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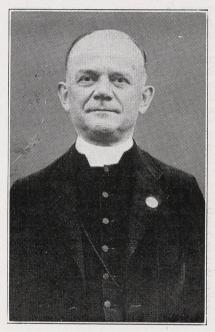
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# THE NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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There has just come into my hands the complete minutes of the conference of young people of our Church which was held in June in Evanston, Illinois. For some reason or other unknown to me this conference was frowned upon by the big-wigs of the Church Missions House. There was no doubt good reason for the frowning, though it did seem to me at the time that it was entirely to the good that the young people had finally taken matters into their own hands, and were bent upon creating a young people's organization of their own. After all we have been hearing about Young People's Fellowships and Young People's Service Leagues for years, yet these parochial groups have never been welded into a national organization with a common program, nor was there anything on the horizon indicating that they would be until these young leaders from all parts of the country decided to take matters into their own hands and called this conference. What's more, it is certainly better to have the young people create their own organization than it is to have one imposed upon them from above.

The results of the conference are most encouraging, judging by the minutes. First of all an effective organization was created which means to function. The purpose of the organization was thoroughly discussed and ways and means of accomplishing this purpose were clearly set forth. Then, most important, each province was assigned a job upon which it is to work during this year. The first province, for example, is to study the young people's work of other denominations to see if something cannot be learned from them. Their report, I believe, will rather startle those who



BISHOP ROOTS

To Visit Us This Fall

know young people's societies as cocoa-drinking and dating societies, as those of our Church are for the most part. Leaders of the young people's societies of the Methodist Church, for example, recently met in Chicago. First off they listened to a careful analysis of the 1500 page report of President Hoover's commission on social trends in America. This analysis revealed such significant changes in many areas of life in which youth must live that these Methodists decided that their young people's program must be alert to this changing situation so as to offer constructive help. So programs are being prepared on such topics as Earning a Living, Making a

Home, Getting an Education, Keeping Healthy, Using Leisure, Being a Good Neighbor, Making a Better World. Then after the conference had handled that, they turned to a report of one of their own committees that had recently made a survey on the thoughts of youth. Two hundred and nine groups of young people in thirty-seven states cooperated in making this report.

A simple questionnaire was used, but it was combined with the group discussion method. An adult counselor in each group reported the trend of the discussion to the central office. In addition to the areas named by the Hoover Commission, this survey revealed a genuine spiritual interest in the hearts of Methodist young people. They ask many questions having to do with the spiritual life, and its development. They express great interest also in the problem of forming unworthy friendships-an area more personal, of course, than those in which the Hoover Commission was interested.

The religious practice of greatest interest to young people of all ages from thirteen to and including high school graduates, is the practice of prayer. Prayer has for centuries been considered the fundamental act of religion. Apparently Methodist young people are having difficulties with prayer. This fact may be attributed to the prevalence of the scientific method in the public educational program of the United States and to the failure of the Church to interpret this method as it affects the age-old insights of religion.

Among intermediate groups, ages thirteen and fourteen, the following interests were those in which the young people desired instruction: The right kinds of recreation, prayer, social life at school, the meaning of

God, the nature and significance of Jesus, family relations, cheating in school and elsewhere, and choosing friends.

In the senior high school groups, ages approximately fifteen to eighteen, the following interests received the highest votes: Prayer, boy and girl friendships, the nature and significance of God, the nature of the Bible and its application to modern life, choosing good books, the relation of young people to the Church, international relationships, the right kind of recreation, personality problems, family relationships and the question how to get young people to take responsibility in church work.

While this study does not reveal at certain points as great a sensitivity to the major social problems as one might expect, on the other hand, it does indicate that the task of religion is to help young people to interpret the rapid changes in society and to achieve a religious experience adequate to meet their needs.

In the group of young people beyond high school age the following problems received the highest vote in order: The meaning of the Bible and its relation to modern life, choosing books, prayer, methods in recreation, the philosophy of recreation, the relation of young people to the Church, social relationships between boys and girls in the modern world, the nature and significance of Jesus, the selection and appreciation of poetry, the appreciation of other fine arts and, finally, questions about the nature of God.

For all age groups combined, the issues were selected in the following order: Prayer, choosing books, the Bible, recreation, young people in the Church, God, family relationships, recreational methods, Jesus, relation between boys and girls, and international questions.

And so, out of this wealth of factual information, material is being prepared for the young people's societies of the Methodist Church. Certainly by comparison the work done by and with our young people is shameful. However that conference in Evanston indicates that we are headed for a new deal in this important field, and it may well start by taking a few leaves from the notebooks of the other churches who have for many years taken their young people seriously.

I have just been reading a book on Russia in which the American author describes a meeting of the young people of Russia, organized in The Pioneers. There were several thousand there, ranging in years from eight to eighteen. The author describes them: "Each boy and girl in the packed lobby was a creator. They consciously believed that the human future was to issue through

their minds and bodies. Is it surprising that their eyes had a lovely light? That their faces shone with a serious resolve which the tenderness of youth made poignant? There was nought solemn about them. There was plenty of laughter, but they laughed out of fulness, security, sweet strength. Most children laugh when they succeed in forgetting their work and their duties; these children laughed because they were aware of the splendor of what they had to do."

Somehow or other that sounds very Christian to me — young people laughing because they are aware of the splendor of what they have to do. Why can't we have something like it in the Christian Church?

An Experiment Among the Workers

An interesting experiment in religion is being tried this summer at Elizabeth, N. J., where the Fellowship of Reconciliation has sent the energetic Charles Webber, parsonprofessor at the Union Seminary during the winter, to establish a worker's church. It is the opinion of a number of people, particularly the Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, who rather rejoices in being called a Red, that if the church is to survive at all it will do so only as it ministers to the real needs of the workers. He wants his church built very definitely on working class philosophy of the Marxian sort. He says that now, whenever the Church reaches the He says that now, workers at all, it attempts to "raise" them from the working class to the middle class, as though that was a desirable thing. Niebuhr thinks otherwise, and that a church serving the workers well, will make them proud of the class to which they belong. This church that is being started in Elizabeth is not called a church at all, but a Workers' Fellowship, though worship has a very definite place in its program. It includes self-help projects, recreation, education, public hearings on unemployment and relief, personal conferences, picketing and peaceful demonstrations during strikes, and opposition to evictions because of the non-payment of rent. If the plan works out at all this summer under Mr. Webber's direction it is to become a permanent project to be carried on with the assistance of the students of the Union Seminary.

### Civil Liberty Cases Are Cited

Civil liberty cases involving rights of conscience and activities of religious leaders are cited in the annual report of the American Civil Liberties Union, just published under the title, "Land of the Pilgrim's Pride." Despite the Supreme Court

denial of citizenship to Madam Schwimmer and Professor Macintosh for refusing to bear arms, courts have admitted a few such applicants. In Ohio, Professor and Mrs. John P. Klassen, Menonites, were granted citizenship by Judge E. E. Everett. Then in Vermont the Rev. G. B. Bruvold was naturalized despite his refusal in open court to agree to bear arms. In both cases the department of labor of the federal government proposed to go into court to seek revocation of these citizenships, but so far they have not done so, and the Civil Liberties Union is urging the department to drop such proceedings. The union has also pushed a bill in Congress to admit to citizenship alien conscientious objectors who refuse to bear arms.

# Farewell Service for Departing Missionaries

The Rev. Raymond E. Fuessle and the Rev. Martin Firth were tendered a farewell service at the Church Missions House on August 3rd, the eve of their departure for service in the district of Southern Brazil. Both graduated from the Virginia Seminary this past June. Taking part in the service were Rev. Jesse Appel and Rev. Orlando Baptista, young Brazilians and graduates of the Episcopal Seminary at Porto Alegre, who just completed a special course at the Virginia Seminary.

Inspired by the enthusiasm of the two young native priests, Fuessle and Firth determined, when their graduation approached, to volunteer for service there. An apparent obstacle arose in a resolution adopted a year ago by the National Council of the Church, to make no replacements in the mission field during the continuance of the economic depression. To forestall this, the two young deacons embarked on a joint speaking tour to raise funds to enable them to carry out their plan; but at the February 5th meeting of the Council this year, that body, recognizing that an emergency existed in Southern Brazil which should be met immediately, authorized the despatch of Fuessle and Firth to the Southern Brazilian field, and accompanied by their native classmates, they sailed last Saturday.

The service was essentially a Virginia occasion. It was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Arthur Selden Lloyd, Suffragan Bishop of New York, a native of Virginia, former Coadjutor Bishop of that diocese and a graduate of the Virginia Seminary, who was assisted by the Rev. Arthur B. Kinsolving, formerly chaplain at the West Point Military Academy, and at present dean of the cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, who is a son of the first Bishop of Southern

Brazil, where he was born, and is also a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary. Rev. Artley B. Parson, assistant secretary of the department of foreign missions also assisted at the service.

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# The Church Army in Hawaii

The Church Army is doing an extensive piece of work in Hawaii, under the direction of Captain George A. Benson. A summer school of thirty children at Paauilo, also regular Sunday services and monthly communion services; Sunday school at Honokaa, with the promise of steady development; a confirmation class has been prepared at Paauhau -and so it goes in about a dozen centers. Some of the children were trying to figure out why Captain Benson went by such a title. They finally agreed that it was "because he is the captain of the priests." \* \*

### Special Convention of Western North Carolina

At a special convention of the diocese of Western North Carolina, held at Trinity Church, Asheville, on Thursday, August 3rd, to consider the advisability of electing a provisional bishop for the diocese, it was determined by a large majority, not to take such action. The standing committee met on August 9, at which time a call for a convention to elect a bishop for the diocese was issued.

### Death of Leading Indiana Layman

John M. Sweeny, senior warden of Christ Church, Gary, Indiana, a trustee of the diocese of Northern Indiana and a member of the Bishop and Council of the diocese, died on July 15th.

Mr. Sweeny came to Gary soon after its founding and as a devout Churchman enlisted at once in the formation of Christ Church. To him personally the presence and leadership of Christ were very real, and because they were real his long years of membership on the vestry and as a warden were generously marked by a true spirit of worship and service.

### Delaware Unemployed Put Up Church Building

Bishop Cook of Delaware thought that the Church ought to do something about getting work for at least some of her unemployed Churchmen. He sold the idea to the Church Club of the diocese and the Laymen's League of Sussex County, so that a bit of money was raised. Then he got hold of a skilled mechanic, who had also engineering and teaching experience, to head up the project. A group of fourteen unemployed young men was then recruited and

### FUNDAMENTALS

TS there any reason at all why a person should read the Bible in these modern days? If a parishioner came to you and asked for reasons why he should, just what would you tell him? Or again, haven't you run into the person who says that he believes in getting close to God but that he can do it much better by taking a walk in the country? Just what is "The Value of Worship"? These and other fundamental questions will be answered in a series of articles that are to start in THE WITNESS next month. They are all to be written by the headmasters of leading Church schools, whom we have asked to write just as they would if they were answering the inquiry of a modern youth. Plan now to place the articles at the disposal of your people by adopting The WITNESS Bundle Plan; ten or more copies to one address; we bill quarterly at 3c a copy; have the papers sold at the church door at 5c a copy. A complete announcement of the series will be made presently. But don't wait for it-place your order now for a Bundle to start with these articles.

they set to work building St. Andrew's at Ellis Grove. J. W. Gledhill is the man in charge of the job, nicknamed "Speed" by the young men under him, not because he is a slave driver but because he is himself so skilful at getting things done. The carpenters are housed at an old place in Laurel, nearby, and go to their work each day in a truck. They get their morning and evening meal at "home," but the noonday meal is served in the homes near the new St. Andrew's—chicken, hot biscuits and home-made ice cream. The building when completed is to serve a double purpose; a church and a community center.

# Combination Rector and Organist

The Rev. Francis Hine, rector of Trinity Church, Torrington, Conn., being a gifted man, has been both the priest and the organist this summer, during the absence of the regular organist. And it is a real organ, too—one of these four manual affairs. He sailed for England on the 4th of August for a vacation.

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#### Ordination at Summer Conference

The Rev. E. W. Kellett, vicar of White Pine County, Nevada, was ordained to the priesthood at the Lake Tahoe summer school in Nevada, the service being held in the outdoor chapel under the tall pines on the lake shore. Bishop Schmuck of Wyoming was the preacher. Mr. Kellett has for the past year been in charge of the churches at Ely, McGill, Ruth and Kimberley, the copper mining district of Nevada, as well as visiting the old church at Eureka twice a month.

# Million Visit Hall of Religion

Records at the office of the Hall of Religion at the Chicago Fair indicate that approximately one million persons have visited the building during the first two months of the fair. Oh, and the Antioch Chalice, which has been the center of attraction there, has now been curtained off and a charge of 25c is now made if you want to look at it. I will say one thing for the management of this so-called world's fair—they are artful at relieving you of your dimes and quarters.

### Boys Put on Show for Their Parents

The third annual Camp Frisbie Circus, Diocese of Michigan, was held at the camp, near Waterford, on Saturday evening, August 12. The entire show, from parade to side-shows, was presented by the campers, and the invitation to the parents urged them to "Come early—stay late—bring your friends" and reminded them that "the small cost of entrance will pay but a fraction of the cost we have entailed in the assemblage of this stupendous host of skilled performers, trained beasts, and freaks!" Camp Frisbie enrolls boys from 9 to 12 years of age.

### Chicago Also to Have Bishop's Pence

The diocese of Chicago also is to have a Bishop Pence, with Bishop Stewart estimating that the plan has possibilities of raising as much as \$400,000 a year. The idea is for each communicant to make a thank offering of one cent after each meal. The diocese of course is to supply each family with one of the containers to place on the dining room table. When the container is filled it is to be brought to the parish church and deposited with a regularly appointed "penceman." Bimonthly Pence Days are also planned on which the entire diocese is expected to turn in the cash. Mr. Sylvester Lyman is the executive secretary of the plan and is to devote his entire time to its promotion. Of paramount importance is the fact that the Pence Plan is intended not only to strengthen the diocese but

the parish as well, since half of the money is to go to the parishes. Bishop Stewart, commenting on the idea, says that it has tremendous possibilities, with its success depending apon the wholehearted adoption of the plan by everyone in the diocese. He adds: "There will be no pressure, no quotas, no urgency upon any individual or parish. It must be a freewill offering. And it must in no way interfere with the weekly pledge, the offerings in church or the Auxiliary mite boxes. It is distinctly a 'special', designed to pull the diocese up and out of its financial difficulties."

#### Seminary Student at Work in Nevada

A recent arrival in Nevada is Mr. Erwin W. Williams, graduate of the University of Virginia and Bexley Hall, who has been assigned to the central field of Tonopah and Goldfield to succeed the Rev. H. L. Lawrence, resigned. Vacation church schools have been conducted by Mr. Williams in Goldfield, Hawthorne and Tonopah, with the assistance of Miss Betty Gould, a volunteer worker on the Nevada staff. Similar schools of two weeks duration are being conducted in twenty-three places in the district.

### Sewanee Synod To Meet in Alabama

The synod of the province of Sewanee, the fourth province is to meet in St. John's Church, Montgomery, Alabama, on November 21-23.

#### Religious Editor Retires

Mr. H. H. Fletcher, for thirty-six years the editor of the Churchman Afield, department of the Boston Saturday Transcript, has resigned. His place is being taken by Dr. Albert C. Dieffenbach who for fifteen years was the editor of a Unitarian weekly.

### Mamaroneck Church Carried on in Summer

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There is no let down of activities during the summer at St. Thomas's, Mamaroneck, N. Y. The rector, the Rev. Frank Dean Gifford, has remained on the job through the summer, and what's more the vestry has met regularly and there have been weekly meetings of the men's and women's groups. Then too there have been several special services; one to celebrate the Oxford Centenary; the parish anniversary service, when gifts were presented to the oldest man and the oldest woman present; a married couples service to which all those who had been married by the clergy of the parish were specially invited. On July 24th

there was an outdoor community festival on the church grounds, when hundreds gathered to enjoy a cafeteria supper and music by a 24 piece band. Quite a summer, I'd say.

#### Conference of Fellowship of Reconciliation

The annual conference of the Fellowship of Reconciliation is to be held at Swarthmore, Pa., October 13th-15th, the subject to be "Pacifism in the world crisis". Among those on the program are the Rev. Edmund Chaffee of the Labor Temple, New York; Professor Arthur L. Swift of Union; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union; Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York; Rev. John Nevin Sayre; Mr. J. B. Matthews; Mr. Howard Kester; Mr. Charles Thomson; Miss Adelaide Case; Mr. Roger Baldwin; Rev. Charles Webber and Miss Jane Addams.

### New Deaconess for Nevada Work

Deaconess Margaret E. Hayes, formerly of St. Matthew's Church, San Mateo, California, and who has joined the Nevada staff will begin her duties on September first, going to St. Philip's in the Desert, Hawthorne. Deaconess Hayes met with an automobile accident en route to her home in the East in June which delayed her arrival in Nevada.

#### Sees Need for Spiritual Regeneration

Preaching last Sunday at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, Bishop Creighton of Long Island, said that the character of the American people is at so low a level that there is need for a spiritual regeneration.

There must be "a great awaken- ing," Bishop Creighton declared, in

which the American will be made to realize that his life should be fuller and more satisfying than it is. By a readjustment of values, he said, man will learn that the influence of God is an integral part of life.

"The glory of God has its own surpassing spiritual power and appeal," Bishop Creighton continued. "It was the glory of the Lord which drew forth the Apocalypse. It is an epitome of life.

"Sheer beauty, or sheer glory, has its own invigorating appeal, and when it transcends the beauty of this life, it is God's boon offered to a world asleep in its grossness.

"Social character is dependent on individual character and is nothing more than a composite of it. Our national character, then, is at a low level because our individual characters are defective."

# Environment the Basis Of Morals

Environment is the basis of morality, the Right Rev. Louis C. Sanford, Bishop of San Joaquin, Cal., said last Sunday during his sermon at the Incarnation, New York. "The word morals," he said, "means nothing more than custom or, as some Americans say, 'approved custom.' This approved custom.' This approved custom is applied to the group to which we belong. Immoral conduct marks rebellion in this group."

### Dr. Bowie Preaches On New York Politics

The rector of Grace Church, New York, joined in the crusade to rid the city of Tammany Hall by preaching on the subject of local politics last Sunday. He particularly called upon Alfred E. Smith to

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declare himself on the issues involved in the coming city election for mayor.

"There are two Alfred Smiths," Dr. Bowie declared. "One is the Smith who had his beginnings in Tammany Hall and who retains those natural clan loyalties to which every conventional politician cleaves. The other is the larger Smith, the man who is greater than his origins, the acute student of governmental affairs, the man who wants honest and efficient government and knows how to get it.

"Which Alfred E. Smith will emerge now? Will it be a conventional political defender of the system which is at heart contemptuous of those better standards which he himself has set up? Or will it be the Smith to whom New York has a right to look for leadership that is not partisan, and who, since he would not permit his own nomination for the mayoralty, will nevertheless help New York to secure for mayor a candidate who is not a henchman of Tammany Hall.

"It makes little difference whether the next mayor of this city should be a man who has been called a Democrat, or one who has been called a Republican. What does make a difference is to determine what man among those whose names go before the people will deliver us from the cheap and mountebank inheritance of James J. Walker, and the inept and fumbling near-bankruptcy, both in money and ideas, which marks our condition now."

Attacking the "cowardly cynicism" of many New York voters, Dr. Bowie asserted that "it is moral treason to say that, because things so often have been bad, they can be no better." The time has come, he said, "when we must insist upon men and measures that will make this great city a place in which those who desire both civic honesty and civic efficiency may pride." \* \* \*

#### Large Attendance At Summer Conference

With over one hundred persons in attendance, the fifth annual Lake Tahoe summer school of the district of Nevada and the diocese of Sacramento came to a close after a ten day session, this being the largest attendance in the history of the School. Each day's activities opened with the celebration of the Holy Communion in the outdoor chapel and again before dinner evensong was sung followed by a short address on the life of some Church leader. During the first week of the school the addresses were on lead-

ers in the Oxford Movement, the opening address being given by the Rev. James Land Ellis of San Francisco, on its history.

On the closing night a mystery play was given by the class in Religious Drama under the direction of the Rev. Frederick D. Graves of the university chapel in Reno. The faculty included the Bishops of Colorado, Wyoming, Sacramento and Nevada.

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New York Parish Has Anniversary

Christ Church, Gilbertsville, N. Y., celebrated its 100th anniversary on August 6th, with the Rev. C. C. W. Carver of Rochester, N. Y., giving a memorial celebration at an early service and Archdeacon Purdy preaching at the ten-thirty service.

### Cincinnati Rector Resigns

The Rev. J. D. Herron, for ten years the rector of Holy Trinity Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, resigned on July first and retired from active ministry.

### Communism Discussed At Christian Conference

The summer conference of the British Fellowship of Reconciliation was held at the Friends School, Saffron, Walden, Essex, from August first through the eighth, when the general subject was "Christianity and Communism". Among speakers were Canon Raven, Dr. C. J. Cadoux and Dr. J. F. Hecker of

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St. Louis Parish Has Vacation School

A successful vacation school, the first to be held in the parish, was held this summer at All Saints Church, St. Louis, Missouri. The average attendance was seventy, most of the children coming from the

immediate vicinity of the church, with only five of them members of All Saints. The teachers were all volunteers, with but one man in the lot. But he did a grand piece of work, his thirty boys turning out 76 articles of handicraft. This parish also put on an interesting pageant this summer, based on the life of Saul. The street was closed to traffic by the city authorities so that the audience could be seated there while the acting was done on the church

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#### New York Rector on Depression Effects

The Rev. Frederick S. Fleming, rector of Old Trinity, New York, comments on the effects of the depression in the year book of the parish, just published. He feels that on the whole it has had a wholesome effect upon students, since it has largely eliminated the playboy and the playgirl, who no longer can be supplied with the cash by their parents to do their playing. Dr. Fleming, however, is greatly concerned about the middle aged men and women who lost their jobs, probably never to get them again since their places will be taken by the multitudes of young people now seeking employment. He also feels that the increasing amount of apartment dwelling requires more homes for aged persons as children, living in apartments, no longer provide for their parents as was once the case. On the subject of the placement of the clergy Dr. Fleming writes that the entire subject requires careful study in order that intelligent action may be taken at the General Convention next year. He concludes his message by declaring the Oxford Movement to be the most significant event in the life of the Church in the past century.

The year book describes fully the work of the chapels of Trinity parish, many of which are chapels in name only and are doing the work of large metropolitan churches. Each guild, association or club records a report of the year's work and shows its progress.

#### College Clergy Have a Real Conferene

The College of Preachers has recently tried the experiment of a months conference for college clergy, held at the conference center at Evergreen, Colorado, with 52 clergy present from 36 dioceses. The Rev. John Crocker of Princeton outlined the chief problems of the college pastor; Dr. Wilbur Urban of Yale gave the philosophic basis for the solution of the intellectual problems of students; the Rev. D. A. McGregor presented the answers to the social questions raised by modern students and the Rev. LeRoy Burroughs of Ames, Iowa, gave a series of lectures on personal problems. The discussion method was used during the conference; a lecture; then group discussions on various phases of the lecture; and then a meeting of the whole for the presentation of findings.

In writing of the conference the Rev. LeRoy Burroughs says that "the fact that this representative group of college clergy were willing to give up a month of their time to a serious consideration of the prob-

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#### Death of Maryland Rector

The Rev. Roy Rolfe Gibson, rector of St. Peter's, Salisbury, Maryland, died on August 2nd after a long illness. Mr. Gibson was for a number of years a professional journalist before entering the priesthood, and had an enviable reputation as a novelist. A parishioner writes of him; "A lovable character which impressed itself upon everyone with whom he came in contact."

#### The Origin of the Word "Parson"

My comment here recently on the origin of the word "parson" has brought a letter from a well-known layman of the diocese of Albany. "As usual," he writes, "I have read with much interest your brief paragraphs and have been particularly interested in the comment regarding the use of the word 'parson' and the third definition, 'a guide post.' More than thirty years ago I was told that this was called a parson because it pointed the way but didn't go it. Whether this be the correct derivation of this usage, I wonder if you still think that the word fits pretty well."

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