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The annual conference of Liberal Evangelicals of the Church was held in Philadelphia on June 4th and 5th with the attendance running from 200 to 300 at the various sessions, depending on the hour of the day and the intensity of the heat. Like most Church affairs it was a joyous occasion, marked by real fellowship.

Liberal Evangelicals, in case you do not know, are those who declare "that dogmatism concerning 'faith' or 'order' endangers the pursuit of truth, and that the need of the Church is not for propaganda of exclusive claims but rather an openminded 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." They further declare 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 fulfill this purpose Episcopalians should seek a progressive cooperation in worship and work with all Christians of kindred spirit."

Believing these things one can readily imagine what subjects were dealt with at this conference. Dean Washburn of the Cambridge Seminary led off with a paper on "Our conception of the ministry" which was a scholarly presentation of the liberal point of view on the matter of orders. The gist of it, I should say, was that our orders are no better than the other fellows and that we would do well to be less snooty on that particular matter. In the afternoon Professor Norman Nash of Cambridge (there were lots of professors about, with Cambridge, Alexandria and Philadelphia chief-



BISHOP PARSONS
Addresses Liberal Evangelicals

ly represented) read a paper on "The social implications of religion from the liberal evangelical point of view." He brought out the principles of brotherhood, service and individual worth that stand out in the gospel narrative and declared it to be the job of the Church to apply them socially. He thought this might be done without scrapping our democratic institutions by going either fascist or communist. He was followed by the Rev. J. Howard Melish, rector of Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, who stated that God was

at work in the world, often in strange places, and got headlines in the papers the next morning for saying that he thought God was very definitely at work in Russia.

The Rev. Charles W. Sheerin of Richmond, talked about young people, contending that there were about a dozen different sorts, all of whom could be reached by a clergyman who has the good sense to study their needs and problems. A number of college pastors spoke during the discussion period, notably the Rev. Henry Lewis of the University of Michigan and the Rev. John Harris of Dartmouth, both of whom presented cheerful pictures of the college boys and girls.

Monday evening was the high spot of the affair, with Bishop Taitt welcoming the conference to his diocese by telling a couple of funny stories, and Presiding Bishop Perry was on hand with a short address on the subject of Liberalism. Then came Bishop Parsons of California, contending in a commonsense sort of way that both liberals and evangelicals were necessary to the Church and that if you could combine both in one man so much the better.

The following day the Rev. Howard C. Robbins of the General Seminary and the Rev. Bradford Young of Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, presented illuminating and practical papers on the subject of Worship. Dr. Robbins seemed to feel that the present Prayer Book would do very well, but he was less enthusiastic about the Hymnal and urged another revision. Mr. Young, true liberal, was all for experimentation in worship and gave valuable suggestions to those who wanted to follow his advice, particularly by calling attention to the Gray Book,

a book of prayers and services edited originally in England but more recently adapted to American use. It should be added that Mr. Young, while advocating freedom in worship for the liberal, insisted that the Anglo-Catholic should be granted the right to have service of Benediction and whatever else he wants.

The Rev. C. Leslie Glenn of Cambridge then again turned the attention of the conference to the college man by talking quite informally for an hour or so about their attitudes on every conceivable subject from football to companionate marriage. It was entertaining.

An abstract of a paper on the subject of war by the Rev. Elmore McKee, unable to be present, was presented in the afternoon, after which there was an address on the same subject by Bishop Gilbert of New York, followed by perhaps the most animated discussion of the conference. Mr. McKee declared himself to be an uncompromising opponent of the war system and declared that it was one of the chief tasks of the Church to put war and the war system out of business. He concluded his paper by advocating an international Church conference on the subject, to be followed by an educational campaign against war on the part of all the churches. Bishop Gilbert took much the same position and as a practical measure advocated a whole-hearted support of the peace program of the Federal Council of Churches. Indeed he said that the Episcopal Church should belong to the Federal Council—that he was tired of going around to the back door, which he had to do as an Episcopalian, when he wanted so much to march right in at the front door. This remark was greeted with warm applause.

Then the chaplain of West Point, the Rev. Roscoe Foust, came to the platform and did his best to reconcile the Christian religion with the war system. The men at West Point, he said, have real respect for the Episcopal Church but have no use whatever for the Federal Council of Churches. They got hot and bothered every time they read about a peace sermon since they are convinced that all of them are "canned" sermons that came from the Federal Council. The Rev. Lawson Willard stressed the need of getting to the economic roots of modern war. He also got a hand when he said that the pastoral of the House of Bishops, previously praised by Bishop Gilbert, could not be taken seriously as long as the Bishops refused to repent for the action taken against Bishop Paul Jones. (Funny how that man does arise to plague people). The Rev. Spear Knebel also spoke on the importance of an economic approach to the whole question. Bishop Parsons then made the point that it was rather difficult for the House of Bishops to be penitent for the Paul Jones affair, since most of those now in the House of Bishops were not there when that action was taken. He advocated a well thought out program of peace education. The session was closed by the Rev. Norman Nash who contended that radicals who found all wars springing from economic life were over-simplifying the matter, and that an economic revolution that would do away with the profit system would not remove all causes for war.

The concluding paper of the conference was by Bishop Washburn of Newark on "The Appeal of Jesus to Modern Life", an extremely able and inspiring plea for more earnest evangelism on the part of Church people generally.

The conference, to its great credit, was marked by that search for trust that is characteristic of those who class themselves as liberals. Convictions, passionately expressed, there were too, but one rather got the impression that they were individual convictions rather than the convictions of a group that had been welded into anything that could be called a movement. Evangelical fervor for "an openminded search" comes hard for an individual, let alone a group. It therefore remains to be seen whether those sponsoring this new Church movement can line up an enthusiastic following. One can however report that they made a fine beginning in this first general conference and wish them the best of luck for the future.

The Rev. Howard C. Robbins was elected chairman to succeed the Rev. W. Russell Bowie; the Rev. J. Howard Melish was elected vice-chairman; the Rev. Brook Stabler of Philadelphia, secretary; Mr. William DuBose, treasurer. The executive committee consists of the Rev. H. N. Arrowsmith Jr. of Baltimore, the Rev. George Trowbridge of New York; the Rev. W. Russell Bowie; the Rev. A. B. Kinsolving of Garden City; the Rev. Phillips Osgood of Boston and the Rev. Robert

Rogers of Brooklyn.

Upon motion of the Rev. Richard Preston of Worcester, Mass., a committee is to be appointed by the executive committee to work out a program for the application of the teachings of the New Testament to modern social, industrial and international life.

C. L. I. D. Meeting In New York

Bishop Parsons of California and the Rev. J. Howard Melish of Brooklyn were the speakers at a luncheon meeting of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, held in New York on June 7th. Plans were discussed for activities in connection with the coming General Conven-

Two Sermons In New York

Several thousand sailors marched into the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Sunday last, headed by Admiral Sellers, and listened to a sermon on the subject of war and peace by Bishop Manning. He declared that everyone was opposed to war "and no one, I believe, is more earnestly opposed to it than the officers and men of our navy and of our army". The Bishop declared that the Church "in its very nature must be opposed to war because war is irreconcilable with the setting up of the Kingdom of Christ in this world for which the Church exists. But this does not mean that the Church, or the Christian religion, condemns the use of force when this is necessary for the maintenance of right and peace and for the restraint of the wrong doer." He stated that the extreme pacifist position, taken by many clergymen today, represented neither sound thinking nor true religion and was doing much harm since "it was repelling strong men from the Church." "There are situations in which a man who would not use force, and all the force at his command, would be unworthy of the respect of his fellow men. There are situations in which the use of force for the protection of others is an act of the highest self sacrifice and love, and so long as sin and crime are in the world there will continue to be such situations.'

I am not quite persuaded to this position myself, though I did only the other night hear a communist leader develop the same argument, less polished but possibly as effectively, before a huge mass meeting of the unemployed. "The bosses," he shouted, "are allowing you and your families to live in hovels and to go without food. And I say that the man who won't fight to change this rotten system is a dirty rat." Comrade Manning of Morningside Heights-greeting from Comrade Broder of Union Square.

Clerical Pensions Almost Quadrupled

The average age allowance for the clergy under the Church Pension Fund has increased to approximately \$1,000 annually, nearly four times the 1917 average of \$262. The highest pension at present, according to the report of the president, Mr. William Fellowes Morgan, is \$1,500, though he expresses the hope that the future will see many pensions at a higher figure. The annual pension roll has increased from \$470,-

000 ten years ago to the present annual total of over \$1,100,000.

Ordinations at Newark

Revere Beasley was ordained deacon at Christ Church, Bloomfield, N. J., by Bishop Stearly on May 14th. On the 27th Bishop Washburn ordained to the priesthood the Rev. Richard Aselford and the Rev. George D. Hardman, the service being at the Redeemer, Morristown.

New Chancel is Dedicated

A new chancel was dedicated by Bishop Taitt at St. Barnabas, Philadelphia, on June 10th. The south end of the Church was destroyed in May, 1933, by a severe storm forcing the congregation to discontinue services. In rebuilding the church was enlarged by the lengthening of the chancel.

Anniversary in

Albany
The 50th anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the cathedral in Albany, N. Y., was celebrated from June 3 to the 9th, the chief event being a community service at which Bishop Manning of New York preached. There was a music festival on the 8th participated in by 28 choirs and musical organizations. The address was given by the Rev. Frank Gavin of the General.

Cathedral Day in Long Island

A parade in which 5,000 people took part, followed by an open air service, marked Cathedral Day, observed at the cathedral at Garden City on June 2. The children's offering of close to \$12,000 was presented. Awards were presented to the schools of St. John's, Cold Spring Harbor, St. Paul's, Glen Cove, St. Luke's, Brooklyn and Christ Church, Bay Ridge.

Ordination in East Carolina

The Rev. L. M. Fenwick of Southport, N. C., was ordained priest on June 5 by Bishop Darst.

Clerical Changes in Western New York

The Rev. A. R. Morrell, Mayville, N. Y., has been elected rector of Trinity, Fredonia, N. Y. The Rev. J. C. Crosson has resigned as rector of St. Mary's, Buffalo. The Rev. Thomas Delbridge has resigned as rector at Randolph, N. Y., and is to take up work in England.

Ordinations in Pennsylvania

The following men were ordained deacons on June 7th by Bishop Taitt

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

FOLLOWING the practice of last summer we are to alternate with eight and sixteen page numbers during the summer. It enables our editors to get a rest and it saves money-gives you a rest from some of us also which no doubt will be welcomed. You will be presented with the news each week; with articles and the news every other week. In September we will return to the sixteen pages each week, when we will start one or two new features, presently to be announced. The September issues will also deal with issues that are to come before General Convention. It is our hope that those taking Bundles will continue them through the summer, and that many others will place orders now for Bundles to start in September to run at least through the General Convention period.

at St. Luke's, Germantown, Pa.: W. W. Gale, who is assigned to the Atonement, Morton; W. N. Lanigan, curate at St. John's, Norristown; N. W. Rightmyer, curate at St. Luke's and the Epiphany, Philadelphia; L. K. Young, curate at St. Paul's, Minneapolis and John W. Zulch who is to work in Canada.

Three Rectors Leave Maryland

Maryland has recently lost three of her clergy. The Rev. H. H. Donegan of the Resurrection, Baltimore, has accepted a call to White Plains, N. Y.; the Rev. F. D. Daley has left the Epiphany, Baltimore, to go to Loch Haven, Pa., and the Rev. J. M. Thomas is leaving Hancock to take up work in Williamsport, Pa. Also the Rev. J. R. M. Cass resigned the Deer Creek parish, Harford County, to become non-parochial; the Rev. C. L. Hults has become priest in charge of the Resurrection, Baltimore, and the Rev. B. R. Madge has taken charge of St. George's, Dun-

Bishops for Three Continents

Three Bishops for three continents were consecrated in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on the first of May: The Right Rev. John William Charles Wand goes out to be sixth Archbishop of Brisbane for the Province of Queensland, Australia; The Ven. Geoffrey Hare Clayton is second Bishop of Johannesburg, South Africa; the Ven. Francis Whitfield Daukes is now suffragan Bishop of Plymouth, England. About thirty Bishops, among them a num-

ber from African and Australian dioceses, assisted the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Presbyterian Minister is Ordained

Allen J. Miller, Presbyterian minister, was ordained deacon by Bishop Larned of Long Island on June 3rd. He is in charge of St. Ann's, Bridgehampton.

New Dean is Instituted

The Very Rev. J. T. Heistand was instituted rector and dean of St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg, Pa., on May 20th by Bishop Brown. Canon Atkins of York preached.

Marion Parish Celebrates

Gethsemane, Marion, Indiana, celebrated its Golden Jubilee from Whitsunday through Trinity Sunday. The high spot was a confirmation service at which Bishop Gray preached, followed by a reception for Bishop and Mrs. Gray.

Progress in Spite Of Revolutions

Bishop Hulse of Cuba reports marked progress in Church life in spite of increasing economic distress and political unrest. He writes of strikes and riots which made it dangerous to go on the street yet he declares that he can find no particular antagonism to the Church. The situation "has added to our difficulties during the year. But in spite of dangers and difficulties our missionaries have gone about their task with increasing success if we can judge by the statistics."

Catholics Warned Against Fascism

Asserting that the Catholic Church in Canada and the United States is "showing a disposition to play with the various Fascist elements that are developing on this continent" the Catholic Record of Canada warns that "it is a dangerous and unprofitable game." "If the courtship now going on between Catholicism and the Fascists should blossom into any kind of marriageeven a 'marriage of convenience'the Catholic Church in Canada is done." the Record declares. "For, paradoxically, if you like, the Catholic Church thrives and grows on Liberalism, not on the reactionary spirit that breeds Fascism.

"The Church was never so feeble spiritually as when it was most narrow temporally. It was never so great spiritually as when it stuck to its spiritual functions and looked with a detached and tolerant viewpoint upon temporal affairs. During the burnings of the Inquisition, the

Church was at its lowest moral ebb. The flood tide of its greatness came when its Popes withdrew into the Vatican and held themselves aloof from earthly bickering.

"If the Church had had any characteristic qualifications to govern temporal affairs, if it had had any economic sense, it might now have ruled the world. But its manifold and manifest failures along that line in the middle ages defined its perpetual function quite clearly.

"The Catholic Church has no part in politics, certainly not in that type of politics that propounds a theory so utterly at variance with its broad, tolerant and usually progres-

sive policies."

Reaching Churchmen In Rural Connecticut

Following the direction of the signs that say "Emmanuel Church" along the winding Connecticut road twelve miles from Middletown, one comes to an open-country church at Killingworth, one of the missions ministered to by the Rev. George B. Gilbert. Here on May 24 gathered the members of the Woman's Auxiliary from the Middlesex Archdeaconry for their annual spring meeting, their numbers augmented by the residents of the countryside until the church overflowed and an amplifier carried the service to a hundred or more outside. The speaker was the Rev. Goodrich R. Fenner, secretary for rural work on the National Council's social service department, who spoke on the responsibility of the Church for work in rural communities.

It has been the custom of this parish for the twenty-one years Mr. Gilbert has been there to have its mid-day meal together on the Sundays when there is a service; they cook over an out-door oven in good weather, otherwise in part of the

church building.

Among the people now living in that region are several recent arrivals from the city, driven out by the depression and establishing new homes on the land. One of these reported that Mr. Gilbert had come to call on them before they had their household goods unpacked, in contrast to the city caller's formality which would probably have telephoned first for an appointment.

New Rector for Houston Parish

The Rev. W. W. Daup, Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted a call to Christ Church, Houston, Texas.

Michigan Rector

The Rev. Henry Tatlock, rector emeritus of St. Andrew's, Ann Arbor, Michigan, celebrated his 86th birthday and the 46th anniversary of his ordination on May 27th. He preached.

Commencement at Seabury-Western

Spencer Miller Jr., consultant on industry for the National Council, was the speaker at the alumni dinner held as a part of the commencement at Seabury-Western Seminary, June 7th and 8th. He spoke on the economics of the present situation. Bishop McElwain of Minnesota de-livered the commencement address. A memorial portrait of the late Rev. William C. DeWitt, former dean, was dedicated and several honorary degrees were conferred.

Sports Day In Michigan

The diocesan council of the Michigan Brotherhood of St. Andrew sponsored a Sports Day on June 9th at Camp Frisbie—the first they have held, though they plan to make it an annual affair.

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Memorial Tablet for Former Rector

A memorial tablet to the late Rev. F. W. Eason, former rector, was dedicated by Bishop Coley at Trinity, Watertown, N. Y. on Sunday last.

Church Doubles Membership

Mark's, Aikin, Maryland, where the Rev. J. Warren Albinson is rector, has doubled its membership during the past three years

-from 48 to 103 to be exact. During this time Mr. Albinson has presented as many for confirmation as were presented in the previous eighteen years.

Bishop Gray Entertains

Bishop and Mrs. Gray of Northern Indiana entertained the clergy of the diocese and their wives at a luncheon at the bishop's house on May 31st.

New Worker

An additional worker for the district of Hankow, not under National Council appointment, is Sister Eunice of the Order of St. Anne who is transferred from the Chicago convent of that Order to the convent at Wuchang, formerly at Shasi, in China. The money needed to send her has been given almost entirely by Associates of the Order who are China missionaries now in America on furlough or on leave.

Appropriations for Church Houses

At the April meeting of the National Council officers were instructed to confer with committees in charge of Windham House in New York and Bishop Tuttle House at Raleigh, N. C., to decide whether or not they should be closed in order to save money. These conferences were held on May 23rd and it was decided that the work at Windham House, a Church residence for graduate students, was so valu-

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able that it should be kept going. An appropriation at the rate of \$3,000 was therefore placed in the budget for 1935, while the appropriation for 1934 is to be continued at the present rate of \$3,250. Tuttle School, a training center for Negro girls for social and religious work, is also to remain open, with an appropriation of \$3,000 a year, a cut from \$5,750.

Rectors' Wives Have House Party

The wives of the clergy of the diocese of Albany were the guests of Mrs. G. Ashton Oldham, wife of the diocesan, at the fourth annual house party held May 29 to 31 at Lake George. Mrs. Oldham organized the Clergy Wives Club six years ago and its semi-annual gatherings brings together the wives for brief holidays.

New Clergyman for Nevada

The Rev. Harold R. Baker, formerly of the diocese of Milwaukee who spent last year as a fellow at the College of Preachers in Washington, has been placed in charge of St. Mark's, Tonopah, Nevada, with charge of the work at Goldfield.

Sunday School Teachers Meet

About 125 delegates attended the Ohio Valley Sunday School Institute held at Christ Church, Wellsburg, W. Va., on May 28th. There were addresses by Mrs. J. Watkins of Bellaire, O.; the Rev. Ian Robertson of Steubenville, O.; the Rev. Clarence Brickman of Fairmont, W. Va., and the Rev. William Gehri of Morgantown. * * *

No More St. Stephen's College

St. Stephen's College is no more. Announcement was made last week that henceforth it is to be known as Bard College in honor of John Bard who founded the institution 75 years ago. Through changes in the charter, recently passed by the New York legislature, the college ceased to be under the control of the Church.

Bishop Seaman at Church Functions

Bishop Seaman of North Texas was the speaker at a civic banquet held recently at Amarillo honoring

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the newly installed Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church. He spoke in behalf of the churches outside the Roman Communion. A few days later Bishop Seaman was the guest preacher at the Central Presbyterian Church of Amarillo at a service in honor of the pastor, the Rev. R. Thomsen, leading liberal clergyman of the city. *

General to Have An Exhibit

The alumni of the General Seminary have arranged for an exhibit at the General Convention at which historical objects will be shown. There is also to be a General Seminary dinner on October 16th. The Rev. Thomas A. Sparks of Trinity parish is in charge of the arrangements.

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Vacation Schools in Nevada

At least 25 vacation Bible schools will be conducted this summer in the district of Nevada.

Commencement of St. Agnes School

The closing service of St. Agnes School, Albany, N. Y., was held at the cathedral on June 4th with Bishop Oldham preaching. Twenty girls were graduated from the school, and the service was attended by the entire student body of several hundred.

Watch Out for the Lady

The Rev. Warren A. Seager of Covington, Virginia, writes to warn the clergy against a woman named Laraway, from 40 to 45 years of age, who is soliciting church and other advertising for blotters. He says that she has good references from a number of clergy. She secures the ads, gets the money and

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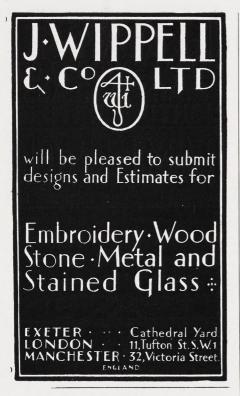
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departs to be seen no more. "This woman should be held for the police," he writes.

Death Takes Young Clergyman

The Rev. Herbert D. Crandall, one of the three General Siminary graduates in the associate mission at Hays, Kansas, died on June 1st from injuries received in an automobile accident the day before.

Anniversary of William Porkess

June 6th marked the 25th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. William Porkess, rector of St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Ordination in Southwestern Virginia

The Rev. M. N. Bacot, rector of St. Peter's, Roanoke, Va., was ordained priest on June 1st by Bishop Jett.

West Missouri Rector Retires

The Rev. Edward H. Eckel, diocese of West Missouri, has retired after 45 continuous years of active service to the Church. In 1914-17 he was field secretary of the Southwest and he has served in five General Conventions as deputy. He was recently elected rector-emeritus of St. Andrew's, Fort Worth, Texas, in recognition of his service as rector there for thirteen years.

A Real Offering from Alaska

Averaging a little over one dollar per child, Christ Church Mission at Anvik, Alaska, sends \$39.64 for the children's offerings; this in addition to an Easter Offering of \$44.25 from the congregation. The Rev. H. H. Chapman is priest in charge of this mission which has long been known as the place where the church was built by the first United Thank Offering of 1889 and also where Mr. Chapman's father, the Rev. Dr. John W. Chapman, served for forty years.

Excitement in Grand Rapids Church

The Rev. A. E. Potts, pastor of a Congregational Church at Grand Rapids, Michigan, is an ardent advocate of military preparedness and frequently preaches on that subject. Last Sunday he was interrupted during his sermon by a member of his congregation, Miss Cleo Wood, a teacher in the public schools of the city, who insisted upon her right to present the opposite point of view. Whereupon there took place a most peaceful conversation between the pastor and his interrupter,

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each presenting their arguments. The newspapers made a great deal of it naturally, and the lady later apologized for her action, though she stated that she did so only because she interrupted the service. It was her contention that a clergyman had no right to preach on such matters since other people have no chance to talk back. An open forum should be arranged, she said.

New Hampshire Parish Celebrates

St. Paul's Church, Concord, New Hampshire, celebrated its 75th anniversary on May 20th, with the banquet held the following Wednesday at which Bishop Dallas was the speaker. There was also an inspiring address by the Rev. G. M. Brinley, formerly a master at St. Paul's School.

New Reredos for Williamsport Parish

A new reredos was dedicated on Whitsunday at Christ Church, Williamsport, Pa. There was also dedicated at the same time a lady chapel. At the same time it was announced that the parish is the residuary legatee of the estate of Miss Margaret Embick, late of New York City but at one time a member of the Williamsport parish. It totals about \$10,000.

Social Workers Meet in New York

The social service commission of the diocese of New York held its annual dinner on May 21st at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Darlington of the Church of the Heavenly Rest. Bailey B. Burritt, general director of the New York Association for Improving the conditions of the Poor, was the guest speaker. The commission publishes monthly bulletins on social service; conducts training classes for clergy and church workers on social service; and maintains a library on social work. The secretary, the Rev. Floyd Van Keuren, who has had five years of professional work, and eighteen years as a parish priest, serves as a consultant for parish clergy on pastoral social service problems. Group conferences and classes on social, economic, emotional and religious factors of modern marriage and home life, have been held in many parts of the diocese, with a total attendance of over 130 clergy and many lay people.

Church Observes Canadian Night

St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, was jammed on May 20th for the annual observance of Canadian Night. The annual event, coming always on the Sunday nearest Empire Day, is a

gesture of good-will on the part of the cathedral to all Canadians, and numbers of English and Canadians always attend. The special preacher on this occasion was Dean C. E. Riley of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, Ontario. Attending the service was the Essex Scottish Regiment, the Sons and Daughters of St. George, the Canadian Legion, and clergymen from both sides of the border.

Connecticut Rector

is Honored

The Bishop Seabury Memorial Church, Groton, Connecticut, birthplace of the first American Bishop, celebrated the 5th anniversary of the coming of the Rev. Arnold Fenton on May 6th and 7th. When he arrived in 1929 there were forty families in the church; now there are well over 100, with 300 having been presented for confirmation during his pastorate.

Confirmation

at Sewanee

Bishop Gailor visited the University of the South this month and confirmed thirteen, among them five members of the football team. It again brought up the story of the football coach down there who had to call off his scrimmage one day because most of the team was in Chattanooga singing with the university choir.

Bishop Abbott

Has Anniversary

The fifth anniversary of the consecration of H. P. Almon Abbott as Bishop of Lexington was observed on May 15th. There was a luncheon, attended by all of the clergy and about 250 of the laity, with many of the mountain people who have been confirmed by Bishop Abbott among those present. It was announced that during the past five years the indebtedness of the diocese had been reduced from \$74,815 to \$5,212, which is certainly something to boast about these days. But that isn't all: the number of clergy has about doubled, pledges to National Council work have been met, every parish and mission is manned, three new churches have been built, with a fourth now under construction, while the fabric of the rural churches has been restored, including the development of the mountain work.

Commencement at St. Augustine's College

The Rev. John H. Johnson, vicar of St. Martin's, New York, a large Negro congregation, was the preacher at the baccalaureate service at St. Augustine's College, held on May 27. Bishop Gribbin of Western North Carolina was the speaker at the commencement exercises held Decor-

ation Day. Immediately after the commencement, from June 4th through the 8th, a conference for clergy and Church workers is to be held there. Among the lecturers will be the Rev. Gardiner L. Tucker, the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher, the Rev. Alfred S. Lawrence, the Rev. J. Clyde Perry and Miss Esther Brown.

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Anniversary of Everett Rector

The sixth anniversary of the rectorship of the Rev. William H. Pettus was observed on June 3rd. During these six years there have been 292 baptized and 297 confirmed. There are 14 organizations functioning of which 8 were organized by Mr. Pettus.

Rabbi to Speak at Church Conference

Rabbi Leo M. Franklin, of Temple Beth El, Detroit, is to be a speaker at one of the Sunset Services at the summer conference of the diocese of Michigan.

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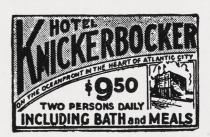
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