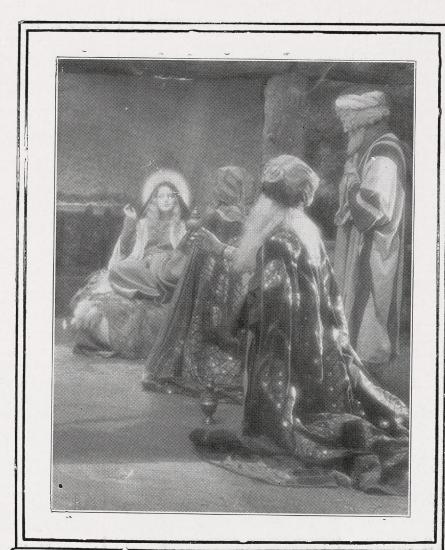
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TO WISH you the old, old wish"—how often that message reaches us at this season of the year! But what is the wish we receive and give so freely? It is not enough to say that we wish to be merry, that we wish to remember old friends, that we wish for a good time, good fare, costly gifts or a reunion of family relations. As Christians we are bidden to wish for greater things than these. We are bidden to bring back to remembrance the stable of the village inn at Bethlehem and of a new born Child and His mother, of God made flesh.

So we would word our wish that Christ may be born in our hearts by faith. For till Christ be formed within each one of us there can be no new birth. And to all of us comes from time to time an instinct that will not let us be satisfied with our lives, however successful they may be from a worldly standpoint. There rises within us a wordless protest against mere materialism. As we contemplate the Virgin and her Child we realize anew that there is life. Conversion may be defined as the acceptance of God's scale of values. If, then, we bring our worldly aims and ambitions and anxieties to the test of the manger throne we find an immediate reversal of our earthly standards. We recognize-however unwillingly-that here lies a greater than all. We live again—yet not we ourselves—but Christ liveth in us.

If we turn aside from ourselves and consider for a moment what other wish we would have for the world this Christmastide, we may also wish that the ideal relationship which existed between Jesus and His mother might become the whole world's ideal of the divinity and dignity of womanhood. A holy secrecy conceals much of that intimate life, but we are permitted some revealing glimpses and these should be enough to show us that even Christ did not pass through His life on earth unhelped by a woman's love. He revealed to us a new divine meaning in motherhood; He gave us a Christian standard of chivalry; He gave us a fresh standard of tender respect for all women. Indeed it may be said that He showed the world by His incarnation that women have the world's destiny in their keeping.

Finally, we must wish to worship. That is not a popular demand today. Morality, fellowship, brotherhood, these are all commended. Nevertheless it remains man's first duty and privilege to worship God. No fellowship is possible until men combine, not for success in aggression, but in bending their wills humbly before that which puts all their pride to shame. Heroics only produce a spirit of emulation. It is the supreme self-abnegation, the emptying out of glory, the all-embracing condescension of love that produces the essential quality from which true worship springs. He lies in the manger because there is no room for Him in the busy caravanserais of life. Oh, come, let us adore Him.

DO YOU WANT to have a joyous Christmas? There is one sure way—do as much as you possibly can for others. Never has there been a Christmas with so many desolate and lonely, without a home to call their own. So if you are one of the fortunate, share your good luck in the name of Christ with those who, through no fault of their own, are compelled to depend upon you for their very existence. Then too remember the many institutions and societies that minister throughout the year. In these days of heavy demands and high taxes there is a disposition on the part of many to hold back that check that has been going annually to some orphanage, institution or charity. As a result great work is seriously threatened. Or if you by chance are one of those who never established the habit of sending a few checks at Christmas time, may we suggest that it is a blessed custom that reaps rewards beyond imagining. Practical aid, particularly in these days, is worship of the Christ Child on an exalted plane. There is listed on another page in this issue a number of institutions and societies worthy of aid. Or inquire at your diocesan office or from your rector as to where your dollars may serve most effectively. It is more blessed to give than to receive. Test that statement this Christmas, not by giving merely within your own family and friends, but by giving to those in desperate want and to worthy organizations whose very existence depends upon the small gifts of many friends.

# BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By GARDINER M. DAY

TF THE prophets were ranked according to their ac-L curacy, surely the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes would go to the top of the list by virtue of his prophetic declaration that "of making many books there is no end." Although the wayfaring man may not be aware of the stream of books which flow forth from our presses at any other time, he certainly is when he takes his list-you know how it reads, Aunt Bertha, Cousin Julia, Uncle Howard and then a few friends, including not infrequently some with whom a religious book would make a bigger hit than a loud necktie-to the local book store. A special enhancement to the value of a book as a Christmas gift, for which the publishers and dealers deserve much praise, is that if the book is unmarked but has already been read, the recipient can exchange it for another which he has not read but always desired. The purpose of this article is to serve as a very incomplete guide to the gentleman with a list who wants a few religious selections. Our selections must necessarily leave out many volumes which deserve mention. The best we can do is to remark upon those which we have felt particularly worth while.

In the field of religion in general the two most outstanding recent books which you do not want to miss are: Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr's Moral Man and Immoral Society (Scribners \$2.) in which the distinguished professor and author writes illuminatingly upon the modern Christian's most serious dilemmas, and Re-Thinking Missions (Harpers \$2) being the conclusions of the Laymen's Inquiry's Appraisal Commission in regard to the present condition of foreign missions with definite recommendations for the future. Two other splendid books in the general field of religion which appeared earlier are: Father Barry's Christianity and the New World (Harpers \$2.50), the message of Christianity in modern dress, and Dr. Mc-Comb's translation of Friedrich Heiler's study in the history and psychology of worship, Prayer (Oxford

Three small books deserve special mention: Christianity by Edwyn Bevan (Holt \$1) sounds like a case of Jonah swallowing the whale, but it is a remarkable little essay; Christian Outlines by the Head Master of Eton School, Cyril Arlington, is an admirable brief statement of the beliefs of a modern Christian and why he holds them (Macmillan \$1.25); and The Witness publication The Story of the Church by Bishop Johnson (costing only \$.50), we have mentioned at length in previous reviews.

In these times of rapid changes there is a hunger in people's minds and hearts for spiritual insight and interpretation. In response to that need Harper's is publishing a series of small dollar books of sermons by distinguished ministers. Two of those which have already appeared are by Episcopal Rectors upon whom one can always count for something very worth while,

When Christ Passes By by W. Russell Bowie and The Angel in the Soul by Joseph F. Newton.

Forty Years for Labrador by Sir Wilfred Grenfell is the outstanding religious and missionary biography of recent publication. Dr. Grenfell here completes the story of his adventuresome years in Labrador as a Medical Missionary (Houghton, Mifflin \$4). A close second to this book in interest is That Strange Little Brown Man, the story of Gandhi by Bishop Frederick Fisher (Long & Smith \$2.50). For one who has not been to India it gives a fascinating and instructive interpretation not only of the life of the famous Indian but of general conditions in India. What I Owe to Christ, the auto-biography of the Saintly Dr. C. F. Andrews, is in a class by itself owing to its great beauty and amazing spiritual quality (Abingdon \$1.50). In Men Against Death Paul de Kruif dramatizes the lives of seemingly undramatic scientists and research workers in such a way as to vividly display their heroic quality (Harcourt, Brace & Co. \$3.50). St. Paul by Fr. Wilfred Knox is a splendid popular life of the missionary apostle (Appleton \$2) and Lewis Browne's Blessed Spinoza is a moving account of that deeply religious and saintly man who in his own life time was condemned and persecuted as a dangerous atheist (Macmillan \$4).

With articles on technocracy and the modern machine appearing continually in our magazines, great interest is evident in present economic conditions. For those who are looking for an interpretation of economic trends from an ethical viewpoint Stuart Chase's A New Deal will prove at once instructive and fascinating (Macmillan \$2), while a runner-up is a book by the noted British Labor Party Member and detective story writer G. D. H. Cole entitled A Guide Through World Chaos (Knopf \$3.75).

Anyone interested in psychology and religion will find *Pastoral Psychiatry and Mental Health* by Dr. John R. Oliver, who is now himself a WITNESS columnist, full of valuable material (Scribners \$2.75). While the book consists of lectures given to theological students, laymen will find them not only engaging, but also most helpful reading. Another book of worth in this field is Dewar and Hudson's *Psychology for Religious Workers* (Harpers \$2).

Few greater aids to a Christian's daily devotional period can be found than the use of some new and sometimes very different type of manual from that which one has been accustomed to use. Such a manual is Kirby Page's Living Creatively (Farrar & Rinehart \$2). It helps to relate the devotional life to Christian practice in no uncertain way. The Way of Light is another excellent manual which tries to make vital the same relationship. It has been compiled by Dr. Howard Robbins (Gorham \$1.50) and not only contains meditations but also a carefully considered list of readings

and subjects for study which should be used at the same time if the religious life of the individual is to be

thoroughly quickened.

In Religion in Our Times Dr. Gaius G. Atkins has done for the religious life of the past forty years what Mr. F. L. Allen has done for the socio-historical movement in general in the same period (Round Table Press \$2.75). The high literary quality of Dr. Atkins' work is well known and the book is exceedingly interesting. Another author who brings to his historical writing in addition to style and knowledge a high ethical note is Mr. James T. Adams, whose history of our country up to the Civil War has appeared under the title of *The March of Democracy* (Scribners \$3.50).

In the sphere of the Church School we have seen no more helpful book this year than Miss Mildred Hewett's splendid *The Church School Comes to Life* (Macmillan \$2), while *The Teacher's Commentary* edited by Hugh Martin (Harpers \$2.50) fills a need in the Church School Library for a Biblical Commentary which is neither confusingly erudite or unscholarly. The writers know their subjects and for whom they

are writing, namely teachers.

One recent volume of poetry must not be forgotten. Nicodemus, by Edward Arlington Robinson, which contains more than one poem on a religious theme, the title poem being a conversation between the sophisticated Nicodemus and the cynical Caiaphas (Macmillan \$1.75). In the realm of fiction Mrs. Pearl Buck has written a sequel to The Good Earth entitled Sons (John Day \$2.50), which appears on most lists of the dozen best recent novels, and just prior to it the author published an exquisitely beautiful story of a conversion in China, The Young Revolutionist (The Friendship Press in paper \$.75). The Morehouse Publishing Company also has just published three books which are sure to be most worthwhile, though they have just arrived so that adequate reviews will have to come later. They are Texas George, a biograph of Bishop George H. Kinsolving, written by Dr. Kinsolving of Baltimore (\$2.00); Charles Henry Brent, written by Eleanor Slater (\$1.50), and 52 Sermonettes, a reprint of the column that appears weekly in The Living Church (\$1.85). However, of the commenting on recent books this must be the end, although it is scarcely a beginning.

Books may be secured from George W. Jacobs & Co., 1726 Chestnut St., Philadelphia; Edwin S. Gorham Inc., 18 West 45th St., New York; The Morehouse Publishing Co., Milwaukee; Witness Books, 931 Tribune Building, New York, and 6140 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago. A few cents should be added to the book price for postage.

# Confidences

JOHN RATHBONE OLIVER

IN ONE of his unpublished letters or sermons Father Richard Benson says "there is nothing divine in hurry and there is no hurry in anything divine." Our modern life has deified haste and we have come to think ourselves effective and efficient when we have dashed through a day's work at high tempo without a single moment of rest or relaxation. Quite different

is the way in which God deals with the world. His revelation of Himself to the Hebrew people stretched over centuries of time. Since the Incarnation, the Christian church has never hurried. She is too sure of her goal and too sure of herself to need undue haste. As Isaiah said "He that believeth shall not make haste." In the same way God deals with individual human souls. Holiness is not achieved in one hurried hour and the very essence of spiritual life is the exclusion from it of time values and of time standards. The trouble with our modern life is that we really do not believe that we are working towards any definite goal and because we do not believe, we make haste. We dash from one activity to another and when evening comes we do not compliment ourselves on having achieved anything but are merely thankful because we have managed somehow to get through the day. We exhaust a tremendous amount of energy in pushing ourselves through the day's routine and as a usual thing we might have got through that same day's work at the expense of much less vitality. This constant wastage of mental energy shows itself in sensitiveness, in loss of emotional control, in anger over little things and in all sorts of personal antagonisms. Our lives move forward not with the steady impetus of a railroad train in full motion, but like a freight train at the beginning of its movement when it starts by jerks and jumps. We acquire no calm impetus from the past and our work is done in a series of uncoordinated mental heavings. Most of us have lost the power of intense and protracted concentration. It is a good thing occasionally to slip away from the breathless haste of a city street or office and to stop for a few moments in the shadows of some church. If we kneel down there in some dim corner and identify ourselves mentally with the timeless unhurrying presence and love of God we may bring back with us into our work the realization that old Father Benson knew more than we modern people do, when he insisted that "there was nothing divine in hurry and no hurry in anything divine."

Communications which readers wish to have brought to the attention of Dr. Oliver should be sent to the editorial office of The Witness, 981 Tribune Building, New York City. They will then be placed in his hands without being read by any other person.

#### Casual Comment

By
BERNARD IDDINGS BELL
CHRISTMAS EVE

I HAVE been listening to some Slavonic Christmas carols—sung for many generations by peasants who have lived in the foothills of the Carpathian mountains. These songs are strangely different. They have neither the simple jollity of most English carols nor the sentimentality of many of those which have had origin in Germany. For the most part, they are composed in a minor key, and full of sadness, but a sadness somehow sublimated into joy. It is as though these peasants knew quite well that life is no joke and that sin makes for all men an every-present tragedy. God comes, and the world has no room for Him. Men push the most

beautiful of births out of the inn into a dirty barn, even as later on they are to thrust the most heroic and lovely of all deaths outside their city to a lonely hill named Golgotha. And yet, for all rejection, God and good are triumphant; beauty and love live on. God becomes man, though only angels care. God dies, in solitary triumph. It is men who fail. All of that, these peasants seem to have known. The music tells it, and the words as well. Take one of them:

"Through the night, as all the world slept, Christ His lonely vigil in the manger kept. Darkness and cold, all around Him, Met the shepherds when they came and found Him. Thus the plight of Jesus' birth, Thus His dreary, lonely first night here on earth. Allelujah!"

With what simple penetration these peasants have understood the Christmas Gospel. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. He was in the world, and the world knew Him not. But to those who receive Him, gives He the power to become the

Sons of God."

On this Saturday night, Christmas Eve, once more He comes. There is still for Him no room in the snug inns of the moment:—the inn where politicians congregate, the inn where current philosophers debate, the inn around whose fires our business policies are determined. Even from the inn of the family He is apt to be excluded. Yet somehow, somewhere, He is born again, as angels proclaim and as certain simple

shepherds of us know.

In many parts of the world it is the custom to place a lighted candle in one's window, on Christmas-Eve at the time of the evening meal, to signify that, in that house at least, there is a place for the lonely and lovely Christ. Why should not all of us who call ourselves Christian gather the household, explain what is being done, let the oldest child light the flame, and pray "Come, Lord Jesus. There is room for You here"? Those who do, will find in their midst not merely Christmas cheer, but something far more precious, holy peace. And then, in the night, we shall go to the Mass, to see what the Lord has done for us. Poor men we are with Him that night, whether we be shepherds or great kings.

#### Witness Bible Class

Conducted by IRWIN ST. JOHN TUCKER THE CALL OF MOSES Lesson Thirteen

OUPLED with the joy of Christmas is always the background of sorrow for the slaughtered babes of Bethlehem. Back of the story of Moses is always a double horror; the slaughter of the Hebrew babies at birth, and the slaughter of the Egyptian firstborn at the Exodus.

Read Exodus 1. Jacob's family increased greatly during their long stay in Egypt. How long was it? In one place (Gen. 15:16) it is referred to as four

generations, about 120 years. But in many others it is referred to as 430 years. (Exodus 12:40; Acts 7:6; Gal. 3:17.) It seems more likely that the four generations is correct, because in the lapse of 430 years as much time as stretches between the period of Columbus and our own-oblivion would have covered the

memory of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Hebrews multiplied so fast that "the land" was filled with them. But this means the district of Goshen, in which the Hebrews lived; not the whole valley of Egypt, which is 1500 miles long. Goshen was near the Isthmus of Suez, near the entering in of the Shur highroad, and it contained the two storecities. Pithom and Raamses. Ruins of these two cities. recently have been dug up by the explorer Naville, who found the great brick pits, sunk in the sand, on which the Hebrews worked. In these vaults were kept Egyptian grain intended for the northward traffic, and stores brought in from Palestine, Babylon, India and China in the great overland traffic which flourished from time immemorial.

The Hebrews protested against the terms of their enforced labor, but their protests went unheeded. Because of their unrest and increasing numbers, orders were given to exercise a harsh kind of birth-control. The maternity nurses were given instructions to kill all the boy babies at birth. These two maternity nurses, Shiphrah and Puah, are important factors in history. By them we can get a fairly clear idea of how many Hebrew families there really were in Goshen. It could not have been any enormous number, or more than two nurses would have been needed. How many Hebrew children were thus slaughtered, we do not know. But the order had important results. Moses' mother placed him in a little boat which she set afloat among the rushes of the River. Found by a princess, he was adopted and raised in the palace. When grown, he discovered his kinship with the slave nation, and killed an Egyptian whom he saw beating a fellow-Hebrew. Accused of the slaying by one of those he sought to protect (fair warning of their future attitude toward him) he fled into the desert to escape punish-

There at a desert well he met the daughters of the priest of Midian, in a desert romance which has profoundly influenced the history of the world; for he married Zipporah, one of these girls. He tended the cattle of his father-in-law, and learned with him the religion of the One God.

What was Moses doing during all those desert years? His flocks could not pasture long in one place. They must be driven from oasis to oasis. When the time of sale came, they must be driven to market and de-

livered to the purchaser.

As a cattle-man, Moses went all over the desert through which later he was to lead his people. He knew the springs, the oases, the camping places, the routes. Doubtless from time to time he drove his cattle into Egypt for sale. This bearded Arab stranger was not recognized as the young prince who had killed an Egyptian overseer.

During the "40 years"—an indefinite period—he

doubtless went also into the land of Canaan attaching himself to some caravan. He may have driven cattle to Beersheba, or Hormah, or Hebron, or even to Jerusalem. There he must have heard stories about his ancestors. Every well that Isaac dug must have been familiar to him, and every one would bear testimony to his ancestral claims. He must have heard that all these lands were claimed by Jacob as his inheritance, as a gift from God. He must have seen that these lands were now even more worth the claiming.

We do not know just what happened when Moses saw the vision of the Burning Bush. It was something which brought to a focus his long-growing resolution to lead his people out of slavery to claim their ancestral estates. Moses shrank from the task a long time. There was of course no stenographer present to take down long conversations between God and Moses, such as is recorded in Exodus 4. These chapters are the accounts built up during later years by the storytellers around the desert fires or at the great feasts. What we know did happen was that Moses, on the sacred mountain and in the sternly simply faith of the Kenites, received the call to lead his race into liberty and accepted it.

Moses left nothing to chance. Year after year he went over the route. He tried out the camping places and the wells. And when at last he sounded the call for the dash to liberty, he had a plan prepared, and he knew his ground.

In our endeavors at the present time to lead our fellow-human beings out of the slavery in which the whole race toils, slavery to the curse of greed and stupidity that chains us to senseless serfdom and more senseless war-do we prepare the ground, as Moses did? Do we survey the route out of which we are to travel from the house of bondage? Or do we just trust to luck?

FORTY YEARS

Note on the Forty Years—"Forty years" is a common Biblical expression for an indefinite time. It does not always mean a very long time. In ii Sam. 15; 7, Absalom is said to have spent "40 years" in stealing the hearts of the people from David. Yet thereafter he is still referred to as "the young man Absalom." Moses was said to have spent 40 years in Egypt; 40 years as a cattle man; and 40 years in wandering through the wilderness. In the book of Judges, every little while we come across the expression "And the land had rest 40 years." Judges 3; 31, Judges 5; 31; Judges 13; 1. Jonah cries "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall fall." It is an Oriental expression meaning "a long time."

MAN OF VIOLENCE

Moses was of the tribe of Levi, which later became the priestly tribe. Among the Hebrews, even today, the priest is the butcher. All meat must be "kosher"—killed in a certain way so that the blood is entirely drained from the meat. The whole book of Levi—Leviticus—seeps with the blood of sacrificial victims.

Levi and his brother Simeon were characterized by their father Jacob as men of violence. In the blessing of Jacob, it is written; "Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitation. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honor, be not thou united; for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they hocked an ox".

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Moses was of the tribe of Levi. The record of his life is far from showing him as "meek." He was always issuing fierce orders for the slaughter of those who disagreed with him. He began by killing an Egyptian. Those who disputed his orders were slain with the sword, swallowed up alive, struck by lightning, thrust through with javelins. Even Miriam and Aaron, his sister and brother felt his wrath when they disagreed with him because he violated his own express command, by marrying an Ethiopian woman. We shall be less surprised, taking this view of him, at what we shall read in the next chapter about the sacrifice of the first-born.

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MEMORY WORK
General Epistles—Eight

These were written by other apostles than St. Paul, and nearly all are addressed to the church in general, rather than in one particular place. The Epistle to the Hebrews, for example is addressed to the Jews throughout the world.

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11 Peter—3 Jude—1
Next Week: The Dash for Liberty
Exodus, 12.

#### Let's Know

 $\begin{array}{c} By \\ \text{BISHOP WILSON} \end{array}$ ANGELS

THE word "angel" means a messenger. Angels are spiritual beings who render service to God in the spiritual sphere. They are not men and women who have died and taken on wings. Nobody knows what they look like or whether they have any appearance in the way we humanly understand it. If the Bible means anything, it tells us distinctly that angels are a different order of creation from human beings. "Thou hast made him (man) a little lower than the angels."-Psalm 8:5. "Are they not all (the angels) ministering spirits?"—Hebrews 1:14. Or our Lord's significant words—"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."—St. Matthew 18:10.

When in Christian symbolism it is desired to suggest the cooperation of the spiritual service of angels with human service in achieving God's will, it is necessary, of course, to use some representation which will be significant to the human point of view. Therefore they are pictured in some human type (for that is all we really know) and wings are added to indicate their swiftness and accuracy in doing God's will. But to depict them after the fashion of a portrait as idealized ladies equipped with swan's wings is the height of sentimentality—poor theology and bad art. They should be beardless, sexless, human in form, winged, and barefoot. All of which is purely symbolical. They may properly be clothed in vestments depending on the particular type of service they are to symbolize.

If they are shown carrying a censer, it is a symbol of heavenly adoration. If they bear musical instruments, it means praise offered to God. An angel with a palm branch may appear in a representation of the Resurrection, which simply means spiritual victory. Other kinds of leaves mean other things. An angel placing a laurel wreath on the brow of a human being speaks of divine recognition of some special Christian service in poetry or in art. If it is oak leaves, it means strength and fortitude, just as the yew leaves express immortality and the cypress leaves, mourning. An angel carrying a lily is a special symbol of purity and therefore is often used to represent the Annunciation.

In all cases the angel is a symbol, not a photograph. Features, proportions of the figure and other details should be treated with conventional lines so that they will not suggest male or female. Angels are spiritual beings. Sex is a human distinction. You are not an angel and you can never be one, any more than an aviator can ever be a bird or a diver can ever be a fish. By a turn of metaphor we might say that anyone acting as a messenger for God is an angel, much as we might say that anyone swinging a hammer is a carpenter. The point is that angels are God's spiritual messengers and are distinct from human beings. They should not be pictured in sentimental sweetness but in dignified symbol.

# MAKES FURTHER CUTS IN BUDGET

By W. B. SPOFFORD

Cuts in the 1933 budget of the National Council totalling \$425,000 were made by the National Council Meeting in New York on December 14th and 15th. The present situation was faced courageously though reluctantly, since our leaders were thoroughly conscious of the hardships that these cuts will impose upon those carrying on the missionary work of the Church. There was a detailed discussion of each appropriation in the budget for aided dioceses, domestic missionary districts and foreign work, the final outcome of which was a cut of \$215,270 in the foreign work, \$168,-000 in the domestic field and \$33,000 at Church Missions House due to a further cut of ten per cent in salaries for the staff members. There were in addition further economies which brought the total to the \$425,000 mark. These cuts become effective January first but will be reconsidered at the February meeting if the expectancies so

The unpleasant task was tackled with a vengeance at this meeting. The stars of the session were Bishop Creighton, Dr. Franklin and Dr. Wood, all of whom showed a detailed knowledge of their jobs without which the task would have been impossible. For the Council did not make cuts in a blanket fashion but went into the items one by one, depending largely upon these three men to supply them with the information.

undoubtedly will There squawks, to use an inelegant but expressive word. The cry will come from the field, where most of the cuts will be felt, that we are being governed by a group of bureaucrats and that bishops have been shorn of authority which has now become centralized at the Church Missions House. Yet, while I will not take second place to anyone when it comes to the enjoyable pastime of crabbing those in high places, I want to testify to the fact that at this Council meeting they did get down to hard-pan and accepted the unpleasant responsibilities that have been thrown upon them by the decreased giving on the part of the rest of us. It was an encouraging meeting simply because the Council has finally come to realize that the theme song of America is no longer "Happy Days Are Here Again" but "Brother Can You Spare a Dime".

The committee of the Council to report on the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry presented their report, stating that it was "a highly significant document." The significance of the Report, said the committee, consists largely in the fact that it presents a non-professional and unofficial estimate and point of view. Assurance was given officially by the Council that immediate and intensive study would be given to the recommendations contained in the Report. This study is to start at once, Dr. John Wood, secretary of foreign missions being requested to communicate with our missionary bishops in the Orient, asking for their comments on the Report.

They state that criticisms of missions contained in the Report need cause no alarm "if we may assume that it is not primarily intended to apply to the missionary work and methods of the past, but rather to indicate the changes that will be required in view of the conditions and the nature of the task that lies ahead of us."

The committee of our Council welcomed the Mission Report's insistence upon an understanding attitude toward non-Christian religions; self-support on the part of the indigenous Church; high standards of efficiency in educational and medical work and the emphasis upon the importance of a careful selection of missionary personnel. "In regard to many of these problems decisions have already been reached, and in some we have made real progress."

On the critical side our National Council committee raises the question as to whether or not those responsible for the Report hold to a conception of the nature of the Church that we can accept. However they state that, "What the Commission probably had in mind was that too much emphasis was placed upon the subtleties of doc-On the subject of Church trine." unity the committee give it as their opinion that the goal of our Church, both at home and in the mission field, should be organic unity. But they go on to state that "There are many practical advantages which can be secured through cooperation, and that it may be beneficial in promoting the spirit of unity. The Commission's recommendations along this line should therefore receive our serious consideration".

The report of the committee, consisting of Bishop Tucker of Virginia, Bishop Burleson, and Messrs. Sprouse, Castle and Newbold, was received enthusiastically by the National Council and appropriate resolutions were passed in line with their recommendations.

The Council took action request-(Continued on page 14)

#### NEWS NOTES OF THE CHURCH IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

Edited by W. B. Spofford

A popular young rector of the northwest informs me that I have fallen down on the job in not following the established journalistic custom of selecting an All-American football team. He thinks that it might be a bit out of place to turn to the collegiate world for my material, but "why not an All Episcopal team." I take it that he is referring to the House of Bishops. So after days of research into weights, speed and all around coordination I am happy to be able to announce my selections. In the center of the line I have placed Bishop Longley of Iowa. He is an unfailing passer and is not easily moved from his position once he gets set. In the guard positions I have placed Bishop Johnson of Missouri and Bishop Beecher of Western Nebraska. There is a trio of heavyweights for the middle of the line, which is the primary consideration, though it must be admitted that these gentlemen are a bit slow in charging and getting down the field. However they are flanked in the tackle positions by a couple of agile and speedy boys who also possess plenty of poundage, Bishops Dallas and Hobson. That gives us a line from tackle to tackle that makes Notre Dame or any of the top teams look pretty silly. On the ends I am placing Bishop Cook of Delaware and Bishop Wise of Kansas since both have demonstrated their ability to cover ground.

Turning to the backfield Bishop McElwain of Minnesota is placed at quarter back since he has demonstrated his ability to think fast and to keep the boys playing together as a team. In the other three backfield positions I have placed Bishop Burleson, selected for his coolness and ability to outsmart the opponents, Bishop Perry who is a good steady plugger and Bishop Fiske, who wins a place because of his scrappiness and fight. Also places should be found in the backfield for Bishop Creighton, who has demonstrated his ability during the past year to cover ground, and Bishop Stewart who is unquestionably one of the most versatile players ever to take the field. Merry Christmas.

Novel Service

at Detroit Parish

A novel service was held last evening at St. Columba's, Detroit. In addition to a confirmation service there was also a service of Re-Affirmation and renewal of confimation

vows on the part of the entire congregation. The class confirmed numbered 30, and was composed entirely of adults recruited by the men's club of the parish. A real live men's club there, incidentally. They do this recruiting each year and also manage the every member canvass. Then too they are constantly at the job of promoting church attendance.

#### Worchester Rector Resigns

The Rev. John H. Lever has resigned the rectorship of All Saints, Worcester, Mass., effective January 1st, with leave of absence until that date.

#### More Study of Our Missions

If our missionary enterprise is not managed efficiently and economically it won't be because they haven't been sufficiently investigated. There is a large commission, headed by Bishop Cook, now at work studying aided dioceses and missionary districts; Bishop Creighton, secretary of domestic missions, is constantly at that job; now Bishop Burleson has been asked by the National Council to devote all his time between now and the February meeting to an analysis of our work both at home and abroad, with members of the Council assisting him with personal surveys. In addition, as reported elsewhere, the Presiding Bishop is going to visit the Orient this spring to look things over there.

# Announcement For Stamp Collectors

The attention of our readers is called to the announcement of Harold C. Brooks of Marshall, Michigan, which appears on the back page of this issue. Mr. Brooks is the Senior Warden of Trinity Church, Marshall, also a member of the Diocesan Council of Western Michigan. We are pleased to recommend him to any of our readers who may have old envelopes or stamps which they desire to have examined and appraised.

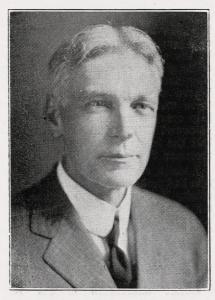
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#### Religious Education Publication Discontinued

The quarterly publication of the department of religious education of the National Council, *Findings*, is to be discontinued after the December issue.

#### Bishops Must Report to Get Cash

Action was taken by the National Council last week informing bishops of domestic missionary districts that future appropriations can be granted only upon the submission of a statement showing the details of how the money is to be spent. They must



DR. JOHN W. WOOD Leads Confab on Missions

also indicate the amount to be contributed by the district towards each project.

#### Minneapolis Rector Called to Boston

The Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, rector of St. Mark's, Minneapolis has been called to the rectorship of Emmanuel Church, Boston.

#### Thomas Wright Becomes Student Secretary

The Rev. Thomas Wright, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, has been appointed secretary of student work of the National Council, succeeding the Rev. Brooke Stabler.

#### Church Receipts Have Marked Drop

The receipts of Protestant Churches dropped 13.2 per cent for the fiscal year 1931-32 according to a statement just issued by the Federal Council of Churches. The decrease of total giving in the last year was \$57,075,735 according to the report which was based on a study of seventeen denominations. The percentage of decrease for the larger churches were as follows: Methodists, 11.6; Congregational, 10.9; Presbyterian, 14.9 and Episcopal Church 18.9, being exceeded only by the Evangelical Synod, 19.1, in the entire list of seventeen.

#### Bishop Dallas Preaches in New York

Bishop Dallas of New Hampshire was the preacher on December 18th at All Angels', New York City. The rector of the parish, the Rev. George A. Trowbridge, has just been elected chairman of the social service commission of the diocese.

Buffalo Clergyman Lecturing on Cathedrals

The Rev. Edgar Tiffany, the Transfiguration, Buffalo, spent the summer in England and on the Continent studying and taking pictures of cathedrals and historic churches. Recently he has been devoting his evening services to lectures, illustrated by fine slides prepared from his photographs.

#### Church Gains In Membership

According to the 1933 Living Church Annual the Church gained 29,014 in membership during the year, bringing the total to 1,986,048 baptized persons. Contributions totalled over forty million dollars which is about six million less than the highwater mark of 1929. There are 6,388 clergymen listed, the largest number the Church has ever had. The Annual reports that a considerable number of these are unemployed while others are engaged in secular work.

#### Romanists Demand New Social Order

At a regional conference held November 20 at Fordham University, one of four such conferences being conducted by the National Catholic Alumni Federation throughout the country, a crusade for social justice was launched, with the immediate goal of spreading the word that capitalism, in its present form "has failed and must continue to fail." The Rev. James Gillis, editor of the Catholic World, asserted that a social upheaval "is necessary and is bound to come . . . . what happened in Russia can happen here." Thomas F. Woodlock, former Interstate Commerce Commissioner and an editor of the Wall Street Journal, stated that the depression was not merely part of a cycle, but was the end of an era. "Our present system," said Mr. Woodlock, "will not work; unfortunately we made this discovery before we found it was unjust." The delegates decided to extend their crusade beyond the limits of the Catholic Church and to make it a national issue.

## English Leaders Join Oxford Groups

Eighteen leaders of the Oxford Groups (First Century Christian Fellowship or Buchmanites) arrived on our shores the other day and immediately hurried off to Toronto to join the Rev. Frank Buchman, the Rev. Sam Shoemaker and others who are touring this country and Canada. The entire crowd of fifty or more are to arrive in New York on January 2 for a mass meeting to be held in the swanky ball room

of the Waldorf Astoria where they announce they are to be greeted by Bishop Manning and other notables. In the group is Professor L. W. Grensted, canon of Liverpool Cathedral, who is to preach at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on January 8th. The professor says "that the problems of today are not political and are not economic, but personal. We believe that God's plan for the world is the only practical answer for the crisis of today. The Oxford Group has found the solution for the problems with which its members are confronted in surrender to the guidance of His spirit." \* \*

Bishop Johnson to Lead Florida Conference

Bishop Johnson, editor, is to lead a conference and retreat of the clergy of South Florida on January 16-18, meeting at the cathedral at Orlando. He will later visit St. Andrew's, Tampa.

Commission on Aided Dioceses Meets

A meeting of the commission on aided dioceses met on December 6th at Topeka, Kansas, with twelve of the twenty members present. Their next meeting is to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in May. A preliminary statement on their findings and recommendations is to be released at an early date.

Florida Parish Has Home-Coming

St. Andrew's, Tampa, Florida, had a special observance of their patron saint's day with several services in which a number of the clergy of the diocese took part. In the evening there was a home-coming reception with Bishop and Mrs. Wing and Dr. Francis White, rector, and Mrs. White as guests of honor.

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Breaking Records In Kansas

Bishop Wise of Kansas has confirmed so far this year 508 with several classes still to come. This is nearly a record, being exceeded only in 1926 when 577 were confirmed. A good share of the number have come from Grace Cathedral, Topeka and St. Paul's, Kansas City, each of which celebrated their 75th anniversary this year by presenting classes of 75 or more persons.

An Ex-Gob Does Some Squaring Off

I have received a pleasant little letter from a gentleman from Green Bay, Wisconsin, who didn't like having me call attention to the belligerent moving picture that is being boosted by Congressman Britten (December 8 issue). Signing him-

self "Ex-Gob" he writes: "If you had any horse sense you wouldn't rile some of us so much, at least to the extent of wondering why a minister of our church has to display such low mentality at times. Where would your missions be if there wasn't a navy to yell too for help every time the natives throw a powwow? Don't you wish you had half the intestinal fortitude of Congressman Fred Britten?"

I am a slightly built young man who had rather run than fight I must admit. Yet I am always glad to put my name to what I write, and have never been guilty of substituting "intestinal fortitude" for the word "guts".

Miriam Van Waters Preaches in Syracuse

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Maybe "preaches" is not the proper word—anyhow Miriam Van Waters, nationally known social worker who is at present the head of the state reformatory for women at Framingham, Mass., addressed the morning congregation of St. Paul's, Syracuse, on a recent Sunday.

Nelson W. Bryant Called to Newport

The Rev. Nelson W. Bryant, Gardiner, Maine, has accepted the rectorship of St George's Church, Newport, Rhode Island, succeeding the Rev. John B. Lyte who becomes the rector of All Saints', Providence, on January 1st.

Reunions for Choir Boys at Buffalo

St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, is to have a series of reunions for choir boys, acolytes, sacristans and crucifers who have served during the past thirty years. If you were even a member of the choir there you had better get in touch with Mr. Bert G. Wirtner who is staging the parties.

Young People Visit Indian Reservation

Fifty young people of St. John's, Ithaca, N. Y., visited the Ononoaga Indian Reservation the other day and attended service there. It was a part of their study of Indian missions in which their leader is Professor Montgomery Robinson of Cornell.

Death of Norfolk Rector

The Rev. David W. Howard, rector emeritus of St. Luke's, Norfolk, Va., died on December 10 in his 67th year. He held many offices in the diocese of Southern Virginia, and was a deputy to three General Conventions.

Dedicate Windows At Detroit Cathedral

Three beautiful memorial windows were dedicated at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, on December 11, the gift of the late Ralph Harman Booth, ambassador to Denmark. The windows were designed and made by the Willett Studios, Philadelphia.

Bishop Urban Helps Parish Celebrate

Bishop Ralph E. Urban, newly consecrated suffragan bishop of New Jersey, visited St. Barnabas Church, Burlington, N. J., on December 4th, bringing to a close the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the

# A Prayer for Those in Need

An extract from the prayer written more than thirty-five years ago by the late Dr. William R. Huntington, Rector of Grace Church, New York, and authorized then by the Bishop of the Diocese as the official prayer of The New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society.

"Especially we beseech thee to remember in pity such as are, at this time, destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellow men. Aless the congregation of thy poor... Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people. - - - - "

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parish. He dedicated many memorial gifts which have been presented during the past year.

An Every Member Canvass Story

One man owned the car, the other was his team mate in the every member canvass. They stopped at a rather shabby house, the address of the last name on their list. "Gosh!" said the car owner. "I haven't the nerve to ask a man who lives in a house like that to sign a pledge; I won't go in"-and he didn't. His team mate made the call and in a few minutes came back and said: "That man is a machinist with a steady job; they come to church, the children are in the Church School and he insisted on making a pledge for the family of a dollar a week." "Gosh!" said the car owner, "I pledge twenty-five cents. I better brace up."

#### Albert W. Beaven New Federal Council Head

Dr. Albert W. Beaven, head of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and former president of the Northern Baptist Convention, was elected president of the Federal Council of Churches at their meeting in Indianapolis. Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, former moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, was elected vice-president. Henceforth the Council is to meet every two years instead of every four.

St. Agnes Girls Sing Carols

The girls of St. Agnes School, Albany, sang carols at the evening service at the cathedral, Albany, on December 11th. There were 250 girls, all in the school uniform, in the chancel. This service has become an established feature of the Christmas celebration in Albany.

Young People Condemn War

Several hundred young men and women met in New York last week and registered the fact that they are going to have nothing whatever to do with the war system. The conference was sponsored by about twenty organizations.

Worcester Rector Resigns

The Rev. John H. Lever has resigned as rector of All Saints', Worcester, Massachusetts.

Professor Hocking
To Lecture on Missions

Professor W. E. Hocking, Harvard, chairman of the Inquiry on Missions, is to lecture on January 24 and 25 at the Chicago Theolog-

ical Seminary on the Missions Report and its implications for the churches at home and abroad. Each lecture is to be followed by a question period.

Bishop Sherrill Preaches at Wellesley

Bishop Sherrill of Massachusetts was the preacher last Sunday at Wellesley College.

Rufus Jones Preaches In Boston

Professor Rufus M. Jones, philosopher and member of the Missions Inquiry was the preacher last Sun-

day morning at Trinity, Boston, and in the evening at Christ Church, Cambridge.

Juvenile Delinquency Not on Increase

As the result of a study that has been made by the National Education Association there is no justification for the oft repeated statement that juvenile delinquency is on the increase. They stated that the number of delinquent boys per thousand has decreased by half during the past twenty years in New York and there has also been a marked decrease in Chicago.

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Juvenile delinquency seems to be closely associated with certain environmental and hereditary factors, though no agreement exists as to the relative weight of them in contributing to the waywardness of youth. The economic uncertainty and lack of control in broken homes, are very frequent factors. Older children who are delinquents often lead younger children into crime. Neighborhoods in which the population frequently changes seem to lose those social controls that reduce delinquency. Street trades and delinquency. other employments of juveniles either tend to attract or develop delinquent children. Truancy at school, usually the first overt act of the potential delinquent, may arise from home or community conflicts.

#### Canon Pressey to go To Europe

Canon E. A. Pressey, rector of Trinity, Portland, Maine, plans to spend a year in Europe with Mrs. Pressey following his resignation which is effective on May first. He has been the rector of the parish since 1899, coming to the parish when there were but fifty communicants whereas today there are over five hundred.

#### New Diocese In Canada

A gift of \$80,000 from an anonymous donor in England has been received by the Canadian Church for the endowment of a new diocese in northern Saskatchewan. The see city will be Prince Albert.

#### Start Building Hall of Religions

Ground was broken last Sunday for the Hall of Religions, one of the imposing buildings being constructed in Chicago as a part of the 1933 World's Fair. There were representatives there from most of the churches, and the address was delivered by Bishop Stewart, representing not only his diocese but the National Council of the Church as well. The Hall will contain a large assembly room, a chapel and rooms for exhibition purposes. The total cost is to be \$75,000.

#### Called to the Advent Chicago

The Rev. John S. Higgins, assistant at St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, Chicago, has accepted a call to the rectorship of the Advent, where he is to succeed the Very Rev. Gerald G. Moore, now the dean of St. Luke's.

#### New Ministers for Southwestern Virginia

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the rectorship of Christ Church, Roanoke. The Rev. John A. Winslow has accepted a call to be the assistant to Rev. H. H. Young, dean of the associated missions of Southwestern Virginia. He succeeds the Rev. J. J. Ambler Jr., who resigned to become the rector at Fredericksburg. Mr. Winslow has been in charge of St. Andrew's, Columbus, Ohio, since graduating from Virginia Seminary in 1929.

#### Called to Parish In Norfolk

The Rev. Henry W. Dowding, assistant at Trinity, Portsmouth, Va., has accepted a call to the rectorship of the Ascension, Virginia.

#### Church School Heads To Meet in Chicago

Church School superintendents of the diocese of Chicago are to hold a forum meeting after Christmas for the discussion of common problems.

#### Bishop Cook Conducts Mission in San Antonio

Bishop Cook of Delaware is to conduct a preaching mission at St. Mark's, San Antonio, Texas, from November 27th to December 4th. He was the rector of the parish from 1911 to 1916.

#### Bishops Speak in Rhode Island

For such a tiny bit of territory the diocese of Rhode Island surely does itself proud in the way of bishops. There was a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary the other day at St. Paul's, Pawtucket, with speeches by Bishop Bartlett of North Dakota, who held forth in the diocese for several weeks in behalf of the every member canvass; Bishop Bennett, who is aiding Bishop Perry in the diocese, and Bishop Perry himself. Bishop Bartlett spoke on the needs of the farmer. He said that he entered a commercial club in Fargo and found exhibited five bushels of farm produce, among them a bushel of number one hard wheat which is essential to the making of good bread, and upon inquiry discovered that the entire five

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bushels could be purchased for 85c. He said that the farmers were sore and they showed it by their vote. Bishop Bennett pleaded for justice to the Indians after all these years of injustice and exploitation.

#### These People Never Saw a Bishop

For the first time our Church group at Marshall, Liberia, had a visitation from Bishop Campbell a few months ago. Indeed it is said to be the first time any bishop has visited there. Marshall is on the coast between Monrovia and Grand Bassa. The people have an organized congregation and a day school and Sunday school, but no Church building. They are eager to build when hard times let up a little. When the Bishop went there, the Methodists loaned their building and the Baptists adjourned their service to attend. The Rev. W. D. Jones baptized fourteen persons, and the Bishop confirmed twenty-six. Most of those confirmed were Dru and Bassa tribes people. The Church school is directed by Mrs. W. A. Corbin, mission school teacher. Mr. Jones is president of the Montserrado convocation, in which Marshall is included. This was one of the first trips Bishop Campbell made in the new motor launch, the Samuel D. Ferguson. It took five hours, from Monrovia.

#### Interesting Little Facts to Think About

That millions of people the world over should be suffering for the want of things that have been created abundantly seems hard to believe. But here are a few facts, taken from a German newspaper:

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destroyed millions of rotting bananas in storage; Egypt burned a hundred thousand tons of unsalable cotton; Central America heated with corn and barley; Brazil burned 70,000 sacks of coffee and sunk 1000 sacks in the ocean; Czechoslovakia, because of high tariff, poured tons of pickles into the Danube; Upper France left two-thirds of its harvest of hops on the fields in 1931 because of the low price. Contrast with this that in China 60,000,000 people are threatened with starvation; in India in 1931 in a period of eight months approximately 600,000 people starved to death; in Germany 30,000 people commit suicide annually."

Certainly an order of society that allows such wholesale destruction while people starve for the want of them has not long to live.

#### Training Negro Workers At Tuttle House

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary have a personal interest in news from the Bishop Tuttle Training School, Raleigh, N. C., established by the Auxiliary for the training of young colored women in Church and social work. Six Negro colleges, Fisk, Howard, Morgan, Wilberforce, North Carolina, and Brick, are represented in the present junior class. Of the fourteen students in both classes, nine have college degrees. Of last year's graduates, one is a United Thank Offering worker in a southern town where there is no resident clergyman; she gathers candidates for baptism, organizes clubs, does parish visiting, "uses every bit of training she has had." Another U. T. O. worker is in the Church school and community cen-



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#### Kentucky Mountain Church Consecrated

Bishop Almon Abbott of Lexington recently consecrated Christ Church, Patsey, Estill County, Kentucky. The property for this church, as well as the labor and the material, were all given by the mountain people themselves. It is situated seven miles from the highway and is reached by mule back or mule wagon over creek beds and seemingly impassable roads. The service was attended by about a hundred mountain folks, some of them travelling for miles to attend. The bishop confirmed a class of eleven, presented by the Rev. Frederick J. Drew, who is carrying on the work in Lee and Estill Counties. One old mountaineer, eighty-four years of age, was so impressed with the service that he asked to be confirmed himself, and was confirmed forthwith on a muddy mountain side. This is the first time that our Church has penetrated into this remote region. The people seem to be enthusiastic in their reception, especially the younger people who are dissatisfied with a fundamentalist interpretation Christianity.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL CUTS BUDGET

(Continued from page 8) ing that Presiding Bishop Perry plan to visit the Orient following the February meeting of the Council to study our work there and to confer with leaders in the field.

Dr. Percy Silver of New York urged the Presiding Bishop to do everything possible to make it clear to our missionaries that the cuts that have been made were forced upon the Council by circumstances. "We are all heartsick over this, and our missionaries should somehow be made to realize that the Church at home is behind them with our prayers and with what resources we can raise. I think as a matter of fact that too much has been said here about necessary cuts and not enough about plans to raise the money necessary to support the

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