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## THE NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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A three day conference of young ministers of the South was held recently at Monteagle, Tennessee, to discuss Religion and the New Social Order. The leaders were Reinhold Niebuhr and Charles Webber, both professors at the Union Seminary and Howard Kester, who is working for the committee on economic and social justice in the south. At the conclusion of their deliberations these young parsons agreed on a rather interesting set of findings. They stated first of all that they were convinced that capitalism has reached the limit of its usefulness. They had praise for certain aspects of the New Deal (elimination of child labor; right of workers to bargain collectively; planned economy) but they stated that there was insufficient relief given to the unemployed; that the codes did not provide for a living wage; that the codes are not properly enforced; that the workers have not been granted protection in collective bargaining; that southern workers are discriminated against in wages; that the share-croppers of the south have been dispossessed under AAA, and finally that the New Deal attempts to deal with poverty in the midst of plenty by destroying the plenty and that economic imperialism continues, leading inevitably to war. Their final conclusion was that the objectives of the New Deal, as fine as they are, cannot be achieved under the profit economy.

Oh, and they had strong things to say about the Negro, which is an interesting development among southern clergymen. They said: "We condemn the manifest injustices to the Negro, as is evidenced in discrimination against him by employers and trade unions in the matter of wages and in courts of law, in his exclusion from the skilled



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trades, in the disproportionate sums spent for his education, in the restricting of his rights to suffrage, in the operation of the Jim Crow laws, in the inadequacy of housing, recreational and health facilities. We call upon church groups to make the principle of brotherhood concrete in the relationships between the races, especially in the economic area."

The conference was attended by clergymen of various denominations, though how many were present was not reported.

### **Statement on War From Lambeth Palace**

Convinced that national security is essentially incompatible with huge armaments, a special conference of British church leaders meeting with

the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace recently issued a statement on world peace over the signature of the Archbishop, in which Christians, particularly in England but by implication in all other lands, are urged to see the dangers in narrowing nationalism and to accept the principle of collective action for the maintenance of peace. This statement was drawn up as a result of a series of meetings at which were present representatives of practically all the non-Roman sections of Christianity in Great Britain.

### **Holding the Church's Line**

The Rev. Ralph H. Hayden, rector of St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, Mass., was the top speaker at the meeting of the convocation of Worcester, diocese of Western Mass., which met at Clinton on June 12th. He spoke on the need of support for missions. There was also an address on the field work of the diocese by Archdeacon Mott, and the Rev. Richard Preston, rector of All Saints', Worcester, preached. The Rev. Frederick H. Danker of Worcester was re-elected dean of the convocation.

### **Honorary Degree for Adelaide Case**

Adelaide Case, Churchwoman and professor at Columbia, who is an authority in religious education among other things, was given a doctorate by Hobart College at their commencement last week.

### **Don Wonders Gets A Doctor's Degree**

The Rev. Don Wonders of Sandusky, Ohio, who has been right on the job for many years in social service work, was given a doctor's degree at Kenyon College last week.



What's more it was given in recognition of his social service work, which is something new in the way of citations of degrees of doctor of divinity.

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#### Negro Priest Is Honored

The Rev. Arthur F. Nightengale, rector of St. Paul's, Panama City, in the Canal Zone, has been awarded membership in the Order of the British Empire for "services to the British Empire among West Indians in Panama." He is a graduate of the Bishop Payne Divinity School. His parish has now about 1,000 communicants and 6,000 additional baptized persons. Mr. Nightengale also ministers to lepers at Palo Seco and to insane patients at Corozal.

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#### Results of Another Questionnaire

You can be successful in business without religion but you cannot be a successful citizen without it, if you believe the clergy. A large retail store in Newark, N. J., recently sent out a questionnaire to 500 leading clergymen and those were the conclusions drawn from the answers.

While agreed that American colleges should place greater stress on religious instruction, the clergymen revealed sharp differences of opinion as to how the subject might be taught. Some urged "a virile he-man brand" of instruction; others warned against fanatical preachings and radicalism. Several blamed the colleges for destroying what spark of childhood religion remained when the student entered the university.

The Rev. Dr. George Paul T. Sargent, rector of St. Bartholomew's, urged "a scientific study of the great Christian leaders of the world." The course should be broad enough, he explained, to include the non-Christian leaders and would conclude with a thesis on the comparative contributions of the various religious leaders toward the civilization of their day.

Dr. Sargent cited John Dillinger as an example of a clever physically fit individual lacking in spiritual development.

"Dillinger is certainly more clever than most of us; but he is lacking in spiritual development and, therefore, he is what he is, and he is certainly not a social asset. I know from my experience that spiritual power is a reality, and that they who have it have something that the world can neither give nor take away; and that they are victorious where others are swept away."

The Rev. Dr. William Norman Guthrie, rector of St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie, New York, said that a college course in religion should provide knowledge of "religious expres-

sions in cult, myth, ethical inference and doctrine."

From the Very Rev. Milo Hudson Gates, dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, came the charge that many college professors foster irreligion.

"There seems to be an obsession with many of our teachers that if they are to qualify in the ranks of the intelligentsia and be thought broad-minded and liberal, they must not only have as little religion as possible, but must spend a good deal of time making attacks upon religion."

"I do not believe in imposing theological ideas and doctrines upon the minds of young men and women," said John Haynes Holmes, minister of the Community Church, New York. "I strongly believe, however, that the ethical and spiritual aspects of religion should be impressed upon the minds of all young people. College classes are an invaluable place for the implantation of this kind of religion."

The trouble with most religious courses is that they are so appallingly dull, observed Bishop Paul Matthews of New Jersey. "Many teachers are just so deadly dull and uninteresting and uninspiring that they act as a drag on the minds of their pupils," he said. "This is true of teachers of religions quite as frequently as of any other subject. A man who teaches religion must believe what he teaches and believe it profoundly."

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#### Commencement at All Saints

All Saints College at Vicksburg, Miss., was founded in 1908 by Bishop Bratton. The first rector of the school was the Rev. William Mercer Green, now the bishop coadjutor of the diocese. Both the bishops were on hand the other day for the commencement, an affair of unusual beauty and dignity. The school has good prospects for the coming year and is proud of having completed with honor twenty-five years of service to the state and the Church.

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#### Imagine: Denver Wants Us All Again

Everyone who went to the General Convention in Denver will remember Charles Alfred Johnson who ran that very grand show. Here is a letter from him that may come as a bit of a surprise to some of the boys and girls.

"How will the 1934 General Convention receive the invitation that will be extended them to hold their 1937 Convention in Denver? That question is being discussed by Colorado Churchmen. We had the privilege of entertaining the General Convention in 1931. We enjoyed it

so much that we crave the opportunity of serving as host to the 1937 Convention. Of course we do not wish to be greedy but we are sincere in our wish to have the General Convention come back to Denver in 1937. If another diocese can demonstrate its ability to serve the Church as well as we can and its need for the spiritual stimulus the Convention gives, we will ask that our invitation be held in abeyance until the choice of a city for the 1940 Convention is made. We feel that other Church centres which are thinking of entertaining the Convention will take courage from Colorado's desire to have the General Convention so soon after its last visit here. We bear testimony in this way that far from being a burdensome task it is a delightful privilege. A fund of \$20,000.00 is already pledged toward the expense of providing the necessary arrangements. We will not wage an aggressive campaign to sway the members of the Convention in their choice of a meeting place for 1937 but we will extend a cordial and sincere invitation to them and assure them of adequate accommodations and a warm welcome."

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#### Bishop Fox Visits Wyoming

Bishop H. H. Fox of Montana was the big-wig at the 25th annual convocation of the district of Wyoming which met at Laramie on June 10th and 11th. In addressing the convocation he dealt vigorously with the war and peace issue and declared that international war and industrial war could be brought to an end only by removing the cruelties and injustices that lie behind them. Bishop Schmuck in his address reported that the finances of the district were in good shape.

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#### Ordinations in Pennsylvania

The following men were advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Taitt on June 21st at Christ Church, Media, Pa.: Rev. G. H. Boyd of Solesbury and New Hope; Rev. J. A. Cragg, curate at Lansdowne; Rev. G. M. Gardner, society of St. Johnland, Long Island; Rev. N. L. Murray, curate at Media; Rev. R. M. Webster, curate at St. Peter's Germantown.

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#### Rector Gets a Life Job

The Rev. J. W. E. Airey of Longview, Texas, was elected chaplain for life of the Frontiersmen and Old Settlers of America at their organization meeting held at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on June 13th. He was nominated by Major Gordon W. Lillie, the famous Pawnee Bill who led the Boomers into Oklahoma when President Harrison signed the bill in



1889 opening Oklahoma to white colonization. Pawnee Bill, as you of course know, was a partner of Buffalo Bill. This makes the second chaplaincy for Mr. Airey for he is also the national chaplain of the Circus Fans of America.

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#### **Lightning Damages Rectory**

The rectory of Archdeacon Hughes of Harrisburg, located at Mont Alto, was damaged on June 12th to the tune of \$1500 by fire caused by lightning.

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#### **Over Fifty Years in the Choir**

Mr. Frank W. Abel has sung in the choir of St. Paul's, Owego, N.Y., for fifty-four years. They had a party for him the other night—gifts too.

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#### **A Little Announcement From Bishop Stewart**

Here is a brief communication from Bishop Stewart of Chicago: "The Community of the Holy Name, together with its chaplain, the Rev. Walter P. Crossman, having removed to another diocese, the Bishop of Chicago has withdrawn as the visitor of this Community."

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#### **Ordinations in Central New York**

Joseph O. Roberts was ordained deacon by Bishop Fiske at Moravia, N. Y., on June 5th. He is assisting the Rev. C. D. Newkirk in his work with churches in Syracuse and vicinity. Henry Bronson Lee was ordained the same day as a deacon by Bishop Coley at Memphis, N. Y. He is to continue his work at St. Philip's, Syracuse.

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#### **Young People Meet in Harrisburg**

Young people of the diocese of Harrisburg held a conference at Shamokin, Pa., from June 14 through the 16th, with Miss Dorothy May Fischer, national secretary, and the Rev. B. Janney Rudderow, young people's advisor of the province of Washington, as headliners. Bishop Brown preached and the Rev. Earl M. Honaman conducted a quiet hour.

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#### **Seminaries Well Represented**

Clergy on the Nevada staff now include men from the following Seminaries: General, Pacific, Cambridge, Greeley, Philadelphia, Bexley, and Seabury; also from Oxford and Toronto.

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#### **Bishop Porter Meets A Friend**

A new and true variation of an old story. Everyone knows about the highway robber out west in the early days who, in the midst of a

### **GENERAL CONVENTION**

WHAT are the really important matters to come before the General Convention, to meet in Atlantic City in October? We have asked scores of Church leaders this question and will present their opinions in an article to appear in THE WITNESS for July 5th. Then in subsequent issues we will present articles dealing with these various subjects. As for the Convention itself it will be reported to you through our pages by Bishop Johnson, Bishop Wilson, Mrs. Eleanor Wilson and the Rev. W. B. Spofford. We hope that the clergy will place the paper before their people through the Bundle Plan, starting certainly not later than the first September issue when we return to the sixteen pages each week, with most of the space devoted to a discussion of Convention issues. If you could place your order now, to start in September, it will be a great help to us. Our charge for bundles is 3 cents a copy; the papers sell at the church door at 5 cents a copy.

hold-up of several stagecoach passengers discovered that one of them was a bishop of the Episcopal Church and declined to rob him, saying, "That's my Church."

Now Bishop Porter of Sacramento reports going on an errand in a mining town to a store whose owner was reputed "the most notorious bootlegger in the county," and who said with a smile, "Shake, Bishop, I'm an Episcopalian too." As a boy he had sung in the choir of Truro Cathedral in Cornwall.

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#### **New York Auxiliary Raises Money**

Close to \$100,000 was given to various Church projects by the Auxiliary of the diocese of New York during 1933. Over \$40,000 went to missions, \$38,000 to the supply department, about \$19,000 to the United Thank Offering.

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#### **Social Service Conference in Ohio**

The department of social service of the diocese of Ohio held a conference at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, on June 14th. Leaders of the state department of public welfare were on hand to lead discussions on vital social service matters. Then in the afternoon the clergy got together to discuss such topics as "Community problems facing my church," "Industrial problems in towns," "What happens to boys and

girls after leaving high school," "Recreation" and "The Need for cooperation among churches." The Rev. A. R. Pepper, who is about the only full time diocesan social service secretary that there is left, arranged the conference along with the Rev. Don Wonders—Doctor Wonders, henceforth—who is the chairman of the commission of the diocese.

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#### **Take Pledge Against Future Wars**

Flocks of Christians assembled in Trafalgar Square, London, on a recent Sunday and there took an oath that they would have nothing whatever to do with any future wars. The speakers on the occasion were the Rev. Dick Sheppard, famous clergyman of the Church of England, and Miss Maude Royden, writer and preacher.

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#### **Actors' Guilds Cooperate**

The Catholic, Episcopalian and Jewish Actors' Guilds have agreed upon a program of cooperative action in regard to charitable enterprises. A round table conference of representatives of the three guilds will be held every fortnight to discuss common problems and extend mutual aid wherever necessary. The first joint public philanthropic undertaking is expected to be a monster benefit show in the fall.

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#### **Michigan Parish Has Celebration**

Bishop Page was the speaker at a dinner held at Trinity, Alpena, Michigan, on June 18th to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the church.

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#### **Racine Conference In Session**

The Racine Conference, which is no longer held at Racine but at Kemper Hall, Kenosha, is now in session, closing on July 6th. The usual courses are being offered, with Bishop Ivins, Bishop Sturtevant, the Rev. Don Frank Fenn of Baltimore, the Rev. LeRoy S. Burroughs of Ames and Miss Mabel Lee Cooper of the department of religious education of the National Council being among the leaders.

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#### **Conference of Socialist Christians**

The Fellowship of Socialist Christians, a small group of kindred souls who are both Socialists and Christians, are to hold a conference at Katonah, New York, September 17th and 18th. They are to deal with all sorts of lively economic and religious questions. Mrs. Bradford Young, the wife of the assistant at Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, is the secretary of the group, and the Rev. Rein-



hold Niebuhr is the chairman. If you are interested in going I am sure Mrs. Young will be glad to send you the details. Incidentally they have bits of free literature, so she writes me, that they would be glad to send those caring for it.

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#### **New Head of Chicago Clergy Group**

The Rev. Ray Everett Carr of St. Peter's, Chicago, has been elected president of the Episcopal clergy's association of the city, succeeding the Rev. Alfred Newbery.

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#### **Ordination in Georgia**

Robert Lee Gordon was ordained deacon on June 14th at St. Augustine's, Savannah, Ga., by Bishop Reese. He plans to work under Bishop Juhan in Florida.

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#### **Conference in Diocese of New York**

The conference of the diocese of New York, sponsored by the board of religious education, is now in session at Lake Kanawauke, meeting from June 22nd to the 28th. Among the leaders are the Rev. Paul S. Olver of Rome, N. Y.; Miss Rose Phelps of the Ascension, New York; Mrs. M. F. Markel of the Church of the Heavenly Rest; the Rev. E. W. Churchill of Nyack; the Rev. Max-

well Rice and the Rev. P. M. Styles of Wappingers Falls; the Rev. E. R. Smythe of Goshen and Mr. Dudley Laselve of St. Thomas Chapel, New York.

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#### **Bishop Manning to Preach in Montreal**

Bishop Manning of New York is to be the preacher at the opening service of the general synod of the Canadian Church, which opens in Montreal on September 12th. He is also to speak at a mass meeting that night on "The witness of the Church to the problems of today."

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#### **Wellesley Conference In Session**

The Wellesley Conference got under way on Monday, June 25th and will remain in session until July 6th. The attendance is about average, with representatives on hand from widely scattered dioceses.

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#### **Minnesota Conference in Session**

The annual summer conference of the diocese of Minnesota is now in session at Carleton College, Northfield, with the Rev. David R. Haupt, student chaplain at Carleton as dean and Bishop McElwain as chaplain. There are two other bishops on the faculty, Keeler of Minnesota and Ablewhite of Marquette. Miss Doro-

thy M. Fischer is representing the National Council and the Rev. A. E. Knickerbocker is the speaker at the sunset services.

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#### **Young People Meet at Topeka**

One hundred and forty young people of the diocese of Kansas held a camp on the diocesan grounds, Topeka, from May 30th through June 3rd. Dean John W. Day was the chaplain, Bishop Wise was the head man and there was a faculty consisting of diocesan leaders.

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#### **Bishop Schmuck is Given a Look**

Bishop Schmuck of Wyoming on a recent visit to Ethete was highly honored by being permitted to see the sacred pipe of the Arapahoes, the most prized possession of the tribe, handed down through generations. The long pipe is kept wrapped up in hundreds of yards of fine cloth and tanned skins, and is rarely shown.

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#### **Death Takes Cincinnati Churchwoman**

Mrs. Nora C. Reade, wife of Canon Reade of Cincinnati, died on June 8th after an illness lasting nearly three years. She was a member of her husband's first choir and confirmation class and was the founder of the Girls' Friendly So-

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ciety at St. Andrew's, Dayton, Ohio. She was prominent in many Church activities, working particularly among the poor in the city's hospitals and prisons. She was 67 years of age.

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#### George Wharton Pepper Aids Everyman's Offering

George Wharton Pepper, prominent layman of Philadelphia, has accepted the chairmanship of the Everyman's Offering for the diocese of Pennsylvania.

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#### Our Church Shows Greatest Increase

The Chicago Federation of Churches has announced that Episcopalians led in the Chicago area for the percentage gain of communicants during 1933. In actual numbers the Lutherans had the largest increase with our Church second.

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#### Record Confirmation Class in Chicago

One of the largest confirmation classes ever to be presented in the diocese of Chicago was confirmed by Bishop Stewart on June 4th at St. Edmund's, when over a hundred took their places at the altar rail. Last year the rector, the Rev. S. J. Martin presented a class nearly as large. Incidentally during May Bishop Stewart confirmed 501 persons in 19 classes, the largest number he has confirmed in a single month since his consecration.

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#### Young People's Movement Discussed

Plans for a national youth movement of the Church were considered by young people of Chicago at a meeting held last week at St. Chrysostom's. The meeting followed a visit to Chicago recently of Miss Dorothy May Fischer, national secretary of young people. The proposal for a united program was submitted by the Rev. John B. Hubbard of Park Ridge, who recently attended a conference in Washington on youth problems. Mr. Hubbard has been appointed advisor on young people's work in the middle west.

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#### Ordinations in East Carolina

Edward C. McConnell was ordained deacon by Bishop Darst at the Virginia Seminary on June 8th. On the 10th he ordained John C. Grainger at St. James, Wilmington.

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#### The Parson was Distinctive

Bishop Porter of Sacramento reports a story from a mountain town. A visitor asked the town constable, "Where can I get a drink?" The constable pointed to the missionary's house, saying, "There's where the parson lives. That's the only place in town where you cannot get a drink."

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#### Archdeacon Neve Celebrates

Archdeacon Neve kept a number of anniversaries in the month of May: 30 years ago he became archdeacon of the Blue Ridge; 46 years ago he arrived in Albemarle County, Virginia; 54 years ago he was ordained to the diaconate in the ancient Abbey, now Cathedral, of St. Alban, England. He is 78 years old.

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#### Wants Orientals Admitted

The department of Christian social service of the diocese of Long Island, at a meeting recently, instructed the secretary, the Rev. Cranston Brenton, to forward the following letter

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#### Negro Layman on the Job

The Negro layman, Mr. George C. Pollard, who for some years has been in charge of two North Carolina missions, presented fifty-four persons for baptism last year and seventeen for confirmation.

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#### Mr. Suter's Book Now in Japan

Open Doors in Religious Education, the book published in 1931 by the Rev. Dr. John W. Suter, Jr., has been translated into Japanese by the Rev. L. S. Maekawa of the diocese of Tohoku, and is used as the basis of discussion for conferences of Japanese Church school teachers throughout the district, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Hittle.

Miss Hittle, with the help of her Japanese assistant, is publishing a series of pamphlets explaining the great festivals of the Christian year. The first, on the meaning of Christmas, had wide circulation. Bishop Binsted writes, "Christmas has become almost a national festival in Japan, due to the promotion of the department stores, but the real meaning of Christmas is very little understood by those outside the Church."

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#### The Birthday Thank Offering

The Birthday Thank Offering is now in its fifth triennium. This is a national offering from children and young people of the Episcopal Church who, as a rule, make their individual contributions each year through their Church school on the Sunday nearest their birthday. Objectives and amounts have been as follows:

1920-22	Motor boat for	
	Bishop Rowe in Alaska..	\$ 8,126
1923-25	School in Liberia.	22,426
1926-28	Addition to Hooker	
	School, Mexico .....	34,153
1929-31	Children's ward, St.	
	Luke's Hospital, Tokyo ..	34,675
1932-34	Chapel for Iolani	
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#### Converting Mohammedans

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seven Mohammedan converts. This is Bishop Leontios who became known to many American Church people during his two years of study at the General Theological Seminary.

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#### What Makes a Good Home

"Five elements necessary for a good home are a proper place, mutual cooperation, a sense of humor, a love of learning, and religion. The integrity of the home is seriously menaced by the character of our modern life. It is an institution which must be maintained at any cost, and where normal home life breaks down, an adequate substitute must be provided."

This from an address by the Rev. Henry McF. Ogilby of the Church of Our Saviour, Brookline, Mass., at a recent service in St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, where the congregation was made up of families, children, parents and foster parents of the Church Home Society.

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#### Wanted to See Good School

Japanese government school inspectors suddenly appeared at St. Margaret's School, Tokyo, one recent morning. Dr. Kobayashi, the

Japanese principal of the school, promptly began getting out various records and accounts for them but they stopped him and said, "We are not here on an official inspection. Our tour of inspection starts tomorrow. Before beginning it we wanted to see a really good school, as a standard to go by, and one of the officials in the office advised us by all means to come here." They referred not only to buildings and equipment but to educational standards as well.

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#### Thankful for Scrubbing Floors

Six members of the Woman's Auxiliary in a North Dakota Indian Mission were elected a committee to give the church and parish house an extra good cleaning. This involved, among other things, carrying water, heating it over a stove, and scrubbing the floors. Later one of these women made a gift of five dollars which she said was a thank-offering for the privilege of serving on this committee.

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#### The Greatest Diocese of the Church

The diocese of New York, largest of our dioceses, has 425 clergy canonically resident with a considerable number working on license, 46 deaconesses, 274 parishes, missions and preaching stations, 139,775 baptized persons, 99,591 communicants, 3010 Sunday school teachers and officers and 26,013 pupils. In 1933 expenditures reported for parochial objects was \$3,011,162; for diocesan objects, \$92,269 and for things outside the diocese, \$369,795.

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#### The Growth of a Diocese

Starting in 1784 the diocese of Massachusetts had a dozen churches and only a half dozen clergymen. Today there are 217 parishes, chapels and missions and 261 clergymen. Incidentally most of the Episcopal churches were closed during the American Revolution. The two churches which were open and active during the whole period were Trinity, Boston, and St. Paul's, Newburyport.

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#### Missionaries Needed But Funds are Lacking

There has recently been compiled a list of missionaries that are greatly needed in the various mission fields—an interesting list, but don't apply for a job for there is no cash with which to get you there, let alone pay you. Alaska needs two priests; Honolulu three priests and four lay workers; Philippines, two priests; Shanghai, four priests, a doctor, four women workers and other laymen for vacancies in institutions; Hankow, three priests, three teachers and ad-

ditional women workers; Anking, two priests (Bishop Huntington has but one American clergyman on his staff), a doctor, three women; North Tokyo, two priests and five lay workers; Kyoto, three priests and three women; Tohoku, four priests, one layman. Then in Liberia they need two priests and if plans to extend the work into the interior is carried out more lay workers will be needed. Nearer at home: Cuba needs four priests and one woman worker; Dominican Republic needs another priest; two priests are needed in the Virgin Islands. Brazil, Haiti, Mexico, Canal Zone and Puerto Rico have no immediate vacancies. In Mexico existing government regulations make new appointments impossible. Most fields report their staffs so dangerously reduced that any vacancies will be disastrous.

Volunteers are on hand for many of these places. Some of the candidates have all of their papers, health examinations, etc., and have been accepted by the foreign missions department of the National Council, but there is no money to send them.

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#### On the State of the Church

One can learn a good deal about the state of the Church by running through old Church papers. For instance one item in the *Gospel Messenger*, paper of the diocese of Central New York, indicates that 100 years ago the bishop, then covering the entire state, was not in very close touch with affairs. In any case he asked to be informed of any churches that expected to be consecrated during the spring and summer and also wished to be informed of any deacons that wished to be advanced to the priesthood. Another item informs us that a committee was appointed by the diocesan convention "to receive the sermons of deceased clergymen", which possibly accounts for some of the sermons we have heard since.

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#### Reaching the Isolated in Colorado

So many rural towns in Colorado have been, by present financial conditions, deprived of religious care from a "community minister" or other missionary that Bishop Ingle is making special plans to discover where there are such places in special need and to visit them or send one of his clergy or a layman for at least occasional services.

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#### Twenty Million Roman Catholics

The official Catholic directory for 1934, just published, places the number of Roman Catholics in the United States at 20,323,594, a gain of but 54,191 over the figure for last year.

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