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A gentleman on the staff of the Institute of Social and Religious Research, with time heavy on his hands, apparently, got his set of *Who's Who in America* off the shelf and made an analysis of the church connections of the thousands listed there. In the last edition fifty-six per cent reported a religious connection. This proportion is almost exactly the same as that of the total population as reported by the 1926 federal census of religious bodies, proving to the satisfaction of this research gentleman, that there is no difference between whose-whoers and the ordinary run of mankind, at least as far as religion is concerned. He also claims to have discovered that religious affiliations are closely interrelated with the type of profession or occupation. For instance only half as many botanists and astronomers report any church connections as do educators or social workers. Then also he says that certain types of religious beliefs are associated with particular lines of endeavor. Congregationalists and Unitarians appear to be natural scientists in larger proportion than members of other religious groups, while architects, engineers and army officers are more largely represented in our Church than in any other.

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First of General Convention Delegates

The convention of the diocese of New Hampshire was held at Portsmouth and is the first diocese, I believe, to elect deputies to the General Convention of 1934 which is to be held at Atlantic City. Those elected were the Revs. S. S. Drury, Arthur M. Dunstan, William Porter Niles and Laurence F. Piper and Messrs. Robert J. Peaslee, John R. Spring, Lewis E. Davison and Edward K. Woodworth. They also elected dele-

NOTICE

DURING the months of June,

July and August we are to alternate each week with eight and sixteen pages. The eight page numbers, like this one, will carry only the news of the Church. The sixteen page numbers will be the standard WITNESS, containing articles and news, with the sixteen page paper appearing regularly each week after September first. The management had planned originally, for purposes of economy, to bring the paper out only every other week during the summer. However, on submitting the plan to members of our Advisory Board, such a large number thought that every effort should be made to present at least the news each week, that this plan was devised. We are glad to report that THE WITNESS is solvent. Nevertheless there has been such a falling off in revenue, particularly from advertising, that we believe it can be kept so only by adopting this economy. We beg the indulgence of our readers during these summer months, with the promise to return to the regular sixteen page paper each week with the first issue of September.

IRVING P. JOHNSON,
Editor.

gates to the provincial synod, with the following results: Revs. Arthur M. Dunstan, William Porter Niles, Laurence F. Piper and Godfrey M. Brinley and Messrs. Robert J. Peaslee, John R. Spring, Edward K. Woodworth and H. K. Davison. Nothing like a good widespread distribution of diocesan honors, what? The diocesan school for boys, Holderness,

reported the expenditure of \$100,000 for new buildings, and a fine spirit at the school. There was also a report on the work done with isolated Church people; 250 children are receiving weekly lessons by mail and what's more they return their answers weekly; then too in about fifty rural homes prayer corners have been set up for daily devotions.

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Newark Celebrates Oxford Movement

The Oxford Movement centenary was celebrated by the clericus of the diocese of Newark on May 22 with a choral Eucharist at which the Rev. Leicester C. Lewis of Philadelphia was the preacher. The Rev. Frank Gavin of the General Seminary was the afternoon speaker, his subject, strangely enough, being "The Oxford Movement."

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Passing Around the Flowers

Bishop Jenkins of Nevada reports that two potted Easter lilies that he purchased for the altar at Hawthorne decorated the altars of five churches during Easter week, scattered over a field of 200 miles. The potted lilies have not been the only things in Nevada to get around; the bishop himself has just returned from a 1900 mile drive around the district during which he visited 15 missions. He slept at home one night out of 32.

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Convention of Montana

The convention of the diocese of Montana met at Billings, the Auxiliary meeting at the same time. The Rev. Thomas W. Bennett of Missouri was the preacher at the convention service, Dean Harold S. Brewster of Fargo, N. D., was the headliner at

the banquet, and of course there were the addresses by Bishops Faber and Fox. The convention adopted a plan for a retreat for clergy and laymen to be held in July at Luccock Park, and it also approved schools of prayer to be held throughout the diocese, vacation schools and a summer school to be held in July or August.

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Non-Churchman Heads St. Stephen's

Professor Tewksbury, newly appointed acting dean of St. Stephen's College, is not an Episcopalian. He is the first laymen to be elected to the office, every other head of the institution having been a clergyman of the Episcopal Church.

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Church Has Large Place in World's Fair

Chicago's 1933 World's Fair—A Century of Progress Exposition—opened May 27th in a blaze of glory and the Church and organized religion in general were in the forefront. Bishop Stewart spoke the invocation at the opening ceremonies in the huge Soldier's Stadium before a crowd of approximately 125,000.

Religious activities of the Exposition will center largely in the Hall of Religions which is just being completed. Only a few of the church exhibits were in place as the huge crowds swarmed over the grounds. The Episcopal church exhibit is yet to be installed and it will be another week before the equipment for it is in place. The Hall of Religions is modernistic in design but distinctly ecclesiastical in its effect. A dignified tower rises above the shore of the central lagoon. In this a pipe organ is being installed and from the tower churchly programs will be broadcast throughout the Exposition at specified times. A broadcasting system installed by the Exposition permits the amplification of the music to every corner of the Fair grounds—even out onto the roadways and walks so that even the casual attendant will hear them.

In our exhibit various phases of the Church's life during the past 100 years will be shown — missionary, liturgical, religious, educational, musical, etc. To demonstrate the missionary work, it is expected that native Indians will be on hand at certain times during the fair to tell of the Church's activity among Indians; likewise, the Negro work and the mountain work in Kentucky and the far south. A series of lectures on symbolism and vestments is planned. Musical programs, including choir concerts and organ concerts on the organ which is to be installed, will depict the musical history of the Church. Charts which are in process of preparation under direction of the

Rev. G. Warfield Hobbs, executive secretary of the Department of Publicity of the National Council, together with maps, will give other glimpses of the Church's world wide endeavors.

A copy of the Standard Book of Common Prayer and the golden alms basin used by the Woman's Auxiliary for the U. T. O., will be on display in cases to the front of the space. The whole will give the effect of a small chapel, it is hoped.

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Church Choir Gives Concert

The choir of Grace Church, Sandusky, Ohio, gave a concert in the auditorium of the high school on May 23rd. They presented a varied program before a large audience and received excellent press notices the following day.

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California Parish Has Anniversary

St. Peter's, San Pedro, California, celebrated its 50th anniversary the other day. This parish was the first to start religious work of any sort in the city—yet that was but fifty years ago. This country is young yet in spots.

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Bishop Freeman Wants Religion Mobilized

Bishop Freeman of Washington wants the federal government to mobilize the religious forces of the country in order to help solve present problems through the strengthening of morale.

"The Church should be summoned to align its forces, to consolidate them for the mighty work of restoring the morale of the nation now so tragically impaired.

"New laws, relief and emergency measures will all do their part in easing the strain but alone they will not heal permanently the nation's maladies. Let us not commit the folly of attempting to rebuild our shattered institutions through cleverly devised mechanical agencies, else we shall be adding to our confusion and suffer more ills."

The address was given at a Memorial Day service held in the open air amphitheatre of Washington Cathedral. General Pershing marched in the procession and spoke briefly, stressing the moral teaching of Christianity as the bulwark of the whole structure of national government. Ninety-eight national service, veteran, patriotic and fraternal organizations participated in the procession of colors.

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Meeting of Buchmanites

The followers of Dr. Frank Buchman held a meeting in the grand

ballroom of the Plaza, New York's swanky hotel, on June sixth. It was a sharing meeting, the invitations containing the following statement: "Under a compelling experience of God companies of modern men and women are marching through the world, sharing with others the personal experience that has transformed their lives. Families are being reunited, social problems solved, racial barriers broken down. God, through Jesus Christ, is becoming a reality to thousands. Individuals everywhere are recapturing the radiance and the power of the Christian religion."

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Summer Conference in Indiana

The dioceses in the state of Indiana are uniting for a summer school which is to be held at Howe School, June 25-30. Among those giving courses are Bishop Francis, Bishop Gray, the Rev. E. A. Powell, Archdeacon Burrows, the Rev. Earl Ray Hart, the Rev. R. C. Alexander and the Rev. C. Russell Moodey.

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The Bethlehem Summer Conference

The conference of the diocese of Bethlehem is to be held from the 25th to the 30th, the faculty, with the exception of the Rev. Eric Tassman, who is to be there representing the National Council, being composed mostly of leaders within their own diocese. The chairman of the conference is the Rev. George McKinley of Palmerton and the chaplain is the Rev. Stanley Wilcox of Chester, Pa.

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Death of Two Clergymen

The Rev. St. Clair Hester, rector of the Messiah, Brooklyn, since 1898, died suddenly on May 26th. He was prominent in the affairs of the diocese and was an active alumnus of the General Seminary. The Rev. R. H. Gesner, rector at Newtown, Conn., died on May 28 in his 81st year. Prior to going to Newtown he was the rector at Oswego, New York.

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Honorary Degrees for Bishop Freeman

The honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law was conferred on Bishop Freeman of Washington by the George Washington University on June 7th. In thus honoring him the university makes recognition of Bishop Freeman's great service in relating the Church to civil life.

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Commencement at Philadelphia

Bishop Taitt awarded diplomas to a class of twenty at the commencement of the Philadelphia Divinity

School, held last week. The alumni sermon was preached by the Rev. F. H. Argo of Rockledge, Pa., and the Rev. John K. Shryock of West Philadelphia, delivered the address at the alumni dinner. The commencement address was made by Bishop Brown of Harrisburg. A large number of alumni and friends of the school attended the commencement.

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Philadelphia Deaconesses Graduate

The 41st commencement of the Church Training and Deaconess School, Philadelphia, was held on May 31st when Bishop Taitt awarded diplomas to nine young women. Ethel L. Byerly of the diocese of North Carolina, and Pearl Keller, on frulough from Capt Mount, Liberia, are to sail this week for Liberia to work under Bishop Campbell.

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Clerical Changes in Western New York

The Rev. William C. Baxter of DeVeaux School is to take charge of St. Mary's, Gowanda, the first of August; the Rev. A. C. Chambers, who has been doing diocesan missionary work, and the Rev. Francis Weida of Silver Creek, are to join the staff of St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, on August first; Canon Paul Shuart of the Cathedral is to take charge at Silver Creek and Forestville.

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Bishops Take Charge of Parishes

With a view of relieving the financial situation and of maintaining the missionary work in the diocese Bishops McElwain and Keeler are taking charge of two of the largest parishes in Minnesota. Bishop Keeler is to take charge of St. Mark's, Minneapolis, where the Rev. Phillips Osgood was formerly the rector. He left there in January to become the rector of the Emmanuel, Boston. Bishop McElwain is to take charge of St. John's, St. Paul, which was served until recently by the Rev. F. D. Butler who has gone to Grace Church, Madison, Wisconsin.

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Service at New Cathedral Site

The ceremony of blessing the foundation stone, marking the beginning of work on the Cathedral Church of Christ, Roxborough, Pa., was held on Saturday last in connection with the annual diocesan open air service held there. Bishop Taitt officiated and delivered the address. Opportunity was given to inspect the progress that has been made on the chapel of St. Mary, which is the first unit of the cathedral plant. According to plans there will eventually be a large group of buildings on the



BISHOP McELWAIN
Takes Charge of Large Parish

site, covering the 100 acres acquired by the diocese about seven years ago. The project contemplates a synod house, diocesan offices, library, museum, chapter house, bishop's house, canons' residence, choir school, dean's residence, a community building for priests and deacons in training, a residence for a bishop coadjutor, and residences for retired clergymen—all in addition to the cathedral and chapels. They haven't made up their minds yet but it is quite possible, just to make the job a complete one, that they will also build a boys' and a girls' school. Nothing like doing things in a big way.

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Social Service School in Western New York

The department of Christian social service of the diocese of Western New York has arranged for a school of social service, to be held each Monday in July. Bishop Davis has ordered all deacons, and has urged all the clergy who can possibly do so, to attend the lectures. It is to be held at the DeLancey Divinity School.

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Council of Diocese of Minnesota

The 76th council of the diocese of Minnesota met at Gethsemane, Minneapolis, May 23rd and 24th. Both Bishop McElwain and Bishop Keeler, in their addresses, stressed the importance of advancement through maintenance and extension of the missionary work in the growing parts of the Twin Cities as well as in the rural parts of the diocese. They also urged more generous giving on the part of every communicant, and some plan for direct giving is to be

formulated by the new diocesan department of finance. Two trustees of the new Seabury-Western Seminary were elected: Rev. Guy C. Menefee of Rochester and Mr. H. C. Theopold of Faribault.

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First Choir Festival at Spokane

The first choir festival of the massed choirs of the district of Spokane was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Ascension Day. A number of vested choirs took part. The address was given by Bishop Cross.

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Bishop's Wife Entertains

Mrs. G. Ashton Oldham, wife of the bishop of Albany, entertained the wives of the clergy of the diocese at a house party held at Wiawaka Lodge on Lake George, May 31 to June 2nd. There is a Clergy Wives' Club in that diocese, organized by Mrs. Oldham, and they have semi-annual meetings.

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Service Planned for Chicago Stadium

A great diocesan service in the Chicago Stadium on September 29th will be the feature of Chicago's celebration of the Oxford Movement. A pageant, previously planned for the Stadium, will be held elsewhere and probably at an earlier date. The stadium seats 22,000 and it is hoped that it will be filled for this service. A choir of 2000 voices is being organized. The Rev. Harold Holt is chairman of the arrangements committee.

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Western Gives Honorary Degrees

Six honorary degrees are being conferred this week at the commencement of the Western Seminary, held in Evanston on the 8th and 9th. Dean Gerald G. Moore of St. Luke's Pro-cathedral, Dean Averill of the Cathedral at Fond du Lac and the Rev. Frederic S. Fleming, rector of Trinity Parish, New York, each received the degree of doctor of divinity. The dean of divinity at Bishop's College, Canada, Philip Carrington, received the degree of doctor of sacred theology. He was the preacher of the commencement sermon. The Rev. Walter F. Whitman, professor at Nashotah, and the Rev. Norman Nash, professor at Cambridge, also received the degree of doctor of sacred theology. Dr. Fleming preached the alumni sermon.

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Testimonial Dinner for "Ma" Kelley

Mrs. Alice T. Kelley—"Ma" Kelley—choir mother, connected with Grace Church, Providence, since its beginning thirty-five years ago, was given a dinner by the parish on As-

cension Day. "Ma" Kelley's place is said to be unique among choir mothers in this country. She was the first choir mother in Rhode Island and worked out a system of her own for taking care of vestments, sorting and mending, maintaining discipline among the boys and generally maintaining an esprit de corps that is famous throughout New England.

Years ago she became leader of the singing in one of the departments of the Sunday School. One day the late Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, the then rector, heard her and asked why she was not in the choir which had just been organized. As a result Dr. W. Louis Chapman, now noted musical critic of the Providence Journal, then organist, tried her voice and she has been connected with the choir ever since. Whenever her old boys, such as graduates from Brown University, return to town for a reunion, they usually seek her out before service in the choir room. Considerable public attention was called to the testimonial dinner.

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On the Job in Georgia

Down in Georgia they believe in preparing for the Every Member Canvass. So they had a conference of parish chairman from May 30 through June first, attended by forty, with the Rev. B. H. Reinheimer, executive secretary of the field department of the National Council there leading. There were also representatives from other dioceses.

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Little Tots Have Their Own Service

In the diocese of Long Island the young tots have their own organization, The Little Helpers. Hundreds of them gathered at the Redeemer on May 28th for their own service, with the Rev. T. J. Lacey conducting the service and Bishop Stires making the address. This annual service has been arranged and managed ever since their inauguration, 25 years ago, by Miss Josephine Kroger. The children of the Church Schools of the diocese also observed Cathedral Day on the 27th, with over 5,000 attending.

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Convention of Eau Claire

The declaration that we are entering a new period of human history was the keynote of the address of Bishop Wilson at the convention of the diocese of Eau Claire. He also declared that the First Century Christian Fellowship (Oxford Groups or Buchmanites, as you will) is a stirring force in the Church to be taken seriously. He devoted a part of his address to the Oxford Movement and the tremendous contribution it had made to the life of the Church. The reports of diocesan work were most encouraging.

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G. F. S. Organize in North Dakota

As a result of a recent visit of Miss Elsie Brown, field secretary of the Girls' Friendly Society, to North Dakota, her native state, eleven new groups have been organized in the district.

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Anniversary of Princeton Parish

The 100th anniversary of Trinity Church, Princeton, N. J., is to be observed on June 11th. There is to be a festival Eucharist at which the Rev. Thomas A. Conover of Bernardville, N. J., is to preach; a historical meeting in the afternoon followed by a garden party, and a service in the evening at which Bishop Matthews is to be present. The first rector of the parish was G. E. Hare, and it was during his rectorship that his son, William Hobert Hare, destined to be the first bishop of South Dakota, was born. The third rector was the Rev. Joshua Peterkin, father of George W. Peterkin who later became the bishop of West Virginia.

The longest rectorship was that of the Rev. Alfred Britten Baker which lasted for 48 years. He resigned in 1914 but continued to live in the rectory until his death in 1928. The Rev. Robert Williams is the present rector.

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Dedicate Tablet to Former Rector

Bishop Dallas of New Hampshire dedicated a tablet in memory of the late Victor M. Haughton at Christ Church, Exeter, on May 28th. He was the rector there from 1903 to the time of his death in 1931.

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Presents Large Confirmation Class

The Rev. Arthur J. Watson of St. Luke's, Pawtucket, R. I., recently presented a class of 46, mostly adults, to Bishop Bennett for confirmation. This is the fifteenth class to be presented during the rectorship of Mr. Watson, a total of 951 having been confirmed in the last fifteen years.

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Death of a Pioneer Missionary

With the death of the Rev. Aaron Baker Clark, which took place at San Diego, California, on May 18, another of those pioneers who cooperated with Bishop Hare in his remarkable mission work among the Sioux Indians of South Dakota, was called to his rest and reward. Mr. Clark was a missionary in the Diocese of Albany when, in 1889, Bishop Hare persuaded him to join his forces in South Dakota, where he became, and remained for twenty-eight years, chief presbyter on the important Rosebud Reservation. The remarkable development achieved there was largely due to Mr. Clark's industry, pioneering ability and intimate knowledge of the Indian life and language. He was a builder of chapels—but even more a builder of character among the people. When he retired from this responsible position in 1917 to be succeeded by his eldest son, he did not cease his activities. At Hot Springs and Sisseton, South Dakota, and later as a volunteer missionary in the Hawaiian Islands, he continued in the exercise of the ministry for another ten years, retiring finally in 1931, when he made his home in Southern California.

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Holds Annual Remembrance Service

St. John's, Charlestown, Mass., held last Sunday its annual Remembrance Sunday, paying tribute to those who have left bequests for parish work or in whose memory contributions have been given to the endowment fund. The preacher was

Canon Tyler of St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston. During the past seven years \$9250 have been added, mostly in very small gifts, to the endowment, each memorial gift being recorded in a book of remembrance in which are written the names and brief life histories of those persons who have contributed or in whose memory contributions have been made to the endowment. All endowment funds, including \$11,500 held in unrestricted bequests, have been entrusted for permanent keeping to the trustees of donations, an incorporated body in Boston that has served the diocese for 120 years. At 7:30 p. m., the rector, Rev. Wolcott Cutler preached and installed the newly elected officers of the senior Young People's Fellowship. After the service the Fellowship held a reception to the new officers in the parish house, inviting the congregation, the Fellowship alumni and the eight past presidents of the society.

Social Workers Meet at Adelynrood

Social workers and executives prominent in their fields took part in a conference on "The Church and Human Values in a Depression," held at Adelynrood, South Byfield, Mass., May 31-June 2. This conference was called by the social service commission of the province of New England. Bishop Benjamin Brewster of Maine, presided. Subjects and their leaders were: The Available Resources, Rev. Norman B. Nash, chairman social service department, diocese of Massachusetts; The Depression and

Youth, Miss Jane R. McCredy, director-in-charge, Ellis Memorial; The Children and Our Cities, Hon. Herbert C. Parsons, secretary Massachusetts child welfare committee; The Church's Responsibility in a National Crisis, Rev. C. Rankin Barnes, executive secretary, National Council's Social Service; In Rural Communities, Rev. William J. Brown, Zion Church, Manchester Centre, Vt.; In an Industrial City, Rev. Paul Micou, St. Mark's Church, Fall River; The Church's Resources in Dealing with Disintegrated Personalities, Rev. Otis R. Rice, Trinity Church, Boston; The Church and Morale, Dean Arthur J. Glasier, St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, Me.

Large Legacy For Pittsburgh Parish

By the will of Miss Louise Jackson, life-long communicant of St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh, Pa., the parish receives \$75,000 and a fund of \$10,000 for the upkeep of the memorial chapel. The Episcopal Fund also receives \$40,000 and the diocesan Church Home \$20,000.

Acolytes Convention in Cleveland

The annual acolytes' convention and festival of the Cleveland region was held at Emmanuel on May 31 with 167 members, including the clergy, attending. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Harold R. Bell, rector of St. John's. The Rev. Andrew S. Gill, rector of Emmanuel, has been president-chaplain for the past year and the Rev. D. LeB.

Goodwin, rector at Lakewood, was elected to the office for the ensuing year.

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Michigan to have Summer Conference

The summer conference of the diocese of Michigan is to be held this year from June 25 to July 1. Bishop Page is to be the chaplain and Bishop Goodwin of Virginia is to give a course on rural work. In addition there is a strong faculty composed of diocesan leaders.

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Convention of Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The convention of the diocese of Western Massachusetts was held at Great Barrington with an address by Walter Prichard Eaton being the headliner. He spoke on new frontiers, pointing out that the old virtues, essential for pioneer days—individualism, self-reliance and optimism—had now to give way before

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the new order. The new frontier he outlined as first the frontier of distribution or how to use what we can now produce so abundantly; the frontier of individualism or how to make a man feel a sense of dignity in a machine age; the frontier of beauty or how to use our leisure; the frontier of courage or how to adapt ourselves to new experiments along socialist lines. He got rather heated in dealing with the last point, stating that "all pot-bellied individuals who look horrified at the mention of socialism will just have to be pushed out of the way." The Rev. Bernard Iddings Bell preached the convention sermon.

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Michigan Parish Has Anniversary

Bishop Page was the speaker at a banquet held to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Christ Church, Owosso, Michigan, held on June 7th.

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Parish Has Old Clothes Sunday

Down in Wilder, Tennessee, several hundred miners are striking against intolerable conditions. For the purpose of breaking their morale gunmen were hired. They shot and killed their leader, Barney Graham. But these miners are continuing their fight, right now being busy planting community gardens so that they may continue to eat. The Church League for Industrial Democracy, after a thorough investigation of the situation there by the Rev. James Myers and the Rev. Alva Taylor, is attempting to aid them in two ways; first by securing cash donations to enable these workers to buy seed for their gardens; second, church people are being urged to donate clothing. At St. John's Church, Williamstown, Mass., the rector has already had a "Clothing Sunday" at which 540 pounds of clothing was donated, sorted and repaired and sent to the local leader of the strike. If others wish to follow the example of St. John's the clothing collected should be sent to Mr. Howard Kester, 4010 Minnesota Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. Cash donations for seed should be sent to the Church League for Industrial Democracy, 154 Nassau Street, New York City.

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Statement on the Economic Situation

A statement on the economic situation throughout the world, signed by many bishops of the Church of England as well as leaders of the various Free Churches, has recently been released in England. The statement is as follows:

"It is a vital function of the Christian Church to keep alive in the world the spirit of hope. It is equally its

duty to declare that there is always a way, if men rightly seek it, by which society can offer security of life and responsible freedom to all its members. Today, under the pressure of events, hope is dim, and faith that a way can be found is in danger of perishing. We who speak as Christian Ministers of many different communions are constrained alike by men's physical hardships, and by the fears and anxieties possessing their minds, to ask the serious consideration of our fellow-citizens for what we conceive to be some of the realities in the crisis of the moment.

"In the first place, we welcome the summoning of the World Economic Conference at Geneva, as a recognition of the truth that no nation can solve its problems by itself. But we believe that no success can attend its proceedings if it regards the problems with which it has to deal as purely economic. Economic measures, and theories which justify them, must be assessed in the light of the human purposes for which industry exists. Christians cannot accept in silence assumptions about these purposes which, whether unconscious or otherwise, appear to make men mere instruments in industrial processes and so sacrifice human interests to traditional economic theories and systems.

"In the second place, we cannot ignore the grave and distressing fact that economic experts are increasingly baffled by the emergence of unforeseen factors, and are profoundly disagreed amongst themselves. It is not for Christians as such to suggest a new economic arrangement, but they may properly insist that there is a moral obligation on all Christian people, in view of the grave failure of present economic practice, to re-examine their standard of values and their attitude towards material wealth, and on all economists and financiers to re-examine accepted theories in the light of present realities.

"Thirdly, we are profoundly impressed by the visible abundance of the world's actual wealth of supplies—the gifts with which God in His bounty has so richly endowed us. We refuse to believe that, where material resources and technical skill exist in such plenty, it is past man's wit or zeal so to adjust the distribution of that wealth as to satisfy true human needs. The situation is a challenge for the reconsideration of existing theories and practice in economics and finance, and of the artificial barriers which prevent the exchange of goods between the nations.

"We are also convinced that no mere attempt to restore the conditions of the past can be successful, nor if it were to succeed would it be

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daily bread' after we have prayed
'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be
done in earth. . . . ' And that King-
dom is not a Kingdom of Love and
Justice only, but equally a Kingdom
of Reason and Truth."

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Something New in Summer Conferences

There is a new idea to be launched
at the conference of young people to
be held at Hobart College from June
23rd to the 26th. There are three
top-notch lecturers. Following the
lectures groups are to organize to
discuss the material given in these
lectures, each group under a compe-
tent leader. Sounds like a good idea.

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Grace Church, Providence, has
gone in for collecting bits of old
gold and silver to help finance the
parish. Among the donations was a
ring, accompanied by the following
letter: "My wedding ring is the only
bit of jewelry I have left. I paid
two months' rent with my engage-
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to God, so please accept it." The
parish has announced that it will
not accept wedding rings.

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Registrations for the Madison con-
ference on rural Church work are
already far in advance of last year.
The conference meets at the Univer-
sity of Wisconsin, June 26 to July
7th. A preaching and teaching mis-
sion in a rural church 25 miles from
Madison is to be a part of the pro-
gram this year. The Rev. Goodrich
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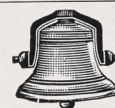
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