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WHAT THE DEPRESSION DOES TO US

By

W. BERTRAND STEVENS

Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles

NEARLY every clergyman I meet believes himself capable of analyzing the effect of our economic upheaval on the Church. The truth is that very few of us know anything about it. I am not sure that I do myself but I am not in the least hesitant in writing about it. The economic curve seems to rise and fall with more or less well defined regularity over the years. Periods of prosperity and need seem to alternate and the low points appear every few decades. It would make an interesting subject for the thesis of some ambitious candidate for the doctorate as to how these reversals affect organized religion. I have gone to some little trouble to study the figures in the Diocese of Los Angeles and believe that the following facts are true: that the curve of church attendance has not fallen appreciably, that financial contributions have dropped to the lowest level in twelve years and that confirmation classes are larger than ever before. Since May, 1932 a surprisingly large number of clergy have presented the largest classes in the history of their respective parishes. Incidentally it is the smaller and medium sized parishes in which this is true.

To verify my impressions I have consulted a selected group of clergymen and laymen. In the Diocese of Los Angeles, I have conferred with the heads of a large downtown parish, a medium-sized city parish and an active mission. Of these three, two agree that church attendance remains approximately as in previous years. The third finds a decrease in attendance which he explains by the embarrassment of people who cannot pay their pledges for church support. It is significant that in this latter case it is in the downtown parish where the disinclination or inability to pay carfare may be a factor. It is conceivable that former attendants at downtown parishes are now attending neighborhood churches. In this same large parish although congregations are smaller, there is a noticeable increase in the proportion of men in attendance.

Out of the two who report no decrease in attend-

ance one feels that the personnel of his Sunday congregations is very much the same and that everyone has been able to pay his or her pledge. It is interesting that this is the parish of medium size, made up of people in moderate circumstances. The third, although finding no decrease in attendance, has discovered that the character of his congregation has greatly changed, that some of his regular members are not able to pay their pledges and stay away, but that many new people who have not shown an interest hitherto are attending with considerable regularity.

I HAVE interviewed three others: a laymen of our own diocese, a laymen of a neighboring diocese and the rector of a parish on the Atlantic seaboard. Without committing themselves on the matter of church attendance these three agree that there is an intensified interest in religion on the part of people in general. The local layman stated, as his opinion, that many people who have not been active in church work are attending church services who desire to find an adequate philosophy of life. The clergyman from the east states that he finds a wistful religious interest on the part of people who hitherto had taken a "thumbs down" attitude on everything pertaining to organized Christianity, a change which has come about during the past year.

All of these opinions are verifiable in the fields in which those who have expressed them, are working. How far they are applicable to other fields, one cannot say, but the following deductions would seem to be reasonable; (1) Decreased attendance due to financial problems should be met by repeated assurances that the Church is interested in people as children of God and not as means of support for the institution. Perhaps in our eagerness to maintain ourselves as congregations and dioceses we seem to be suggesting otherwise. (2) A new responsiveness on the part of people formerly indifferent to the Church gives us an opportunity which we shall neglect at our peril.

If there are those who are attending church services in search of the words of Eternal Life, it is tragedy if the clergy give them anything less. Frivalties and parish chit-chat, no matter how impressively delivered, will not do. (3) As a result of our experiences, difficult as they may seem, we are surely justified in pledging ourselves anew to a conception of life which is based upon lack of anxiety for the morrow. The power of the Church to carry on under difficult conditions has been illustrated during the past year or two in amazing fashion.

Just Souls

By

C. RUSSELL MOODEY

I know of a little side-road
That runs beyond the hill
I pause on little side-road
My soul with Christ to fill.

"ROAD Closed—Detour!" We were getting along beautifully and making splendid time until we reached this place. Everyone was happy and everything was going nicely. At least it seemed so. The conference was sure to be a success and the speeches ought to be great. Credit was loosening up and recent checks showed that the depression was on the run. From these various remarks you can easily see what prompted each statement. Finance and the pot of gold served to stimulate the old visions or versions of luxuries and comforts and apparent happiness. What a day! And then—the detour sign! Everyone in the car let go his disgust in a different way. After this there was the silence of sullenness. Thus we began the detour over a winding country road. It wasn't very long before the group resumed its conversation. But on an entirely different subject. And all because this new road led through the fairyland of nature. The sky was never more blue, the trees never more beautiful. Gorgeous vistas loomed up ahead. Everywhere one could see the glory of the harvest and of autumn. Nature wore her coat of many colors, with gold predominating. Truly Mother Earth was on the gold basis! Every turn in the road meant a new portrait of beauty. The conference was completely forgotten—we were held spellbound by the silent language of nature's mighty realm. We felt that God had a hand in it. And when the detour ended we hated to leave the little road that had given us such inspiration and pleasure.

The soul also has its unexpected detours. Moving forward day by day it seems to be perfectly contented and happy. Then suddenly the heart finds the "usual way" closed and is forced to turn off on some strange side road. I refer to death and bereavement, or some other unexpected twist of destiny. Of course at first there is gloom, disappointment, cynicism—sometimes bitterness. But what then? The detour leads into and through a realm hitherto unknown and unseen. The soul finds its Christ on the side road! The Master in

all His glory—the Master at His best! Oftentimes the highway leads to the world. And the detour to heaven!

Casual Comment

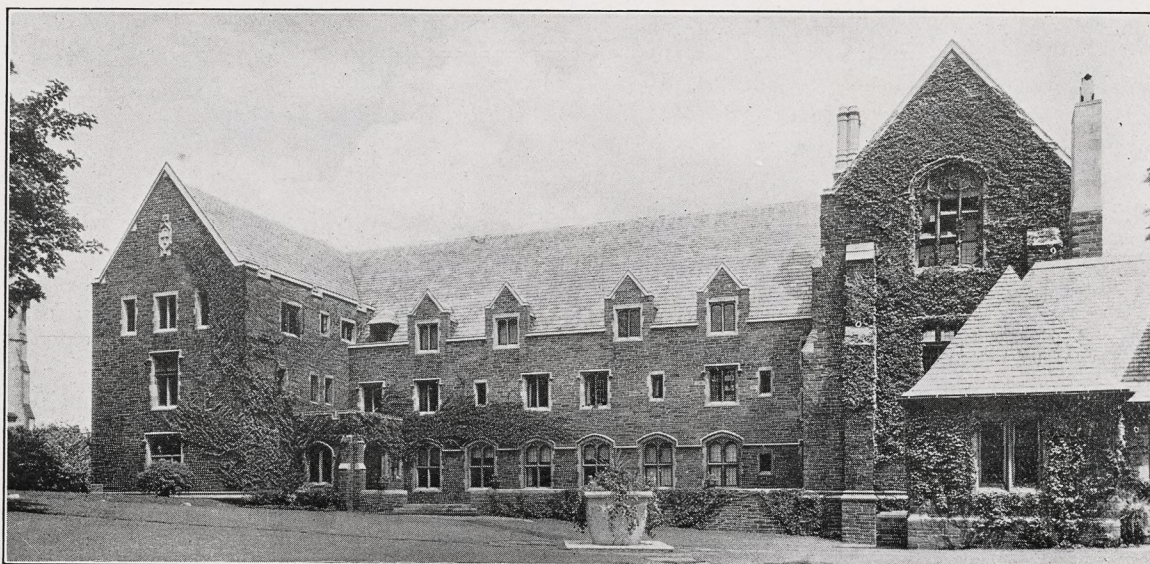
By

BERNARD IDDINGS BELL

IN THIS column, a few weeks ago, it was said that one of the many important tasks of the newly appointed Educational Secretary of the National Church was to promote a realistic approach to the problem of theological education. That seems to have struck a good many of our readers as true. I have had a number of mighty interesting letters about it. Until lately, I had no idea that people are down on the seminaries the way they are. For years I myself have thought most of them singularly futile. I once even began to write a book about them, to be entitled "The Episcopal Theological Seminary: a Pedagogical Accident"; but I gave it up, on the grounds that the Episcopal Church generally was satisfied and that I should only be making a nuisance of myself. It seems that this was wrong and sinful of me. I underestimated the intelligence of the Church. The brethren are not a bit satisfied. It is astonishing how varied are these criticisms; but they all seem to converge on this—that for the sake of developing in the students some very, very mediocre "scholarship," so-called, the seminaries are neglecting the job of preparing their young men to be competent pastors of souls and leaders in a disciplined life of devotion. In the letters I receive, Cambridge fares best; the General worst; the rest so-so. Someday I must dust off that manuscript of mine.

But this week I wish to pass on to you a very simple and concrete criticism. Why, I am asked, should the General Seminary—merely for example—run only thirty-two teaching weeks a year, and turn its students out to pasture—and an arid pasture—for twenty weeks a year? Why not run forty-eight weeks a year and have a month's holiday—say in August? The course is now three years long. That means a total of ninety-six weeks. If the seminary ran forty-eight weeks a year, the same amount of work could be done in two years.

That interests me, and maybe it does you. It means that this one seminary every year could save a hundred or so young men each a twelve-month of his life for priestly labor. That seems worth considering. Of course, it might be a little hard on the poor professors, who would get only a month's holiday per annum. They would have to work as continuously as most parish priests do. Just possibly, it might a little hamper their erudite research. Probably not, though. Even during term, a seminary don has oodles of hours to and for himself. And anyhow, why waste so much student time for the sake of what, after all, seems not over much in the way of scholarly production?



THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

By

W. D. F. HUGHES

Precentor at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine

THE charter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, New York, says that "the object and purpose of the corporation shall be the establishment, erection, maintenance, and management of a Cathedral Church together with such incidental cathedral foundations, schools as may be properly connected therewith." The possibility of the existence of the Cathedral Choir School was thus implicit in the Cathedral project from the beginning and the establishment of the School was coincident with the building of the Cathedral Church itself. The statutes also mention among the duties of the Dean and Chapter that "they are to exemplify and encourage sound learning", and it is to this cause that the School is dedicated.

The School serves a two-fold purpose. Its existence makes possible the choir of the Cathedral and the daily singing of the Divine Office. At the same time it provides a religious education for boys in which the subjects of the Church's worship and liturgical music are of primary importance.

When services were first held at the Cathedral in the manner of the services of the early Christians—underground in a crypt—the music was provided for a time by the choirs of different churches in the city. Obviously this was only a temporary expedient; and as soon as possible a choir of boys and men for the exclusive use of the Cathedral was established. But here a difficulty arose. The ordinary parish choir recruits its singers from the members of the parish. The Cathedral has no parish. And it became apparent that some means must be found to create a regular supply of boys who would be definitely attached to the life of the Cathedral.

In 1901 Dr. Ernest Voorhis, the Precentor of the Cathedral, under the direction and with the support of Bishop Henry Codman Potter, the first great builder of the Cathedral, began a day school in the principal building then standing in the Close, the old Leake and Watts Orphan Asylum, now known as the Old Synod Hall. There were ten boys the first year and Canon Voorhis was not only the organizer and Head Master of the School, but also for some time the chief instructor.

It was considered that a military uniform and drill would be an attraction and would provide the right esprit de corps, and the early photographs of the School show a body of diminutive Major Generals resplendent in full dress. The uniform was an attraction for a time, but it soon proved to be an even greater attraction to the less fortunate urchins in the streets who hurled first envious words and then more solid missiles at the wearers as they came to and from school each day. The boys rebelled at wearing the uniform outside the Close and in time it was given up, though remnants of the military drill still survive.

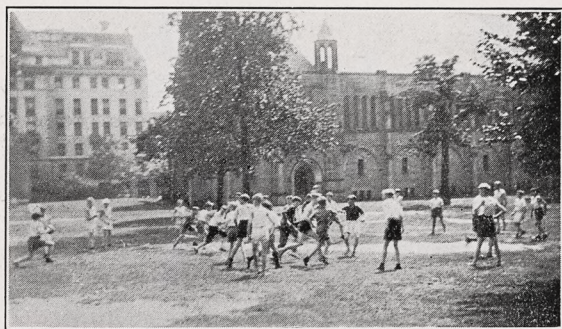
From the first the curriculum was established on sound lines and it has always kept pace with the best primary and secondary schools. And, equally important, the religious discipline was maintained by beginning at once the singing of Evensong daily as well as the two services of Sunday. The success of the School is shown by the fact that in 1909, in answer to many requests, it was planned to enlarge the School and to accept more boys than were needed for the choir, the non-singing boys to pay for the education which the singers received free. The plan

did not prove feasible, however, and was later abandoned.

By the time that the Choir and Crossing of the Cathedral were completed and consecrated in 1911 it had become plain that the Choir School was an essential part of the Cathedral life, and in order to secure its permanence, it was decided to convert it into a boarding school. Two names among many deserve especial mention here. Mrs. J. Jarrett Blodgett built the large and handsome building which, since 1913, has been the home of the School, and Commodore Frederick G. Bourne provided, in 1914, an endowment which has assured its upkeep.

With its new birth as a boarding school, the Cathedral Choir School has come fully into line with the tradition of the Church Schools of the country which are modelled after the examples of the great "Public Schools" of England, and which continue to keep alight the torch of learning lit by devoted servants of Church and State in the Middle Ages. The curriculum and the teaching methods have grown and developed as they have been growing in all schools in this country in the last twenty years or more. For the most part, the boys go on, when their voices break, to the large boarding schools and later to college. And in both places they justify the training of their early days.

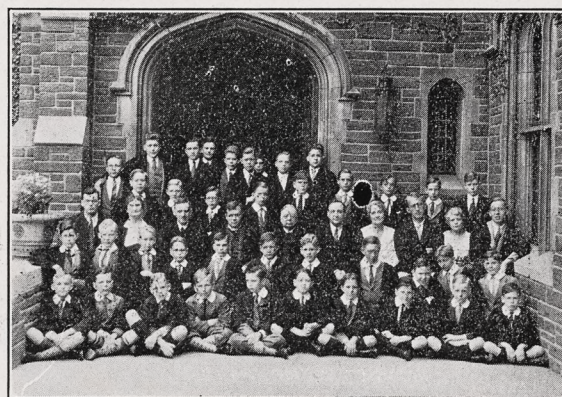
One important feature of the School is the Prefect system, with its principles of giving as great a measure of control as possible over the discipline of the school to the older boys themselves, chosen for that purpose by the Head Master, and placing the responsibility



CHOIR BOYS PLAYING IN THE CATHEDRAL CLOSE

for the tone of the School largely on those older boys. It is the Prefect system of the English schools which has taught Englishmen how to govern the great British Colonial Empire, and it is the same training in responsibility—learning first, as a little boy, to obey an older; and then, as an older boy, to command a younger—which we need for our American youth today. Of course, the Prefect system at the Choir School is a modified and limited one, for the boys stay only up to early High School age, and there is not as much wisdom in the head of fifteen years as there will be two or three years later. But the principle is the same, and the deliberate intention is to run the risk of giving too much responsibility to the Prefects rather than too little.

It is the same principle of responsibility which is the guiding one in the matter of frequent attendance



THE SCHOOL GROUP IN 1932

at the services of the Church. The School goes not only to its Daily Prayers in the Cathedral each morning, but sings the music at two services on Sunday, at Evensong on five week-days, and at the late Eucharist on Saints' Days. This program provides a musical training which is unique in this country, to be sure; but from the point of view of religion, there is a danger in expecting more of boys than any layman, or any but a few of the clergy would think of doing. The danger can be faced only by attempting to instill in the boys the principle of responsibility for the corporate, daily worship of the whole Church. The very word school in its Greek origin means leisure and it is only fair that those who have leisure from the cares and worries of the busy world outside should learn to shoulder the responsibility for the daily worship of Almighty God. It is thus that the School fulfills its motto—"Ora et Labora."

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SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS MEET AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Reported by W. B. SPOFFORD

Social service workers of the Church are meeting this week (June 12-16) at Detroit, Michigan, and at Windsor, Canada, for the annual conference of the department of Christian Social Service, under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. Rankin Barnes. The opening paper was read by Miss Helen G. Hogge, councillor on mental hygiene of the board of education of Highland Park, Michigan, her subject being "The Approach to Modern Youth." Young people, she said, are honestly seeking truth, and refuse to be satisfied with parental and Churchly "oughts" and "shoulds". They ask for mental and spiritual bread and we give them the stone of authority. We ought to be honest enough to say, "I cannot help you, I do not know myself—let's try to find the truth together." Most parents today, said Miss Hogge, follow one of two methods in bringing up children; either severe authority or else indulgence. In the former case the child naturally rebels, in the latter he receives no opportunity to develop responsibility. "The human products that come from such training," said the speaker, "are grown-up infants." She then pleaded with her audience to use the wealth of material that has been placed at our disposal. "Modern psychology, sociology and related fields have much that will enable us to think things through with our young people, who have the right to expect from us much more than the thin sophistry soup of worn out platitudes or the bromides of accumulated rationalizations of Church and parental authority." Miss Hogge then devoted the major part of her time to relating the discoveries of modern psychology, with illustrations from her own experiences showing how it can be used constructively in dealing with young people. She concluded by stating that young people were interested in religion; that they wanted to find God and sought out those able to lead them, but that they were tired of the trappings of religion which they generally characterized as "hokey."

The second paper was read by the Rev. George W. Dawson, social service secretary of the diocese of New-ark, on "The Co-operative parish in the depression." The subject was defined to mean co-operation with existing social service agencies, while his paper was devoted entirely

to citing examples of jobs well done by parishes in various parts of the country; supplying volunteer workers; feeding the hungry; conserving resources; entertaining the unemployed and thus helping to maintain their morale; supplying work and performing various other services. The paper was followed by discussion, with many instances of jobs well done by parishes being related.

On Tuesday, June 13, the sessions of the conference met at Windsor, Canada, the first paper on "Social Service in the ordinary parish; Canadian Approach" being read by Miss Frances Kingstone, social service secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the diocese of Toronto. She was followed by a paper on the same topic, giving the American approach, read by the Rev. Leslie F. Chard, social service secretary of the diocese of Western New York. Miss Kingstone dealt chiefly with the service the parish could give to mal-adjusted persons, and the service we should be giving to the unemployed in these days of emergency. She, like the previous speaker, felt that it was imperative that there be the closest cooperation between the Church and secular social service agencies. Mr. Chard, after painting a rather drab picture of the average Episcopal parish—made up of substantial and highly respectable citizens whose religious duties were considered fulfilled when they attended the services—then pleaded for the synthesis of religion and social service. Social service, secularized, has deprived the Church of the human contacts that were the outstanding characteristics of our Lord's ministry. Social work, in shuffling off the Church, has been deprived of a valuable agent in the development of character and the integration of personality. The major part of his paper was then devoted to a description of the work done in his own parish, St. John's, Dunkirk, N. Y., where "we have worked out what we feel to be a practical solution to the problem of the synthesis of religion and social service."

Other papers, presented to the conference on June 14 and 15, will be reported in our next issue.

CHURCH SCHOOLS HELP OUT

Due largely to the Church schools offerings the National Council is but \$38,000 behind the amount due on "expectations." Even so the treasurer, Mr. Louis B. Franklin, reports that collections are behind last year's record when they were only \$8,000 short at this time of the year.

NEWS NOTES OF THE CHURCH IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

Edited by W. B. SPOFFORD

As you have been told in these columns there is a Hall of Religion at the Chicago Century of Progress. Thanks to the efforts of Bishop Stewart our Church has the best space in the building; but unless there is feverish activity for the next few hours, as I write these notes, it will be as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard when the Hall officially opens today, June 10th. I was there last night, persuaded the high mogul of the building to allow me to enter so that I might receive the first view of our display, and lo and behold there was nothing there but a half dozen tightly nailed boxes addressed to the Rev. G. Warfield Hobbs. The exhibits of all the other churches are ready. The Lutherans, the Methodists, the Salvation Army, the Jews, the Presbyterians—all have things in order, ready to display their virtues to the waiting multitude. The Episcopal Church of the many having space in the building is unprepared, and this in spite of the fact that the Hall of Religion is being opened two full weeks after the official opening of the fair. It looks to me as though someone has fallen down on the job. The National Council voted cash for the purpose of putting on a grand exhibit. There was a good bit of wrangling over this, but Bishop Stewart, in characteristic fashion, jumped into that breach and raised much of the money to do the job, largely by gathering in the small contributions of many givers. There his responsibility ended, since the placing of the exhibit itself was delegated by the National Council to the national publicity department. A local committee of the Chicago Church Club was appointed merely to assist, but it was obvious last night that if we are to have an exhibit that they will have to assume authority that is not rightfully theirs and do the job. I have no doubt but that they will. But it does seem too bad that the Church, having appropriated money that comes so hard these days, is apparently without National officers to see that the money is wisely expended on an honest-to-goodness exhibit in which Church people might be proud. I have every reason to believe there will be an exhibit there and by tomorrow, too, that will do justice to our Church, but it will be placed by this local Chicago committee rather than by the department of publicity of the National Council whose job it is.

Parish Merger in Philadelphia

Final steps in the merging of Christ Church and St. Michael's, two of the leading parishes in Germantown, Philadelphia, were taken last Sunday when the congregations of the two parishes united in worship for the first time, and held special services marking the union of the two. The service was held at Christ Church which becomes the center of work and worship of the consolidated parishes. The Rev. Gilbert Pember, for 18 years the rector of St. Michael's, has been elected rector, and the Rev. Charles H. Arndt, whose entire ministry of 40 years has been with Christ Church, becomes rector emeritus. The plant of St. Michael's will continue to be used in connection with the work of the united parishes. The communicant strength of Christ and St. Michael's is not upward of 1300.

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Minneapolis Celebrates Oxford Movement

The Oxford Movement Centenary was celebrated in Minneapolis with a combined service at Gethsemane on June 4th. Dean Nutter of Nashotah preached.

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Dr. Johnson Has An Anniversary

The Rev. William E. Johnson, rector of All Saints, San Benito, Texas, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 6th. There was a public reception with 300 friends attending, with speeches by all sorts of leading citizens. He is one of three brothers in the ministry, the other two being Bishop Johnson of Colorado and the Rev. Edward C. Johnson, formerly on the faculty of St. John's, Greeley.

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New Rector of Baltimore Parish

The Rev. Sullivan T. Sparkman has been called to be the rector of Christ Church, Baltimore, succeeding the Rev. Horace Donegan, recently called to St. James, New York. He was ordained deacon in 1928 and priest the following year. He comes to Maryland from a curacy at the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

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Order of Sir Galahad Has Conference

A conference for young men and boys of the diocese of Rhode Island was held at the cathedral on June 10, sponsored by the Order of Sir Galahad, a national secret order for Church boys and young men. There were addresses by leaders of boys work on such subjects as "how is character built?"; "how to budget time"; "the value of higher education" and "Galahad Programs." The



AT CAMP O-AT-KA
A Happy Group of Campers

conference was largely attended. Incidentally the finest boys' camp of the Church, and I am not so sure of the nation, is the one maintained by the Order of Sir Galahad. It is located at Lake Sebago, Maine, and is called O-At-Ka. The director of the camp is the Rev. Ernest Dennen, head of the Order and Archdeacon of Massachusetts. Most of the counselors are young men preparing for the ministry. About 150 boys are cared for each summer in this well equipped camp, some coming for the entire season of eight weeks, others merely for a week or two. The rates are particularly reasonable. If you are interested, and you should be if you have a son from eight to eighteen, you can get details from Archdeacon Dennen, One Joy Street, Boston. There is a picture here of a group of the younger boys taken at the camp last summer. A happy looking lot, what?

Ordinations in Pennsylvania

Bishop Taft officiated at the annual Trinity ordinations service of the diocese of Pennsylvania on June 12th, held at the Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia. How many men were ordained I cannot report. However I can report that 20 took their examinations and until we hear otherwise we will assume that this large number was ordained.

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Hobart Students Against War

The students at Hobart, Church College at Geneva, New York, believe that there will be another war, but in spite of this conviction the majority of them declare they will have nothing whatever to do with it. This fact was brought out by a questionnaire presented to each student. By a vote of 131 to 40 they state that they will defend the United States from invasion; by a vote of 117 to 51 they declare they will not participate in any other

kind of a war, regardless of whether the war is declared by the President and Congress or not. A few of the students stated they would fight providing certain outstanding figures in the financial world and governmental circles were placed in the front ranks with them. On the lighter side of life it is interesting to discover that a majority of these students do not care for the new beer, and that when these young men were asked to name their favorite screen star that there were twice as many votes for actors as there were for actresses. They also predicted that the return of business conditions to normal would require 2.7 years, though I fail to find any definition of the word "normal" in the release.

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Geneva Church Is Re-Consecrated

Trinity Church, Geneva, New York, was re-dedicated on May 30th by Bishop Ferris. The new church, a very beautiful building that cost over \$200,000, takes the place of the church which was destroyed by fire in March of last year. The Rev. Samuel Edsall is the rector of the parish. It is our plan to give you an article about this new church, and to show you a number of pictures of it, in a forthcoming number.

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Large Lenten Offering At Philadelphia Parish

At the Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia, the Lenten Offering of the Church School was \$3,350. The vicar, the Rev. Granville Taylor, says: "This is indeed a great tribute to the zeal, loyalty and spirit of self-sacrifice of a great many officers, teachers, boys and girls. No one can begin to estimate just what this sum of money means in effort, in planning, in downright hard work."

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Summer Conference For Eau Claire

Something new in the life of the young diocese of Eau Claire is a summer conference for young people to be held at Little Long Lake, June 19 through the 22nd. Dean Hoag is the director, Bishop Wilson is to be the chaplain, with the faculty made up of various diocesan leaders.

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A New Sort of Publicity Stunt

When parishioners of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth, Illinois, arrived at church last Sunday they found the front door walled up with brick. A vestryman stood on guard and directed them to a side entrance. Once inside they found things normal enough. The rector, Rev. Leland Danforth explained that there was a parish deficit but that the front door

could be opened again if the 400 bricks were removed at five dollars each. There was immediately lively bidding and as each brick was bought it was removed. They didn't quite get them all down on Sunday but the rector says that by another Sunday he expects the door will be entirely open.

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Industrial School Observes Founders' Day

Forty years ago the Rev. William Chapin thought that something ought to be done for unfortunate boys. He started with one boy in a barn. St. Andrew's Industrial School is a great institution carrying on an unusual work in the diocese of Rhode Island. Founders' Day was observed on Memorial Day, with the present head of the institution, the Rev. Albert Crabtree, paying tributes to the many who have contributed to the upbuilding of the school. The day was topped off with a baseball game, with the school nine defeating the Rev. Appleton Lawrence's team of diocesan clergymen by the score of 9 to 3. It looks as though one of the first things Bishop Perry would have to do when he returns from the Orient is to get a few parsons in his diocese that can play ball.

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Church Clubs Hold A Conference

The national federation of Church clubs held a conference of Church club leaders on June 9 and 10 at Springfield, Illinois. The high spot of the conference was a dinner at which the speakeres were Bishop White of Springfield and Dr. Allen D. Albert, executive vice president of the Chicago World's Fair.

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Ordinations at Bethlehem

John W. Watters and Charles Sykes, both graduates this year from the Philadelphia Divinity School, were ordained deacons on June 3rd at the Pro-cathedral, Bethlehem, by Bishop Sterrett. Professor Royden K. Yerkes of the school preached.

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Enrollment at Wellesley Encouraging

Word comes from the authorities of the Wellesley Conference that the enrollment for the coming sessions, June 26-July 7th, is encouraging, with people coming, as usual, from

all parts of the country. There is a group of 14 from Maryland, several from Virginia and a number from Ohio and further west. Dr. Easton, dean of the faculty, states that the faculty of other years will in large part be back and that the usual wide scope of subjects will be offered. Despite the recently announced cut in rates the length of the conference has not been shortened.

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St. Stephen's College Cuts the Budget

A trustees' committee of St. Stephen's College has adopted an operating budget for this coming year of \$133,000, which is \$60,000

less than the budget for the year now closing.

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Young People Hold A Conference

A conference of young people's societies is being held this week in Evanston, Illinois. The conference was promoted entirely by the young people themselves and is in no way sponsored by the national Church or the department of religious education. In a statement issued by the department it is stated that "It was never been against the policy of the department for young people to organize their own conferences in an effort to promote their work. On the

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other hand the department has taken the stand that, due to obvious financial reasons, it is best to abandon large meetings except in extreme cases."

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Acolytes Service At Springfield

The acolytes guild of the diocese of Springfield held its annual festival service recently at Danville, Illinois, with ten clergymen and sixty acolytes taking part. The sermon was preached by Dean Gerald Moore of Chicago.

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Founders' Day at Kemper Hall

Founders' Day was celebrated recently at Kemper Hall, Kenosha, Wisconsin, with the Rev. Alfred Newbery of the Atonement, Chicago, preaching the sermon. At the supper there were addresses by Bishop Ivins of Milwaukee, president of the board of trustees, and Mr. George A. Mason, chairman of the board. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by the Rev. Christoph Keller of Highland Park.

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Becomes Locum Tenens Of New York Parish

The Rev. W. R. McKim, formerly rector of Trinity, Rochester, N. Y., who has been assisting at Christ Church, Binghamton, N. Y. for the past five months during the illness of the rector, the Rev. T. J. Dewees, has become locum tenens of Zion Church, Rome, New York.

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Social Service Department Issues Statement

The social service department of the diocese of Northern Indiana has issued a bulletin calling upon the people of the Church to give study, thought and prayer to the various plans put forward for the rebuilding of society. Parish classes are particularly urged. Among reading recommendations: the rereading of the Pastoral of the last General Convention; "Recovery" by Arthur Salter; "America Faces the Future" by Charles Beard; "Our Economic Life" issued by the Federal Council of Churches; "A New Deal" by Stuart Chase and "The Industrial Discipline" by Rex Tugwell. Good list, if I may say so.

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Festivals in New Orleans

A festival for junior choirs was held at the cathedral, New Orleans, on May 28th with about a hundred children taking part. On June 1st an acolyte's festival was held, also at the cathedral. Bishop Morris was to have been the preacher but was prevented from attending by illness, though it was later reported that his illness was not serious. About

fifty acolytes attended the service, the first of its kind to be held in the diocese.

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Conferences in Mississippi

Camp Bratton-Green, diocese of Mississippi, opens at Castalian Springs on the 20th. The two bishops are the leaders of the adult conference and the Rev. Gordon Reese is the director of the young people's conference.

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Diocese of Erie Has Ordination

Bernard M. Garlick, graduated the other day from the General, was ordained deacon at Smethport, Pa., on June 3rd by Bishop Ward. He has taken a curacy at Grace and St. Peter's, Baltimore, Md.

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Anniversary of Chicago Rector

The 25th anniversary of the rectorship of the Rev. Arnold Lutton at the Annunciation, Chicago, was celebrated on June 11th and 12th. Bishop Stewart was the celebrant at a choral eucharist to which all of the clergy were invited. There was a parish dinner in the evening.

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Houghteling Forum This Month

The Rev. John B. Hubbard of Park Ridge, Illinois, is to lead the annual Houghteling Forum to be held June 23-25. The forum is for laymen and was organized about five years ago by Mr. William F. Pelham, Chicago layman.

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Confirmation at Historic Church

Down at Broad Creek Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, is old historic Christ Church. Each year on Whitsunday there is pilgrimage to this altar, with over 400 gathering there this year for a service of confirmation. The class of 22 was gathered in from the surrounding field and Bishop Cook confirmed them; the first class that he has confirmed there.

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Baccalaureate Service At St. Katharine's

The Rev. Daniel McGregor, executive secretary of the department of religious education of the National Council, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the graduation at St. Katharine's School, Davenport, Iowa. The service was held in the cathedral. The commencement was held in the school chapel when Bishop Longley presented diplomas to fourteen graduates.

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mite box presentation service. This year it was attended by the representatives of 42 schools, with 20 junior choirs in their vestments of various colors giving a great spectacle as they marched around the great unfinished crossing.

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**Mobile Sings
Rector's Praises**

The city of Mobile, Alabama, is singing the praises of the Rev. R. A. Kirchhoffer, rector of Christ Church. It seems that the owner of a textile mill at Prichard, nearby, posted a reduction in wages at a time when the workers expected an increase. The operatives went out on strike, asked for an arbitrator and named Mr. Kirchhoffer as the man they desired. It was a real surprise to him but he accepted without hesitation and fought a superb fight against great odds and won out. Now Mobile rings with his praises, the largest paper in the city saying of him editorially: "Mr. Kirchhoffer has performed a practical community and social service that helps Mobile and rebounds to his credit as a displayer of tact, sagacity and patience."

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**Ordination in
East Carolina**

Edwin F. Moseley was ordained deacon by Bishop Darst on June 2nd at the Advent, Williamstown, where he is serving as deacon-in-charge.

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**Confirmations at
Army Post**

Fifty-seven persons were recently presented for confirmation the post at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; the largest number ever to be presented.

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**Church Army Invades
Gettysburg**

The motoring troubadours of the Church Army, under Captain Conder, arrived in Gettysburg, Pa., on May 28th and were quartered in the parish house of the National Shrine of the Prince of Peace, erected as a memorial to the men who fell at Gettysburg. They carried on there for a week, holding outdoor services mainly. They also made a thorough religious survey of the town.

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**Clergy Conference
In North Dakota**

Bishop Bartlett of North Dakota held a conference recently for the clergy of the district. Plans were started for a state-wide preaching mission to be held this fall and coming winter.

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Fine Faculty at Kanuga Lake Conference

Miss Grace Lindley, executive secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, is to give a course at the Kanuga Lake Conference, North Carolina, as a preparation for the Auxiliary study book for the coming year. Others on the faculty are the Rev. Eric Tasman, general secretary of the National Council; the Rev. Malcolm Taylor, director of evangelism of the national commission on evangelism; Dean Wells of Sewanee; Dean Nes of New Orleans; the Rev. E. P. Dandridge of Nashville and Bishop Bratton of Mississippi.

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Wanted to be Baptized

During a recent visit to Ellendale, N. D., Bishop Bartlett administered Holy Baptism to a farmer who had walked six miles over gumbo roads to be at the service. And six miles over North Dakota gumbo is equal to about thirty anywhere else. He was confirmed the following day at Oakes when a class of fourteen was presented for confirmation.

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Rhode Island to Open Rest Home

Sea Lands, a beautiful estate at Warren's Point, Rhode Island, bequeathed to the Cathedral of St. John, Providence, by Mrs. John E. McGowan, is to be opened this summer as a rest home.

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Rural Conference In Florida

Following in the steps of the rural conferences held at Madison, Wisconsin and at Vanderbilt University, the University of Florida this year is conducting a conference in town and country leadership, with the chairmen of rural work in the two Florida dioceses being instrumental in getting it launched. Five of the faculty of 24 members are Episcopalians; Judge W. S. Criswell of Jacksonville; Millard Davidson, head of the state industrial school for boys; the Rev. Merritt Williams, student chaplain at the university; Dean Johnson of Orlando and the Rev. R. F. Blackford, rural chairman of South Florida.

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Rector Is Factory Manager

Cooperation between the Church, welfare agencies and the federal government is being shown in Lees-

burg, Florida, where a joint project has our parson there, the Rev. R. F. Blackford, acting as manager of a canning factory. The cans are furnished by the federal government, the equipment by the local welfare agency, the produce by local farmers, with the rector bossing the job. Canned produce pays all the workers, with a proportion of it stored away for future use.

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Special Intercessions At Cathedral Altar

In the daily service at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, Conn., one or more of the parishes and missions of the diocese are remembered with special intercessions. The Cathedral sends a notice to each parish two weeks before its day comes, asking for any special objects of intercession desired, and asking also that the Cathedral may be remembered there.

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What About the Daily Service?

When the Rev. John H. Wright went to All Saints', Pontiac, R. I., a year ago he announced a daily communion service. People generally said that it was silly to attempt to have a daily service in such a small parish. During the year he has been away from the parish 16 weekdays. On the remaining weekdays 1442 communions have been made.

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Vicar Does His Own Carving

A finely carved rood beam has been made and erected at St. Stephen's University Chapel, Reno, Nevada, the vicar, the Rev. F. D. Graves, being the craftsman. It is planned to have a service of dedication in the fall.

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Churches Have a Baseball League

In Litchfield, Minnesota, six of the churches have formed themselves into a baseball league with about 20 games scheduled during the summer. The rector of our church there, the Rev. William E. Harmann, who is the president of the ministerial as-



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sociation, is also the shortstop on our team. Just how they have made out in their games so far I cannot report since the only news I have received from this interesting league is that "the Presbyterians staged a batting rally and overcame a 5 run lead in the 7th to win from the Methodists, 11-10, in the league opener".

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Young Women Organize a Club

A group of about forty young married women and young business women of Trinity Pro-cathedral, Reno, Nevada, have organized. The Junior Service Society. Meetings are held each month and in addition groups have been formed to care for the various interests of the members; altar guild, parent-teacher group to carry on work in connection with the Church school; drama group and discussion group. Each section meets once a month in addition to the general meeting.

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Young People Finding Out for Themselves

Here is an idea that really is worth something. Representatives of the Young People's Fellowship of St. Clements Church, Hawthorne, New Jersey, are to spend their vacations in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia in order to obtain first hand information of the work the Church is doing there. As far as possible, they will join in the activities of that missionary area. There will be visits to St. Anne's Preventorium for Mountain Children, to a mission Sunday School, the Blue Ridge Industrial School and one of the daily vacation Bible Schools. The Rev. Frederick J. Warnecke, the rector, who was formerly in this field, has aided in the preparation of the project.

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A Service to the Unemployed

A group of thirty young men and boys, hardly one of them employed, meet for club programs on a week night and for Church school on Sunday; of the thirty, twenty-four had practically no Church connection until they were drawn into this group. Bishop Hobson says the Church has given them something they feel they can tie to in these critical years. This is at Trinity Mission, Bellaire, Southern Ohio, where the removal of mills has put about 90 per cent of the population out of work.

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Religion Meant Something to This Woman

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About 3400 people attended the services, held in three centers of the diocese of Massachusetts, on Sunday last when the Lenten Offering was presented. The vested choirs at these services numbered over 1300 children and the offering totalled \$11,500.

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How Would You Like to be a Missionary?

Bumping over a desert road 'steen miles from anywhere, in the black darkness of an African night, Rev. William C. Bell of Lobito, Angola, Africa, decided to stop his small truck and take a look at the cargo. As he did this, six pairs of eyes gleamed at him. They belonged to six lions. Mr. Bell was alone. He had no weapons. His car was an open Ford pickup. He decided to let his freight take its chance of staying on rather than parley with lions. For a long distance, says the report, as the car continued across the desert six pairs of eyes kept beside it, their owners often running directly in front of the headlights. Moral—the desert is no place to park.

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The Prize Sermon**Topics of the Week**

I don't know whether or not you are interested in these prize sermon topics, but to me at least they present one reason why people stay away from church. In a large metropolitan city last Sunday for instance one parson announced his subject as, "Give me a towel", while another, not to be outdone for sensationalism, gave as his subject, "Are all lovers crazy?"

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Laymen Keep the Church Open

Even the churches that are open all day lose some of their usefulness by closing their doors at five or six o'clock, since many people who might be glad to spend a little time in the church are not free until that hour. On the other hand, to keep the churches open would mean additional work and longer hours for the caretakers. To meet this difficulty, the Rev. C. Leslie Glenn of Christ Church, Cambridge, Mass., has asked for laymen to volunteer their services one evening each week or each month, to understudy the sexton and keep the church open until eight o'clock.

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cause of liberal evangelism met at the Virginia Seminary on June 6th and 7th, with the Rev. W. Russell Bowie, rector of Grace Church, New York, as chairman. In his opening address he attributed the inspiration for the organization of the group to Canon Guy Rogers and his associates of the Anglican Evangelical groups. He was followed by the Rev. Howard C. Robbins who stated that present conditions in the world demanded that men of a liberal evangelical mind unite for prayer and study in order to formulate in positive terms their version of man's relation to God and his fellow men.

Among the high spots of the statement worked out at this conference setting forth the position of the group: "That revelation through the Holy Spirit is progressive"; "That the authority of ancient creeds and conciliar definitions consists in illumination, not in inhibitions"; "That dogmatism concerning faith or error endangers the pursuit of truth and that the need of the Church is not for propaganda of exclusive claims but rather for an open-minded search of all Christian reality within which whatever is divine in its own inheritance, as also in the inheritance of other communions, may be trusted to survive"; "That this Church should develop especially its instinctive comradeship of spirit with the great Protestant communions"; "That the test of the Church in this time will be its power to carry the gospel of Christ not only to the life of the individual but to all the spheres of men's social, economic, national and international relationships, and that to fulfil this purpose Episcopalians should seek a progressive cooperation in worship and work with all Christians of kindred spirit."

There were papers by the Rev. H. Adye Prichard, Bishop Tucker of Virginia, Dean Sweet of St. Louis, Professor Angus Dun of the Cam-

bridge Seminary, Bishop Strider of West Virginia, Dr. Barton of the Philadelphia Seminary and the Rev. J. Howard Melish of Brooklyn.

A permanent organization was set-up with Dr. Bowie as president, Dr. Robbins as vice-president, the Rev. W. Brooke Stabler as secretary, and the Revs. Howard Medish, George Trowbridge and Robert Rogers completing the executive committee.

An editorial committee was appointed consisting of Bishop Strider, the Rev. W. E. Rollins of the Virginia Seminary, the Rev. B. D. Tuck-

er and the Rev. H. Adye Prichard.

Regional chairmen were also selected with an idea of setting up conferences in various parts of the country. Among those selected at this meeting were the Rev. Karl Block of St. Louis, the Rev. Frank Nelson of Cincinnati, the Rev. Oscar Green of Palo Alto, California, the Rev. Cornelius Trowbridge of Massachusetts, the Rev. Charles Clingman of Birmingham, the Rev. Edmund Dandridge of Nashville, the Rev. Beverley D. Tucker of Richmond and the Rev. Harold Arrowsmith of Baltimore.

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