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# A CALL TO SERVICE

An Editorial by BISHOP JOHNSON

As a member of the committee on Religion and Welfare Recovery I have been asked to give publicity to certain features of the situation. In a survey of the past century statisticians report that in 1830 only 20% of the world's population was Christian, whereas today it numbers about 37%. In our own Church in the United States in 1830 there was one communicant to 416 of the population. In 1930 it was one to 98.

The weakness today lies in the fact that "only 30% of the seats in the average Protestant Church are being regularly used." It is the quality of our discipleship rather than the quantity of professed Christians that is the weak spot today. Probably the advent of the automobile and the lure of the movies has been a great factor in diminishing church attendance in these days. The committee reports however that the Roman Communion is not affected by these diversions, due probably to the fact that in the Roman Church the obligation to attend mass is a more potent urge to church attendance than the injunction to hear sermons.

The statement of Secretary Wallace, who is a member of the Episcopal Church, is far reaching; "Enduring social transformation is impossible of regulation without changed human hearts." The President, also a Churchman, states that "prosperity is built on spiritual and social values." In other words there can be no recovery that is not founded upon individual character. As the Holy Father states in his encyclical: "Social reconstruction, so much desired, must be preceded by a profound renewal of the Christian spirit. Unless such a renewal takes place all our efforts will be futile."

To express it emphatically, we cannot make a sound ship of state out of poor timber. As Dr. Steinmetz, the great electrical scientist, said, "Some day people will learn that material things do not bring happiness. Then the scientists will turn their laboratories over to the study of God and to prayer and to the spiritual forces. When this day comes the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has seen in the past four."

After all it is up to the individual member of the Church to make his religious practice not a matter of caprice but of obligation. He must see the absurdity of merely patronizing religion and the necessity of living a life which has its emphasis on the things that are spiritual.

THE committee, composed of 43 bishops, 39 pastors, 22 educators and many prominent laymen, have urged that Sunday, September 20th, be set aside as "Loyalty Sunday," on which Christian laymen will reconsecrate themselves to the witness of their faith in definite acts of worship, sacrifice and service. In these times it is the tendency to blame everyone but oneself for conditions, whereas we are not to judge others but we are to concentrate our critical faculties on our own performances. Often when I hear the laity criticize the clergy for the failure of local work I am constrained to think, "How can you blame others when you are doing so little yourself in carrying out your baptismal vows?"

The call today is to the individual. When he heeds that call then we will have those who will leaven the whole lump. Today we are suffering from the lack of yeast in our constituency, by which I mean that society is composed of too many people who are expecting the other man to do the work. In Russia and Germany they have rejected sympathy, love and forgiveness as virtues and exalted brute force as the only way to achieve their national aims. In order to do this they sacrifice personal liberty to the regimentation of self-constituted demagogues who impose on others the domination to which they themselves once objected.

The American people must choose between love and hate, forgiveness and revenge, liberty and tyranny and they will not accomplish this by voting but by living the only life in which freedom here and joy hereafter can be achieved.

THE immediate test that confronts us as a Church is that of meeting the urgent emergency which we face this fall. Shall the million members of the Church

permit insolvency of the General Church because they are indifferent to its needs? It is one thing if we are unable to reach the goal because we have not the money; it is quite another thing if we fail because we are indifferent.

If a roster of the Episcopal Church was published it would include a large proportion of the most prosperous people in the country. We shine in "Who's Who" but we are rather negligent in What's What. One wonders if our social-register proportion is really an asset or a liability. All of these people want to belong to an institution which will marry them properly and bury them decently. They do not want to be classed as pagans and they have a kindly attitude toward their spiritual mother, the Church. Surely she has a claim on their generosity.

When I learn that people who live from month to month on a precarious salary are giving of their scanty living I am forcibly reminded of the widow who gave more than they all because she loved much, regardless of the fact that Annas and Caiaphas probably spent her

mites foolishly.

#### Convention Issues

Reported by WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

THE Rev. Charles Harris, Jr., of Central City, Nebraska, maintains that the work of the National Council will not be adequately supported as long as so much money is spent at the Church Missions House. "One of the most violent forms of opposition prevalent among the clergy," he writes, "is the-well-mild form of graft at the Church Missions House. This criticism is, I think, about due to break out in virulent form, even to the extent of refusing to support any part of the Church Program until we make the effort to spend more of the money in other places besides New York. The field department alone drags out \$15,-500 for rent and children allowances, to say nothing of \$32,600 in salaries. We are paying \$32,300 in rent for the staff at the Church Missions House. Why? They are all getting enough to pay their own rent. Here are the figures, printed on page 179 of the 'General Church Program, 1932, 1933, 1934', which shows what we are kicking about:

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"I do not include the \$42,000 necessary to run the Presiding Bishop's office. The question of why children are worth \$400 each in New York and nothing whatever in other places goes unanswered. Some, in fact most all, of these salaries remind me of the story

of the late Commander Bob Evans when he went to a snooty Episcopal Church. He was handed a note by the man who owned the pew, 'Do you realize that I am paying \$100 a year for this pew?' Turning it over he wrote on the other side, 'If you are paying that you are paying too damned much.' There are many besides myself who, if Bishop Rowe's work and the work of others is cut off and we continue to maintain a Rolls Royce bunch in New York, will positively refuse to support anything except the local needs. The General Convention has a great opportunity to show the world that it is something besides an aristocratic bunch of snarling cats, haggling over things of small consequence while the great questions go begging. In the words of another, 'if this be treason make the most of it.'"

THE Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker of Chicago thinks 1 that something must be done with the Prayer Book to make it understandable to the average man in the pew. He therefore urges the Convention to give serious consideration to the proposal which will be introduced by the delegates from Chicago providing for the transfer of the lectionary, calendar and tables in the Prayer Book from the front of the book to the back, and to substitute in their place the Personal and Occasional Prayers now printed before the Articles. "New comers to our church," he writes, "find the Prayer Book as at present arranged an almost insoluble puzzle. They are met at the outset by a bewildering maze of figures and directions in tiny type, almost unintelligible even if printed in large type. As an introduction to Common Prayer it is repellant and dismaying. On the other hand the exquisite beauty of the Personal and Occasional Prayers is unknown even to a large proportion of our own members. This proposed change involves no revision of the Prayer Book. It can be done merely by binding the pages differently. Changing the order would make it possible to find one's way through the Prayer Book easily and naturally and would do more than any one thing to increase church attendance."

The Rev. William Morrow Washington of Detroit believes that we should as a Church express repentance for the last war, and he thinks it might well center around Bishop Paul Jones. He writes:

"In the 17 years since we got into the war a good many of us who supported the government at that time have come to feel contrition and penitence for our part as played at that time and to envy Bishop Paul Jones for the vision which led him to put conviction of his duty to God above a supposed duty to the state. Now that the House of Bishops has declared its official conviction that conscience can not legitimately be forced by the state to the state's own ends, I feel that an act of penitence is appropriate and due from clergy and lay people who supported the war as a necessary evil to save democracy and to put an end to all war. I hereby sign such an act of penitence and invite others to send you their names to the same effect. I should like to see such an act of penitence with our names attached to be presented to the House of Bishops with a

respectful request that Bishop Paul Jones be restored to a missionary jurisdiction so soon as one shall be vacant."

RS. REGINALD JOHNSON, Bar Harbor, Maine, believes we should create the office of Archbishop, and says it is only anti-English to object. She also hopes that the Convention will take a definite stand against war and for social enlightenment and "not put miserable finances first. Money comes if we have the other good things." Furthermore she shares the opinion, expressed by many, that those clergy who have no parishes might do well to go into the highways and seek their congregations. Thus Mr. E. A. Lycett of Baltimore writes: "I feel that the unemployed clergy should make their own living and not wait for a place to be provided for them. Let them preach the gospel in the streets or start a mission in the homes in some neglected community. It is difficult to get people inside our churches today but there is, I believe, a glorious opportunity outside in the highways and byways. Our Lord did most of his preaching and teaching outside the synagogue. I do not recall the Apostles providing churches for those called."

Dr. Persifor M. Cooke of Denver likewise feels that we should not have too much sympathy for the unemployed clergy. No other profession, he points out, provides a job and a living as soon as a man graduates and passes his examinations. Doctors, lawyers, engineers, after they pass their examinations, have to make their own way, building up their own practices. The clergy, he thinks, might well do the same thing—"the less fit to meet the conditions of life would be eliminated and would turn to other methods of livelihood."

The Rev. George L. Richardson, you possibly may recall, stated a number of weeks ago that one of the matters that should be dealt with by General Convention was the Convention itself. He pointed out the tremendous cost of General Conventions and expressed the opinion that we might cut down the number of delegates from each diocese, and possibly have the Convention less frequently. A letter now comes from Mr. John W. Lethaby of Portland, Oregon, executive secretary of the 1922 Convention at Portland, sheds a good deal of light on the question of costs. He writes: "As executive secretary for the 1922 Convention at Portland I was asked by Bishop Hall of Vermont just what it cost to run a convention. When the total of over one million dollars was given he was surprised. Here are the figures, based on an attendance of 2,000, checked by an expert on conventions from the chamber of commerce, and well on the conservative side. It includes the bishops, clerical and lay delegates, various Woman's Auxiliary delegates and other groups, but not the army of visitors and camp-followers. The office staff from the Church Missions House is included:

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The bishop and his committees in addition arranged excursions, a corps of guest cars, social events—indeed many gestures of welcome were tendered, of course free of cost to the visitors."

All of which certainly seems to indicate that Dr. Richardson's proposal that something be done to make General Conventions less expensive might well be considered at Atlantic City.

These discussions of Convention Issues we will carry on right up to the opening at Atlantic City, providing you readers send in the material. It is an open forum, with no ham-stringing of opinions. We only reserve the right to condense if necessary when space is lacking for all the communications. So let us have your opinion on the various matters to come before Convention.

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#### Casual Comment

BERNARD IDDINGS BELL

A PPARENTLY there is to be some agitation at the General Convention to make what is known as "intinction" a legal method of administering the Blessed Sacrament in the Episcopal Church. At present it is not allowed by Church law, but several of the bishops have licensed it by way of trial. Most of our people have never seen it done. For their benefit, be it said that the communicant takes the consecrated host in his fingers, waits until the chalice is brought to him, dips the host in the wine, and puts it, a bit soggy, into his mouth. I have administered that way where it is directed by the incumbent. Frankly, it seems about the worst way of administering possible to be arrived at.

In the first place, taking least important things first, "intinction" is not the custom of any part of Christendom except a very small part of the Episcopal Church. I do not like much these new and peculiar customs which divide us from every other kind of Christians. It seems a bit too "arty," this intinction.

In the second place, it is—to be quite frank—frequently a sloppy and irreverent procedure, hardly suitable for a holy act of worship. In the third place, it impresses me as awkward and just a little bit ridiculous. People do not eat anything else that way. It destroys all sense of partaking in a divine sublimation of a dignified common meal. I do not believe I could receive by intinction without feeling self-conscious and a trifle absurd. This attitude of mine is shared by a good many lay people, as well as by almost all clergymen.

At the same time there are people so obsessed by dread of bacilli that they can hardly drink from the chalice. It seems too bad that they are so superstitious, but they are children of their age, and they share

its phobias. More important, it is difficult in our present practice for a priest to administer the chalice reverently, and it takes a great deal of time. I estimated last week that at the Cathedral in New York it added ten minutes to the mid-day service. To pass the chalice is obviously inconvenient.

Why not do the sensible thing and allow communion in one kind, when desired? A rubric could be inserted thus: "It is to be understood that to receive the consecrated bread only is to receive fully the benefits of the communion; but opportunity shall be given to those who may desire to receive also the consecrated wine." Then those who wished could leave the altar as soon as they had received the host. The rest could stay. By such legislation everyone would be satisfied.

The Roman Church has communion in one kind. Therefore we must not have it, some people say. Why not? It is a good idea, and was adapted by Rome purely for convenience. There is no doctrine involved. We might better do it too, rather than make up an odd stunt of our own like intinction. We shall come to communion in one kind eventually. Why not now?

# THE NEED FOR HYMNAL REVISION

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 $T_{\rm a}^{\rm O}$  THE early Christians praising God in song was most important element of worship. The custom, adopted doubtless from the Jewish ritual, was at first probably confined to the singing of Hebrew psalms, and to Old Testament canticles, such as the Song of Moses, the Thanksgiving of Hannah, the Vision of Habakkuk, the Song of the Three Children, etc. When the singing of contemporary hymns was begun we do not know, but it was evidently during the lifetime of St. Paul, for he exhorted the Ephesian and Colossian converts to express their joy, not only through the use of these psalms and hymns, but also of "spiritual songs" (Eph. V, 19; Col. III, 16). Professor Dickinson, in his "Music in the History of the Western Church" says these spiritual songs were composed by the Christians themselves and were the beginnings of Christian hymnody. "The lyric inspiration, which has never failed from that day to this, began to move the instant the proselyting work of the Church began."

Singing by the early Christians, under the influence of Divine grace in their hearts, was intended to be an act of joyous exhilaration, performed by everyone, in concert, for, whereas, St. Paul is most explicit in his admonitions regarding speaking, whether it be speech in an unknown tongue, interpretation, or prophecy, it was to be indulged in by but "two, or at the most by three, and that by course," i.e. separately, one after another, he imposed no such restrictions on their man-

ner of praising God.

As the Church grew lyric inspiration increased. Not only were the number of hymns multiplied but interest in their rendition became a vital force. In the fourth century hymn-singing proved a powerful means of increasing the following of the Arians of Edessa, until Ephraem, himself a writer of hymns, with the aid of a choir which he trained, won the day for orthodoxy. Similarly, at Constantinople, we find St. Chrysostom organizing nightly processional hymn-singing, thereby discomfiting the Arians in that city. And so, if we follow the history of the Church, we shall find instance upon instance showing the tremendous power of this,

which should be one of our most cherished heritages, but which has ceased to be the telling force in the life of the Church it formerly was. For there is no denying the fact that, with rare exceptions, congregations do not sing. Why is there so little joyous singing in the average congregation today? Why does it no longer engage in whole-hearted, enthusiastic participation in this form of public worship?

MOST problems are complex rather than simple, and that which we are considering is no exception to the rule. There is usually one outstanding cause flanked by several minor causes which, though their bearing on the problem is, by comparison, less important, is not by any means insignificant. Let us consider these minor causes first. Being an organist, I may be permitted to be frank regarding one common cause of poor congregational singing, viz: the uninteresting, unrhythmic, erratic, and otherwise unsuitable accompaniment given the hymns by many organists who should know better. We hear tunes played in a perfunctory manner, as though the organist regarded them merely as something to be gotten through with, something which consumed just that much time in the day's work. Others go to the opposite extreme, characterizing each change of sentiment in the text by violent alteration of the tonal quality and quantity of the organ. Nothing is more discouraging to a congregation trying to sing a hymn, than for the organist to change suddenly from loud to very soft, leaving the congregation suspended in mid-air, as it were, without the support of the organ. A non-inconsiderable part of the blame for indifferent congregational singing may be laid at the door of the organists.

Another contributary cause is indifference on the part of the congregation; a disposition to let the choir do the singing, especially if the choir be a good one. This is particularly true of large city parishes, and would seem to be indicative of the attitude of city people regarding a number of things, sports, for example. They engage in amateur sports to a limited extent, but the real thrill comes through paying to be allowed to sit in the grand stand and watch professionals play the game.

THERE are other causes of a minor nature, but the Chief determent to good congregational singing is the hymnal itself. For some time prior to the appearance of the hymnal now in use singing in church has been declining. During the preparation of the book we were told it would prove itself a powerfully corrective agent in this respect, but the results thus far attained fail to justify the promises made for it. To many Christians, it has been a disappointment; clergy, church musicians, and laity alike. But why? What are some of the criticisms of the hymnal as viewed from the standpoints of these three classes of church membership? Those of the clergy would best be expressed by the clergy themselves; suffice it to state that many of them recoil from the use of some of our hymns because of the theology contained therein, a theology outworn, and not at all in line with the generally accepted belief regarding some of the Church's doctrines.

It is the belief of some choir-masters that the hymnal contains too many "choir tunes" for it ever to become a great incentive to congregational singing. If by this is meant tunes suitable only for well-trained choirs, tunes with a range too great for the average uncultivated singing voice, there is ground for complaint against many of them. Such voices find it difficult to sing any note above D. It then becomes necessary to resort to an expedient if the people are to be given an opportunity to sing. One such expedient lies in the organists' ability to lower the pitch of the tune a full tone, or more, if necessary. The bass part may then be too low for effective rendition by the bass singers in the choir, but if they will sing the melody of the tune in unison with the tenors, and if the altos will sing in unison with the sopranos, a strong melody-singing group is formed, a nucleus around which congregational singing may be built. Unfortunately, not all organists are able to transpose music at sight. As a member of the committee on examinations for the American Guild of Organists, the writer finds this an outstanding weakness among candidates taking academic examinations in organ playing. Accuracy in this respect is scarcely ever encountered, and some are incapable of transposing well, even with practice. For the benefit of these, the tunes should be printed in keys low enough to insure congregational participation.

The reprehensible practice indulged in by some organists, usually those who play for boy choirs, of raising the pitch to a key above that given in the hymnal, that greater brilliancy may be obtained from the trebles in the choir, should never be tolerated. Ample opportunity is afforded in anthem settings of the canticles, and in the anthem itself, for the boys' upper tones to be heard, and an organist who deliberately sets out to raise the pitch of a tune, shows by his action that he wishes to discourage congregational singing. Given a convenient pitch and a reasonable amount of encouragement in the organ and choir accompaniment, so-called choir tunes can be learned by the laity, if sung frequently.

NOW, a word as to size. The hymnal contains five hundred and sixty-one hymns. Many of these, including the three for Holy Matrimony and the six hymns for the Burial Service, are essentially "seasonable," and therefore, out of place at various times during the year; but, aside from this, it is still a difficult matter to sing all of the other "general hymns," as they were formerly called, frequently enough for congregations to become familiar with them. If the hymnal were smaller it would be of greater practical value. It would be a comparatively easy matter to make it so, for, in almost every subject division of the book are hymns that might well be dispensed with.

Finally, we approach the subject from the layman's standpoint. Why does he not lift his voice to God in praise? Is it because the surroundings do not tend to enhance his love of the beautiful? No. At no time has more thought been bestowed on the matter of making churches beautiful than the present. Is it because the preacher is dull? No. Sermons have little to do with the manner in which hymns are sung, although the reverse is true; the hymn preceding the sermon may be either an inspiration or a "wet blanket" to the preacher. What then? It is the hymnal which prohibits him. The hymnal, with its archaic theology, its unsuitable music, some of it so bad as to make a musician blush at playing it, not to mention the fact that he is obliged to invite others to join him in the offence, is the chief reason for our non-singing laity.

Most people like to sing. Why do we not encourage them to do so? Nay, rather, why do we actually place a stumbling-block in their path to prevent them from singing? Religion must appeal musically as well as intellectually. Realizing how closely linked Christianity and hymn singing have been in the past, each new development of thought being strikingly reflected in the hymnody of the time, is it any wonder that the man in the pew looks for a corresponding growth, musically speaking, today? And is it any wonder that he is disappointed at not finding it? He hears the teachings of Jesus expounded from the pulpit in language he understands. Contemporary authors interpret them in a similar way in the books he reads. Has he not the right to expect the hymns he is asked to sing to keep pace with sermon and religious literature? Alas! too often, prohibited from enjoying practically the only opportunity left him of public praise, he lapses into a condition of inattention even to the vicarious offering of the choir.

We need a modern St. Paul, whose wise selection shall preserve to our use only the best of the old hymnody, but whose courage shall give impetus to a new. We need another St. Ambrose with melodic charm to "fascinate the people;" and we need also Ephraems and Chrysostoms, who through constructive thought and action shall speedily restore to the Church that, which from the beginning, has been a distinctive feature of her public worship,—the united offering of praise,—"psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs." Then shall we be able to sing in very truth,

"Yea, the Church delights to raise Psalms, and hymns, and songs of praise."

# PRESENTING A FEW BOOKS THAT ARE WORTH YOUR TIME

By GARDINER M. DAY

This week we are going to mention briefly quite a number of recent volumes. Morehouse has published a book entitled *Early Episcopal Church Schools*, by Dr. Clifton H. Brewer. Very little work has been done in this field of Episcopal Church school history, and most of what has been done in this country has been done by Dr. Brewer. Those interested in this subject will find this book extremely interesting. In addition, it has a number of quaint illustrations taken from old textbooks.

Life's Beginnings (Harper Brothers) is a little guide for daily meditation. It has thoughts for every day in the year,—first, a text, and then quotations. It is compiled by two persons with the initials F. J. N. and C. D. M. I have looked through it and found some very beautiful quotations.

Francis Underhill in a little book, *The Art of Intercession* (Morehouse, 50c), discusses very briefly and simply some of the most usual questions that arise in the layman's mind in thinking about this delicate art.

Epochs in the Life of Simon Peter, by Professor A. T. Robertson of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a study of over 300 pages of all the incidents pertaining to St. Peter mentioned in the gospels. Each episode was taken up and discussed fully. Anyone wishing to study what is known of St. Peter would find this book a helpful guide.

Kenneth D. Mackenzie has written a brief and interesting exposition of the precepts of the Church under the title The Catholic Rule of Life (Morehouse, \$1.25). The precepts of the Church do not deal with detailed arrangements of ecclesiastical discipline but with its broader principles. In the Roman church, the precepts for the most part have been definite and inflexible, but in our Church they have changed with the centuries if not with the generations. Mr. Mackenzie gives an historical treatment of such topics as holy days, the frequency of communion, confession, fasting, and abstinence. Those concerned about these topics will find the book interesting.

The most obvious comment to make concerning *The Life of Our Lord*, by Charles Dickens, which Simon Schuster recently published, is that, had the writer not been Charles Dickens, it is almost certain the book would never have been published. Even Dickens himself, according to his sister, at the end of several weeks' consideration, told her that "he had decided never to publish it or even to



ROBERT P. KREITLER
To Conduct a Witness Column

have it privately printed." The life of Christ is very simply retold by Dickens for the child mind and is marked by real beauty. The story is entirely uncritical, however; it is almost a rewording of the gospels with a bit of sweet sentimentality thrown in. It adds nothing to our knowledge of Jesus of Nazareth, and on the other hand, it whitewashes Pontius Pilate and the Gentiles, and places the entire stigma for the death of Christ upon the Jew, which was customary until the results of most recent biblical scholarship became known.

#### APPEALS FOR FUNDS FOR FRESH AIR WORK

The New York City Mission Society has sent out a final appeal to friends and former contributors in order that their work in country centers may be continued. Money contributed earlier in the year was entirely exhausted in providing country care for 1,700 children and mothers, and yet there are 700 others who have been waiting all summer in acute need of outdoor care. To send them away for a two weeks' period would cost about \$15 each, or a total of \$10,500. "Most of these children and mothers," stated the Rev. L. E. Sunderland, head of the organization, "are suffering from acute mal-nourishment or other pernicious effects of poverty." The treasurer of the society, in case you have spare cash that you would like to donate, is Mr. Eugene W. Stetson, 38 Bleecker Street, New York City.

# NEW FEATURES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR THE WITNESS

By W. B. SPOFFORD

It has always been our aim to bring out a paper that lay people will read and like; full of instruction and inspirational material, free of wrangling and controversy. We believe laymen want that kind of a paper and that rectors want their people to read such a paper, since it makes for better Churchmen and better parishioners. Bishop Johnson writes with laymen in mind; so does Bishop Wilson in his "Let's Know" column, and the news we try to present briefly so that the busy man or woman can have an idea of what is going on in the Church throughout the world without being obliged to wade through too much material.

We are now to add two features. We had a note the other day from a subscriber. It pointed out two facts; one, that there has been a great increase during the past year in confirmations; two, that there is less pastoral oversight today since parishes and missions are economizing. "Instruction should go on after confirmation," writes this friend, "and yet many of these newly confirmed are going to get mighty little of it. Why shouldn't THE WIT-NESS have a column or two for just such people? As a matter of fact all of us need instruction on the life, the usages and the practices of the Church, no matter how long ago we were confirmed. I believe such material would be popular not only with us lay folks but would be welcomed by bishops and rectors as the sort of instruction they would like to place in the hands of their people. Since THE WITNESS costs so little there is no reason why everyone shouldn't have it."

So we went out and lined up two men to conduct just such columns. They are the Rev. James P. De Wolfe of Kansas City and the Rev. Robert P. Kreitler of Scranton. Both are well known throughout the Church so I will say no more about them or their columns. They will speak for themselves, and to your satisfaction I know.

These new features will be launched in a week or two. Meanwhile send in your Bundle Order and subscriptions so that you may have the paper at the start of these new features.

#### Memorial for Bishop Whipple at Faribault

A memorial which includes a stone altar, choir room, chapel and stone tomb for the body of Bishop Whipple has been completed at Faribault, Minnesota, made possible by bequests

from the bishop's widow and his niece, Miss Salisbury. It was built under the direction of a committee of which Bishop Keeler is chairman. \* \* \*

#### Rector Resigns to Live in England

The Rev. Frederick H. Chambers has resigned as rector at Pittsford, N. Y. and is leaving the country to make his home permanently in England.

#### Good Advice from Bishop Parsons

Writing of the recent strike in San Francisco in his diocesan paper, Bishop Parsons of California gives the following advice to Church people—and very good advice it seems to me. He writes:

"We Christian people have a real duty to perform in these trying times. We can not, we must not, be passengers carried along without making any contribution to the movement of social forces. There are at least four things we ought to do. The first is to try to be intelligent about the social movements of the day. We can not, most of us, know the details of many of the questions at issue here and through the world; but we can all of us learn something of the major trends in the world. Let us try to be intelligent.

"The second is to try to be Christian. The standard of judgment in all these social questions is for us Christians Christ and the Kingdom of God as he presented it. The question is ultimately not whether our business will profit or our condition be improved; or our Nation grow richer or more powerful. It is whether the Kingdom of God—the commonwealth of love—will be furthered.

"The third is to remember that to be Christian includes keeping one's head. We must not be frightened, for after all God reigns. We must not be intolerant, for after all Christ is our Master. We must remember that the other fellow, whatever he may be—New Dealer, rugged individualist, Tory of the old school, Republican or Democrat, Socialist or even Communist—may be, indeed perhaps is, as honest and as intelligent as we are ourselves. It is a disquieting thought. There is nothing more joyfully satisfying than to be absolutely sure that we are right and all who disagree with us are wrong; but that is seldom, if ever, the case. As soon as we recognize the facts we are likely to keep our heads and be more Christian.

"And so the fourth and last contribution we can make is to add to our intelligence and our sanity, our earnest and constant prayer. Let us pray daily for light and wisdom and

love for ourselves and especially for all those who have responsibility toward the settlement of our troubles."

#### Negro Physician Presents Class

At Hawkinsville, Ga., there is a Negro congregation that is ministered to largely by Dr. R. Archer Tracy, a Negro physician who serves St. Philip's as layreader. He recently presented to Bishop Reese, through the vicar, the Rev. J. C. Skottowe, who is white, a class of seven for confirmation.

#### Death of Prominent New York Churchman

Mr. Edward S. Gorham, head of the New York book store and publishing house that bore his name, died on August 27th. He was a picturesque individual; a devout Churchman and a great friend of the hundreds of clergymen from all parts of the country who never failed to visit his store when in New York.

#### Retreat for Clergy of Vermont

The Rev. John Crocker, Episcopal chaplain at Princeton, is to conduct a retreat for the Vermont clergy from September 10th through the 14th, to be held at Rock Point.

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#### Keeping a Deaconess on the Job

As every one knows Bishop Jenkins has a number of women workers in Nevada. One of these, a deaconess, made 146 calls, held 26 services, conducted three Sunday schools, presented 2 for baptism and eight for confirmation and travelled 1808 miles.

#### Colored Church Workers Meet at Topeka

Colored Church workers of the provinces of the northwest and the southwest met at Topeka, Kansas, September 4th to 6th with the opening service held at Grace Cathedral, with Bishop Wise giving the address. The program included addresses on various phases of Negro work.

#### Called to Philadelphia Parish

The Rev. George C. Anderson of Willow Grove, Pa., has accepted a call from the vestry of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia, to become the vicar of St. Giles, which has become a parochial chapel of the parish. The transfer of St. Giles from a diocesan mission is for an experimental period of two years, at the end of which time the Holy Apostles has the option of retaining St. Giles as a parochial chapel or of returning it to the oversight of the diocese. By the addition of St. Giles the parish

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This is Augustine of Canterbury, first Archbishop, A. D. 601-604. A splendid picture, in his vestments and mitre, with pastoral staff. Of interest to everybody. Biography with it.

#### First American Bishop

This picture is Samuel Seabury of Connecticut. Elected Bishop March 25, 1783 in Connecticut, consecrated November 14, 1783 at Aberdeen Scotland, by Bishops Kilgour, Petrie, and Skinner. He was a Presiding Bishop, and presided at the first General Convention of the Churches of all the states at Philadelphia September 29, 1789. This picture carries a facsimile autograph and a biographical sketch.

#### First Missionary Bishop

This is Jackson Kemper, native of New York State, consecrated first Missionary Bishop at Philadelphia September 25, 1835 for Indiana and Missouri. First Bishop of Wisconsin, Founder of Nashotah House, etc. A most interesting biography with this picture.

#### First Bishops of the Dioceses

The gallery is one of original sources. It therefore includes the first Bishops of many of the American Dioceses. Same size and style of pictures, with facsimile autographs. Such as, Bishop White of Pennsylvania (1784-1796), Provoost of New York (1787-1815), Madison of Virginia (1790-1812), Claggett of Maryland (1792-1816), Griswold, first and only Bishop of the "Eastern Diocese," composed of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island (1811-1841), Ravenscroft of North Carolina (1823-1830), Otey of Tennessee, Wilmer of Alabama, Rutledge of Florida, Smith of Kentucky, Polk of Arkansas, and Louisiana, Green of Mississippi, Tuttle of Montana, Whipple of Minnesota, Kipp of California, and others.

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will now comprise a total of 4,409 communicants. It has three other chapels for which it is responsible. The Rev. George H. Toop has been the rector of the parish for the past twenty years. Among former rectors were Bishop Thomas, retired bishop of Wyoming, Bishop Stearly of Newark and Bishop Capers of West Texas.

#### New Rector at St. Mark's, Toledo

The Rev. George R. Selway, curate at St. Paul's, Akron, Ohio, has accepted a call to be the rector of St. Mark's, Toledo. This is to be a big month for Mr. Selway; he is to marry Miss Edna Wright of Akron on September 18th and be instituted as rector by Bishop Rogers on the 23rd. On the morning of the same day Bishop Rogers is to institute the Rev. William X. Smith as rector of the Incarnation, Cleveland, where he succeeds the Rev. William C. Munds who has gone to the diocese of Texas.

#### New Head of Seamen's Institute in New York

The Rev. Harold Kelley of Los Angeles has accepted a call to be the superintendent of the Seamen's Institute in New York.

#### Laymen's Conference in California

The seventh laymen's conference of the diocese of California was held at Menlo Park September 1-3, the keynote of the affair being "The Layman's Place in the Church Today." There were addresses by a large number of leading laymen, including Mr. H. C. Wyckoff who for a number of years was a member of the National Council. He spoke on the work of the General Church. Bishop Parsons delivered a message and there was also an address on missions by Archdeacon W. R. H. Hodgkin.

#### Auxiliary Secretary Visits Sacramento

Mrs. S. S. Taber, travelling secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, recently visited the diocese of Sacramento, conferring with the women of the parishes and missions. It is the hope of the diocese that she may return for a longer visit this fall.

#### Merger of Ohio Parishes

Following the resignation of the Rev. Ian Robertson as rector of St. Stephen's, Steubenville, Ohio, there has been a merger with St. Paul's parish in that city. It is a tentative arrangement to continue for a year. The two parishes will be under the leadership of the Rev. Harold C. Zeis who is the rector of St. Paul's.

He will be assisted by the Rev. Omar W. McGinnis of Tiffin, Ohio, who has been called as curate. Mr. McGinnis graduated from Bexley in

#### Clergy Conference in Ohio

The annual clergy conference of the diocese of Ohio is to be held at Gambier, Ohio, from September 16th to the 18th, with Mr. Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati as the speaker at the opening meeting. Mr. Taft is the head of the Everyman's Offering.

#### Ohio Rector Resigns

The Rev. A. E. Clephan has resigned as rector at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, effective October first.

#### Student Worker at University of Michigan

The Rev. William D. Orr, since 1931 the associate minister at St. Paul's, Albany, N. Y., has resigned to become associated with the Rev. Henry Lewis in student work at the University of Michigan.

#### Canon Bell Leads Mission at Newport

Canon Bernard Iddings Bell conducted an eight day mission at Trinity Church, Newport, R. I., from August 26th through September 2nd. It was a teaching mission rather than a preaching one, with instructions on God, man, grace, the Church and on morality, both individual and social. There were two daily celebrations of the Sacrament. The Rev. Stanley Hughes is the rector of the parish.

#### Services at Out-Door Chapel

The outdoor chapel of the Transfiguration, located among the pines and cedars at Lake Tahoe, had a successful summer, ministering to a large number of vacationists. The guest preachers included the Rev. C. A. Mainwaring, Dean Farlander, the Rev. Paul Little and Bishop Noel Porter of Sacramento who preached a series of sermons from the middle of July through August.

#### New Education Plan in Chicago Parish

A new plan of religious education is to be instituted this fall at the Ascension, Chicago. Declaring that a lot of the disrespect for the Church begins in the inefficient Sunday school, the Rev. William B. Stoskopf, rector proposes to have the Church of the Ascension School in place of the usual Sunday school. Classes will be held during the week as well as on Sundays and courses will be elective. "Today the

Church has two great problems," declared the rector. "First the teaching of religion and secondly the teaching of the proper use of leisure. The Church of the Ascension school in presenting its curriculum tries to help both of these problems, hence the two departments, religion and crafts." Courses are to be offered in Bible study, religion and biology, normal training, confirmation class, Church re-

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#### Bishops Favor Calendar Reform

The churches should take the lead in calendar reform in the opinion of Bishop Manning of New York, who was one of thirty bishops of our Church expressing approval of proposed changes advocated by the World Calendar Association. Among other things it would provide for a fixed Easter. There were close to 1,200 clergy who answered a recent questionnaire, with a general reform of the calendar approved by a vote of nine to one. The thirteen month calendar, proposed by the late George Eastman of Rochester, N. Y., was rejected by a vote of seven to one.

#### Joins Staff of New Haven Parish

The Rev. Sewall Emerson, on the staff of Trinity Church, New York, has accepted an appointment as curate at Christ Church, New Haven, Conn., where the Rev. Clark Kennedy is rector.

#### Mr. Kraus Deplores Nudism

Now here is something to really get steamed up about, particularly if you happen to be in the clothing business. It seems that a nudist colony exhibit has recently opened at the Chicago Fair. It brought forth a long communication filled with such statements as "disgusting example of abandonment," "low passions," "the challenge of barbarism," "retrogression in its most insidious and repulsive aspects." And the communication comes from Mr. Joseph M. Kraus, the advertising manager of a garter company. You can readily see what will happen to Mr. Kraus and his garters if people begin to take this nudist business seriously. Anyhow he is out to nip the thing at the start . . . not of course because he is interested in maintaining a market for garters but solely "because its theory is evolved from low passions and generated by systems of attendant myths with respect to the cultural, social and aesthetic values assigned to it by its proponents."

#### Seminary Students at State Hospital

There are fifteen students studying this summer at the state hospital at Worcester, Mass., of whom six are Episcopalians. They are the

Rev. Charles Fielding, the Rev. Phillip Steinmetz and Benjamin Minifie of the General; John K. Mount of Virginia, and Sheldon Harbach and Rollin Fairbanks of Cambridge. Their work consists of directed case work and study of the social resources of the community; actual work with patients in the hospitals and clinics; participation in the medical ward rounds and conferences with regard to the patients, and seminars in which general physician, psychiatrist, psychologist and social worker discuss together with the theological students the patients with whom they are working. The purpose of the training is to make the students familiar with symptoms of mental illnesses and to learn something of the techniques of the psychiatrist in dealing with the mentally ill, in order that those appropriate for pastoral work may

#### Bishop Parsons Protests Lawlessness

be taken over into that field.

Bishop Parsons of California and Rabbi Irving Reichert of San Francisco were the two religious leaders whose names appeared among the signers of a statement which appeared recently in the San Francisco papers, protesting against lawlessness, curtailment of free speech and unlawful interference with civil rights. Vigilantes, in case you are not familiar with what has been going on in California recently, have been kidnapping, beating up, smashing up meetings and doing all sorts of unlawful things in various parts of the state. It is grand to find a Bishop taking the lead in opposing these forces of reaction.

#### Chicago Clergyman Returns to Work

The Rev. Edwin Randall, for a number of years the head of city missions in Chicago, is returning to his duties this month after a year's leave of absence because of serious illness. He is to take up again the city mission work and will be in charge of the Epiphany.

#### Church School Leaders to Meet

Church school leaders of the diocese of Chicago are to meet at St. Paul's, Kenwood, September 8th and 9th to consider common problems and discuss plans for the coming year. Bishop Stewart is to give the opening address, with lectures to be given by the Rev. Harold Holt, the Rev. John S. Higgins, Mrs. Chester H. Green, state motion picture chair-

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New Plan of Church Financing

Holy Nativity, Beverly Hills, Chicago, has worked out a plan whereby it has issued \$2,500 in 6% notes, the money to be used for repairs to the property and in paying off accumulated tax assessments. The notes are in \$25 denominations and bear interest coupons which are payable at a bank. The notes are secured "by the faith and credit of the parish which is supported entirely by voluntary pledges." The response to the plan has been instant, with the notes sold for the most part in small amounts to members of the parish. Mr. Benjamin Clarke, a lawyer and warden of the parish, is the trustee of the fund.

The Doctor Receives a Real Tribute

Among the communicants of the diocese of Sacramento is a doctor who, in addition to being a surgeon of distinction, is noted for his kindliness and good works. This manifests itself in his countenance. Called to the bedside of a dying Irishman, the latter realizing that the end was imminent said: "I hope I shall be counted worthy to be with Him." And then, with deep sincerity he added "and speaking reverently Doctor I hope His Face will be like yours." That was a great tribute. Our faces too should bear the marks of the Lord Jesus.

What Reduced Appropriations Mean

One of the practical ways in which reduced appropriations are hampering the Church's work in the Philippines is illustrated in St. James' School for boys at Besao. The boys who graduate are handicapped by the fact that the school is not registered with the government department of education; the reason it is not registered is because its equipment is not up to standard, and the reason for that is lack of money, especially for books. The specified minimum library is not elaborate, but there is no money to spare for it.

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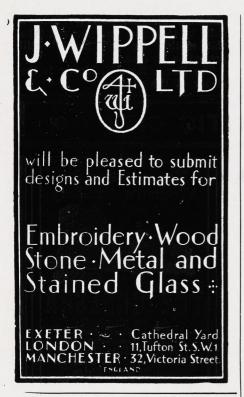
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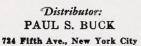
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For the next year we planned for 100 children. It was a large number, for we had only 80 in the Church school, and many of them were planning to start for their vacations as soon as the public schools closed. We had trained 22 teachers for the work, purchased all the materials, sent out our notices and waited for the result. The careful preparation brought a splendid result indeed. We registered 121 children. They enjoyed the services, Bible and hymn stories, the splendid fellowship and hand work so much, that many gave up their vacations and pleaded at the end of the second week for the school to continue on a while longer. Again the expenses were paid by the daily offerings and the sale of the articles at the time of exhibition.

This year we planned for 125 children. But just in the time of opening our school, infantile paralysis broke out and scared many people. The question was raised whether we should close the school or keep it open. Then we were advised to have the Red Cross nurse each morning and examine each child before entering the premises. It proved to be the best measure. The nurse examined each child carefully and took home those who had the slightest disorder, advising the parents of the proper method of taking care of them. It was a real safety device and parents were assured that their children would be taken care of. We registered 126 children and had 24 adult teachers. The school was a great success. Our expenses were paid again by the daily offering and the sale of articles.

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