The clergy of the diocese have been in a huddle this week to work out plans with Bishop Maxon of Tennessee and the Rev. Oliver J. Hart of Chattanooga, who have been big-shots in the southern effort. The project, Bishop Matthews declares, is not aimed at gathering in cash, in spite of the fact that the diocese is behind all along the line, but is to be a mission of instruction and of inspiration.

The Rev. Frank L. Vernon, Philadelphia, conducted a quiet day for the clergy of Delaware on February 2nd. The clergy were the guests of Bishop Cook.

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Delaware is featuring a Children's Crusade during Lent.

The diccese of Chicago, at their convention, disapproved of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the Church which would permit the translation of bishops from one diocese to another.

Lively debate in the Chicago convention over quotas. Finally it was voted to promise the National Council

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Back up the international peace conference with prayer.

Bishop Restarick, retired bishop of Hawaii, has come to the defense of the people of the islands, attacked in papers because of recent events there. He points out that a whole race cannot be condemned because of the action of a few degenerates. We do not condemn the white race, he says, because of the acts of violence in Cincinnati, San Diego, Los Angeles and elsewhere. We know that they are the acts of degenerates. But in dealing with the situation in Hawaii we seem to be willing to condemn the entire race. As a matter of fact, the bishop points out, while the word "native" is generally applied to the five men recently accused of rape, two of these men were Japanese and one Chinese.

While the Bishop does not say so,

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P. M.

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Week Days: 6:40 A. M. except Monday.
Holy Days: 10:30.

St. Stephen's, Chicago

The Little Church at the End of the Road 3533 N. Albany Avenue Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker 11 A. M. 4:30 P. M.

St. Luke's, Evanston Charles E. McAllister, D.D. Sundays: 7:30, 8:15, 11 and 4:30. Daily: 7:30 and 5. From Chicago off at Main, one block east and one north.

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Sundays: Holy Communion, 7:30 and
8:15 A. M.; Young People's Mass, 9
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Thursdays and Holy Days, 9:30 A. M.

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Sundays: 8, 11, and 8.
Daily: 7:30, 9, and 6.
Holy Days and Thursdays: 10.

St. Mark's, Milwaukee Rev. E. Reginald Williams

Hackett Ave. and Belleview Place Sundays: 8, 9:30 and 11. Gamma Kappa Delta: 6 P. M. Holy Days: 10 A. M.

in fixing judgment in these cases in Hawaii it might also be well to look rather carefully into the conduct of the white women involved.

Quiet day for the clergy of Marquette was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, February 1 and 2, with practically all the clergy there. Bishop Ablewhite conducted it. During the conference plans were made for a diocesan wide preaching mission next. fall. A course on the conduct of missions is to be included in the summer conference, held in July.

The diocese of New York is making a great effort to take care of the unemployed families of the Church. "Fill-this-Instead" envelopes have been placed in all the churches. Church people are being urged to express their Lenten self-denial by going without and filling these envelopes instead, in order that others may eat. On March 6th these envelopes are to be presented at the altar of churches throughout the diocese. Bishop Gilbert is the chairman of the committee.

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St. Paul's, Brooklyn, has adopted a plan to provide a "remembrance foundation" for the endowment of the parish. The plan is the one originated by Dr. Atwater. It gives each parishioner a chance to start a fund, in the donor's name or some other name, which can be increased from time to time.

The dioceses in New York state are going in for celebrations. The program, originating in Central New York, proposes to set forth the story of the Church from its early beginning, by means of services, meetings, pageants, erections of memorial tablets. Bishop Coley is general chairman and committees are being created in all the dioceses. The program extends over six years.

A mission called The School of Prayer was held at St. Paul's, Clinton and Carroll Streets, Brooklyn, the three days before Lent. It was on the technique of prayer and was conducted by the Rev. S. C. Hughson of the Order of Holy Cross.

A mission was recently completed at Emmanuel, Covington, Virginia, conducted by the Rev. T. N. Barth of Baltimore. A part of the mission was intensive visiting on the part of the missioner and the rector. Several new families were brought into the church as a result.

Fifteenth anniversary of the rectorship of the Rev. Gerald G. Moore, the Advent, Chicago, was celebrated last week-a surprise to him. There was a dinner at the home of one of the vestrymen, and then they all went to church and there found practically every member of the parish on hand for a service that Mr. Moore did not know was even sched-

They have meetings for students at Christ Church, Baltimore, each Sunday evening. During Lent they are to discuss "Why I Believe" with addresses by a Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Quaker, Hebrew, Presbyterian and Episcopalian. The special Sunday night preachers during Lent are the Rev. Donald Aldrich, Bishop DuMoulin, Bishop Cook and Bishop Creighton. They run to Bishops as you can see.

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