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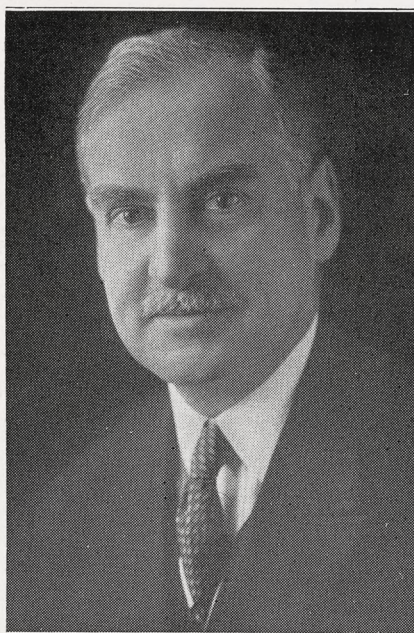
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Supposing we carry on the discussion of issues that are to come before the General Convention, begun in last week's WITNESS. In case you did not read the paper last week I had better repeat that the opinions here expressed are those of bishops and deputies who were asked what they considered the most important matters to come before the Convention. The largest number said it was the national budget and the National Council. That we dealt with last week, together with the subject of clergy placement.

Another matter which many feel to be of great importance is the retirement of bishops and rectors—that is a canon which will state definitely the age at which they must retire. And I cannot do better than to present the opinion of our own editor, Bishop Johnson, who writes: "Apropos of the proposed canon to compel clergy to retire at 72 years of age, it is interesting to note that there would be an exodus of seventeen bishops at once and eleven more at about the time of the General Convention in 1937. The average age of the bishops in the House today is 60 years and that of our missionary bishops is identically the same.

"In the eleven dioceses which have over 30,000 communicants all but three of these bishops are over 65, the average age being 63. It is evident at once that if we added rectors over 72 who are still active it would help unemployment of the clergy tremendously and possibly solve the problem.

"It would also place a heavy burden on the Pension Fund by throwing on the pension those who are now paying premiums. If 28 out of 121 active bishops were to retire in the next four years it is also



GEORGE W. PEPPER
Leads Pennsylvania's Drive

doubtless true that several hundred of the 6,000 clergy would also be placed on pensions."

Of the hundred or more letters that we have received a good many state that this retirement business is extremely important but aside from the quotation given there is hardly anything quotable, seeming to indicate that these gentlemen either have not made up their minds or do not feel very strongly on the matter.

The Place of Women in the Church in the opinion of several is one of the important matters to come before Convention. Thus one person writes: "A resolution will be presented to the General Convention by the National Council, asking among other things that the canons

be amended to permit the election of four women to the National Council. This resolution was put before the Council at its last meeting by the Evaluation Committee, of which Bishop Sherrill was chairman. The experience of women in the actual work of the Church has never been fully used. If they were given a voice in the councils of the Church, that experience would bear fruit."

Hymnal Revision is also a matter to come before General Convention apparently. Many, in fact about all who mention it in these letters to us, seem to feel that revision is necessary eventually, but most of them feel that experimental supplements would be the wise method of going at it, with actual revision put off for a number of years. Incidentally we will have an article on the subject, by an expert, presently.

What should be the Church's attitude on war also seems to be a matter that many feel should be faced by Convention. Here are a few quotations: "It is of the utmost importance that the Church should be brave enough to stand squarely for the principles of the Prince of Peace and mean what it prays in the Prayer for Missions."

Another writes: "The recent questionnaire of *The World Tomorrow* was an important document. Among the 20,000 clergymen who there expressed an opinion on the matter of war and peace were over 1,300 of our clergy, with a very large number of them apparently taking the extreme pacifist position. I would like to see the Convention really face up to the issue and issue a statement which would make our position perfectly clear to everyone." Still another eminent clergyman thinks that the Convention should determine whether or not we

are to allow our clergy to be army chaplains.

Just one more topic and then I must quit this topic for this week and get at the news. "The liveliest question in my part of the country," writes one man, "is the problem of the Negro work, and I believe that a full and frank discussion of it in THE WITNESS between now and General Convention would be most helpful. There is no doubt but that much pressure will be brought to bear at General Convention for the establishment of an autonomous African Episcopal Church, to be administered by their own bishops, and attached to us only through the Church Missions House and General Convention. Many whites and blacks feel that the Negroes would fare much better under such a plan. In any case it will be an important matter and we ought to have a frank presentation of the facts before we go to Atlantic City."

We will carry on this discussion of General Convention issues next week. Meanwhile let's hear from you.

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Heads Pennsylvania Laymen's Drive

Mr. George Wharton Pepper, prominent layman of the diocese of Pennsylvania, is heading the Laymen's Everyman Offering in that diocese.

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Fine Conference at Wellesley

Everything was grand at the Wellesley Conference this year, with the high spot a party at which they celebrated their 30th anniversary. There were a lot of pretty speeches, some of them by folks who have attended about all the conferences. Wellesley is, as you know, the oldest of our Church summer shows and is tops in the opinion of most people. The attendance this year fell off a bit, due, so I was informed, to the fact that people are saving their cash to attend the General Convention. But even so there were 350 there, which is a tidy number. The stand-out man on the faculty was Bishop Roots of China. He had promised to be there throughout the conference, and a large mass meeting had been planned for him for one evening. But it seems that a few weeks ago he received "guidance" (Buchmanism, in case you don't know) to go to Oxford to attend a Buchmanite house-party, instead of filling these engagements at Wellesley and elsewhere in Massachusetts. There was a bit of confusion over the whole business, and not a little tongue-wagging, but it was all eventually settled at least peacefully when the good Bishop agreed to be at Wellesley for one week of the conference, after which

he hopped off for the Oxford show.

Bishop Keeler of Minnesota was the genial director, the Rev. Jack Crocker of Princeton did a grand bit as chaplain, and as near as I could discover all the lecturers, many of whom were seminary professors, did satisfactory jobs. There were a couple of nice ball games, but since, in writing up the Wellesley Conference last year, I gave some folks the impression that the only reason we go there is to play ball, I was warned to soft-peddle it this year. Just the same the social side of the Wellesley Conference is one of the nicest parts of it.

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Erie Rector Has Anniversary

The Rev. Martin Aiger, rector of St. John's, Franklin, Pa., and dean of the convocation of Meadville, diocese of Erie, recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. There was no to-do about it at his own request.

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Large Enrollment at Bethlehem

The number enrolled this year for the summer conference of the diocese of Bethlehem, 120, was the largest in years.

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Ordination in Kansas

James Temple was ordained deacon at St. Simon's, Topeka, Kansas, on June 29th by Bishop Wise. Dean John W. Day preached. Mr. Temple is a student at the Seabury-Western Seminary and is the first Negro born and raised in the diocese of Kansas to enter the ministry.

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Anticipating Convention Action

The executive council of the diocese of Bethlehem apparently anticipated General Convention action at their meeting on June 29th. In any case, figuring that the next budget of the National Council will be reduced, they cut the quotas for the parishes in the diocese—"something to challenge them but with reasonable hopes of reaching the goal"—is the way it is stated in the communication sent us.

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Bishop Perry Visits Paris

Presiding Bishop Perry confirmed a class of eight at the pro-cathedral in Paris, France, on June 24. That evening he preached at St. Luke's Chapel located in the student quarter. On the 26th he presided over the convocation of the American churches in Europe, with representatives present from the churches in Dresden, Munich, Florence, Geneva and Paris.

A Warning from Henry Lewis

The Rev. Henry Lewis, who is the rector at Ann Arbor, Michigan, writes of a young man who goes by the name of Vaughn E. Cowan, who pretends to be a student at the University of Michigan. He works the clergy for cash in various ways and is a wholly unworthy person, according to Mr. Lewis, who says that his story in every detail is a fabrication. He is dark, about 26, and has a scar on the right cheek below the eye.

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Working with Children of Unemployed

About fifty young girls, children of families on relief, meet during the summer at St. John's, Savannah, Ga. They have lunch together and then are taught various things—how to sew, knit, etc. Their mothers too meet at St. John's once a week. A grand bit of work, I should say.

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The Boys Express Their Minds

At Grace Church, Newton, Mass., a sixth grade class of boys discussed issues of war and peace and tried to find out what their attitude should be as followers of Jesus. Their conclusions were expressed in the following sentences, later put on a poster for the edification of their parents:

Jesus is the Prince of Peace.
War is pain and death.
You kill your brothers in war.
War is murder.
War is against God and His will.
War can't be won—all lose.
Christ is love—war is hate.
War is waste of life and money.
War is hell.

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Increases in Chicago

Increases over the previous year in baptisms, confirmations and marriages in the diocese of Chicago are shown in the convention journal, just issued. There were 2,047 baptisms, 2,246 confirmations, and 703 marriages.

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Michigan Choir at World's Fair

One of the leading choirs of the country, that of St. Luke's, Kalamazoo, Michigan, gave a concert at the Chicago Fair on July 8th.

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Governor's Wife at Kingston

Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, wife of the governor of Pennsylvania, was the speaker at a mass meeting held at Kingston, N. Y. on Monday last, the meeting being held in the parish hall of Holy Trinity Church. The meeting was in behalf of labor organizations of the city, and was sponsored

by the Citizens' Social Justice Committee, a local affair of which the Rev. A. A. Packard, Jr., our rector, is the chairman. Nice work, I say.

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Two Priests Deposed

Arthur E. Marston and Cyril J. Taylor have been deposed by Bishop White of Springfield, "each having voluntarily declared in writing their renunciation of the said ministry."

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Out for Cleaner Motion Pictures

The social service department of the diocese of Washington passed resolutions on July 2nd favoring the campaign of the Roman Church for cleaner motion pictures, and worked out a program for active co-operation.

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Erie-Pittsburgh Conference a Success

The Erie-Pittsburgh Conference closed a successful five days on June 29th, with an enrollment that broke previous records.

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Maybe You Can Figure It Out

English is a tricky language. One of the most amiable of the clergy, not at all a misogynist, discussing the question of women on vestries, remarks in his parish paper: "There can be little doubt in the mind of any intelligent laymen that the women of our congregations are either incapable or inefficient to take these duties upon themselves." One feels that that is not just what he thought he was saying!

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Social Workers Issue Statement

"When the people of a nation are in economic distress, as is the case with our country at the present time, it is the duty of the Government to come to their rescue whatever the cost," is the heart of the message to the churches of the country, adopted by the Church conference of social work at its meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. "The supreme thinking and energies of the nation must now be directed towards accomplishing for the entire population security of life, and the enlargement of income, which is now clearly possible through planned production and scientific agriculture. This is largely a problem of equitable distribution but involves also shortening of the work day, social insurance against sickness, accident, old age and death, and unemployment insurance for such as are able to work but cannot be given work. The goal is to provide work for everybody, women who need it outside the home equally

with men, either in private industry or in the public service, at wages sufficient for abundant living, and at tasks for which they are fitted by inclination and training.

"This great undertaking," the statement continues, "is the work of decades, and should be gone at with patience and a cooperative spirit. It can be accomplished under our present system of private initiative if the people have the will to do it. But it will require an amount of voluntary association and of public direction and control of industry through government to which our people have not been accustomed, but to which they must adjust themselves. Otherwise we must prepare ourselves for more drastic methods, for the supreme concern must not be for any particular system, but for the welfare of the people."

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Never Seen a Church

Bishop Jenkins of Nevada recently confirmed three persons who had never to their knowledge seen a church. The Bishop is now looking for a couple of hundred dollars which is all that he needs to buy a stone building in their town which, he says, is entirely suitable for a mission.

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Rector Writes a Novel

The Rev. M. G. Nicola, rector at Mansfield, Ohio, has written a novel, called "Tinkling Cymbals." It is a story of an Episcopal clergyman, described by a reviewer of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* as a "wise book, full of humorous insight and charged with interest from beginning to end."

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Dr. Walkley Has Anniversary

The Rev. Charles T. Walkley, rector of Grace Church, Orange, N. J., celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination on July 8th. He has been the rector of Grace Church for 29 years.

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Ordinations in Albany

Bishop Oldham ordained the Rev. A. A. Frier of the Cathedral staff and the Rev. E. M. Hoyt of Colton, N. Y., to the priesthood on June 24th.

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Philadelphia Rector Accepts a Call

The Rev. John H. Mockridge, who serves with the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton as a co-rector of St. James, Philadelphia, has become the rector also of St. Mary's, West Philadelphia. The acceptance does not involve any severance with St. James but merely gives the man more work

to do. Yet there is no idea of a merger. The official announcement states that "it is a group plan under which St. Mary's clergy and St. James' clergy will work together for the mutual advantage of both congregations without affecting the corporate independence of either." They also inform folks that while it is unusual for an Episcopal clergyman to be rector of two parishes nevertheless it has been done before, and they pick out Pennsylvania's hero, Bishop White, as an instance. It seems that the good bishop was at one and the same time the rector of three parishes, the bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania and the Presiding Bishop of the Church.

St. Mary's is located in the neighborhood of the University of Pennsylvania. There are two parsons there now, both young fellows on the staff of St. James; the Rev. Ralph Coonrad, who is, as I understand it, doing the parish work, and the Rev. William Stimson who has oversight of the student work.

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Young People Declare Against War

The young people of Grace Church, East Rutherford, N. J., had things to say the other day on the subject of war and the system which makes for war, all of which they put into a snappy resolution. The best part of their denunciation to my way of thinking was the way they went to the root of the matter by declaring that "false nationalism, imperialism and war have common roots in our present economic order within which the chief means of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are privately owned by a small minority of the nation." They urge Young People's Fellowships throughout the Church to face up to the issue of war and its causes and to declare themselves on the matter.

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Ordinations in North Carolina

The following men have recently been ordained in the diocese of North Carolina by Bishop Penick: Odell G. Harris, Warrenton, priest; James E. Bethea, ordained deacon; David W. Yates ordained deacon; Frank E. Pulley ordained priest.

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Convocation in District of Cuba

Notwithstanding the fact that Havana was *revuelto* (free translation, "upset") the twenty-eighth annual convocation of the missionary district of Cuba took place, June 15-18. A report from one of the clergy says, "Nothing happened which was abnormal enough to be news. There seemed to be a deeper undercurrent of assurance and

calmness on the part of the clergy. We have weathered a couple of hard and dangerous years and feel confident of being able to face cheerfully whatever remains in store. The Church has progressed in every way except self-support. If we could only report progress there, it would be an excellent record when you consider the conditions."

The Rev. Romauldo Gonzalez Agueros, who had just graduated from the Philadelphia Divinity School, was advanced to the priesthood, Archdeacon Townsend of Camaguey presenting him and preaching the sermon.

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Patriotic Service in Philadelphia

A Union Patriotic Service was held on the Fourth of July at historic Christ Church, Philadelphia, with Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, bishop of the Methodist Church, delivering the address. Mayor Moore and members of his cabinet attended the service, and there was an Admiral on hand also with a flock of sailors and marines. As the bigwigs marched into the church the historic peal of bells in the tower of the church which rang on Independence Day, 1776, when the old Liberty Bell in Independence Hall was proclaiming the signing of the Declaration of Independence, was again played by a corps of bell ringers. The vestry of Old Christ Church also extended an invitation to the sailors to visit the burial ground where the bodies of a couple of commodores are interred. How many of the boys showed up I am not informed—it is a bit difficult for me to picture sailor boys visiting grave yards on the Fourth of July, but that may be merely because I would seek other amusements myself.

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Realism in Nevada

Bishop Jenkins prints in his snappy *Desert Churchman* the following sentence from a letter received from a miner: "I am working at the coffin mine on the edge of Death Valley, am on the graveyard shift and the ghost walks on the 10th."

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Federal Council Issues Statement

In view of the existing tension between labor and management in industry, the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America at its last meeting issued a statement on "The Present State of Industrial Relations." The statement urges that the principle of collective bargaining be fully recognized as essential to justice and fair dealing.

The statement of the Council deplores the tendency among employers to hinder industrial workers in the exercise of free choice with reference to their representatives in collective bargaining and the widespread refusal of employers to deal with the representatives of organized labor. The demand of labor to be represented by persons in its own employ rather than in the pay of employers is declared to be just as reasonable as the insistence of employers upon securing the ablest possible persons to represent their own interests.

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Conference of Eastern Orthodox

The Church unity committee of the Companions of the Holy Cross are holding a conference this week

at Adelynrood, South Byfield, Mass., on Church unity. The secretary of the Greek Archbishop of North America, the Rev. Arthur Johnson, a Russian priest and Professor Kenneth Conant of Harvard, a member of the Greek Church, are the speakers. Miss Alice V. V. Brown of Wellesley College is the chairman.

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Catholic Congress School of Sociology

A school of sociology under the auspices of the Catholic Congress is to be held at Adelynrood, South Byfield, Mass., September 10-14. The chairman is to be Bishop Brewster of Maine; Father Joseph of the Order of St. Francis is to be the chaplain and there will be lectures by the Rev. W. G. Peck of England, the Rev. Julian Hamlin of Boston

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Holy Communion Choral, 8:30 a. m.

Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.

Evening Service, 8:00 p. m.

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8 A. M.—Holy Communion.

11 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

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Confessions: Saturdays, 3-5 and 7-9

p. m.

and the Rev. Joseph Fletcher of Raleigh, N. C. There will also be discussion groups on various topics led by the Rev. A. D. Kelley of Madison, Wisconsin, the Rev. Robert Smith, field secretary of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, and others.

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Ordination in East Carolina

John William Hardy was ordained deacon by Bishop Darst recently at Seven Springs, N. C. He is to assist the Rev. C. E. Williams at St. David's, Creswell.

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Bishop Paul Jones Is Honored

Bishop Paul Jones, now the college pastor at Antioch College, was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Wilberforce University at their commencement. Wilberforce is a Negro institution.

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School at New York Cathedral

A progressive vacation school is being held this summer at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, from July 9th to August 10th, under the direction of Miss Louise E. Rich, secretary of the diocesan board of religious education.

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Young People Meet in Georgia

The annual convention of the Young People's Service League of the diocese of Georgia was held at Camp Reese, St. Simon's Island, June 23 and 24. They decided to raise cash to help construct a chapel on the conference grounds. Their budget also included a gift to Bishop Reese for his missionary work. There were 80 young people present to listen to lectures by a number of trained leaders.

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Concord Young People Address Bishops

The young people attending the provincial conference held at Concord, N. H., a couple of hundred strong, passed the following resolu-

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In particular we endorse your courageous insistence upon the necessity for absolute freedom of conscience. We believe that "the Cross is above the flag" and "that in any issue between country and God the clear duty of the Christian is to put obedience to God above every other loyalty."

We believe that every Christian must reach a conviction now; to wait for the outbreak of war means to become a victim of propaganda.

You have appealed to youth of America. We respond to that appeal and pledge ourselves to a program of educational action during the coming year. Meanwhile as an

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Seek Funds for City Children

Last week a photographer found a little girl at God's Providence House in Broome Street, New York, hunched up close to a window, staring out upon a crowded street. She had been at work upon a sampler, carefully embroidering in cross-stitch the ironic sentiment, "How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood." She is one of several hundred children whose only refuge from city streets throughout the summer is this neighborhood house maintained by the New York Mission Society.

Her picture has been included in a small fac-simile "Memory Book" issued as an appeal for Fresh Air funds by the Society this week, and carries with it the query, "Shall these scenes be only city streets and barren homes? Or may their childhood memories include the sparkle and coolness of Long Island Sound's blue waters, the murmur of stately trees and babbling mountain streams at West Park, the fragrance of grass on the shady lawn at Rethmore Home?"

This appeal asks for contributions to provide country care at the Society's three Fresh Air centers: Wiltwyck at West Park, Schermerhorn house at Milford, Connecticut; and Rethmore Home at Tenafly, New Jersey.

"Time was," states the superintendent of the Society, the Rev. Dr. L. Ernest Sunderland, "that our Fresh Air program was designed primarily to give families a change of scene and the constructive health-experience of a vacation. But in these difficult times, our country program has become merely a continuation of our relief work for starving families. It is these families, now living on the barest existence income, many of them in pitiful condition, for whom country care must mean, first of all, a concentrated feeding program, rest and convalescence.

"Two weeks is not a sufficient period in many cases, and longer periods have to be provided, if there is to be any strength built up, with which to meet the hard months ahead."

According to Dr. Sunderland, the Society must raise \$36,000 for its Fresh Air Fund this season, if it is to provide country care for the more than 2,000 physically weakened boys and girls and mothers, for whom applications have been made

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Unemployed Men Complete Church

There are those who say that many of the unemployed are loafers who wouldn't work if they could. Yet in Pittsburgh forty unemployed men, without pay, went to work building a plant for Emmanuel Church—auditorium, parish house, garage and kitchen. They were given a banquet a few days ago, attended among others by Bishop Mann who congratulated them upon their fine spirit.

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Called to Parish at McKeesport

The Rev. Thomas H. Carson, who has done unusually fine work at Donora, Pa., since graduating from the Berkeley Divinity School three years ago, has been called as rector of St. Stephen's, McKeesport, Pa., the third largest parish in the diocese. Mr. Carson is one of five men to enter the ministry from St. Stephen's, Wilkesburg, during recent years.

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Asilomar Conference Called Off

The Asilomar Conference which was scheduled to be held in California in June was called off because of the epidemic of infantile paralysis in that state.

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Special Preachers at New York Cathedral

The Rev. Samuel S. Drury, headmaster of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., famous now as the father of the stroke and captain of the Harvard crew, was the preacher last Sunday at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, and is to be there again next Sunday. On July 22 and 29 the preacher is to be Bishop Abbott of Lexington, with Canon Bernard Iddings Bell on August 5th and 12th. The music during the summer is to be rendered by a large choir of men.

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Contributions Decrease Less Than National Income

In commenting on the financial situation of the various mission boards and basing his comments on the reports of the more than one hundred various missionary organizations composing the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Rev. Leslie B. Moss, Secretary of the Conference states: "One is con-

scious of some degree of distress caused by a rapid decrease in income experienced by some of the boards during the last four years. The so-called depression, however, has but served to augment a decline in income which was already under way several years before 1929. It is true that a few of the boards have found it necessary to make marked reductions in the number of missionaries supported. In one board this runs as high as fifty per cent over a period of seven or eight years. Other boards, however, have not discharged any missionaries from their staff. In most cases they have not appointed year by year the new missionaries which are sent out in normal years. Terms of missionary service have been lengthened, in many cases one year, in some cases two years, and perhaps in occasional cases as much as three years. Furloughs have been extended beyond the usual time in order to make further savings in travel expenses.

"In terms of total income from living donors the receipts of the North American protestant foreign missionary societies dropped about thirty per cent in the period from 1928 to 1932. Expenditures on the other hand dropped during the same period scarcely more than twenty per cent. Studies made in 1931 and late in 1932 would indicate that both the total income for foreign missions and the number of missionaries on the field are probably now not much below the 1919 level.

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Bishop Freeman to Address Mass Meeting

Bishop Freeman of Washington is to address a mass meeting of the men of the Church during the convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, to be held at Atlantic City from October 5th through the 9th.

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Conference for Deaf Church Workers

The deaf clergy of the Episcopal Church and some of the lay workers are organized in a Conference of Church Workers among the Deaf which is to hold its eighteenth triennial meeting July 19-21, at St. Ann's Church, New York City, by invitation of the vicar, the Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock and his parishioners. Time and place were chosen to permit attendance at the seventeenth triennial Convention of the National Association of the Deaf, July 23-28, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York.

Church work among the Deaf was started in New York City in 1852 by the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D.D. In 1859 he established missions in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington and from these centers it

soon extended into nearly every diocese in America. At the present time there are several thousand communicants, hundreds of mission stations, seventeen priests, one retired, and a large number of lay-helpers. There are two churches provided exclusively for the deaf; one in New York and one in Philadelphia.

The Church, through its Mission to the Deaf, endeavors to provide all the silent people with opportunities for religious worship and instruction; intellectual and social enjoyment and pastoral care. In the cities and towns congregations are formed, and in the isolated country places individuals are visited and cheered and the poor, sick and distressed are comforted and relieved. It is and will always remain a Mission to individuals.

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