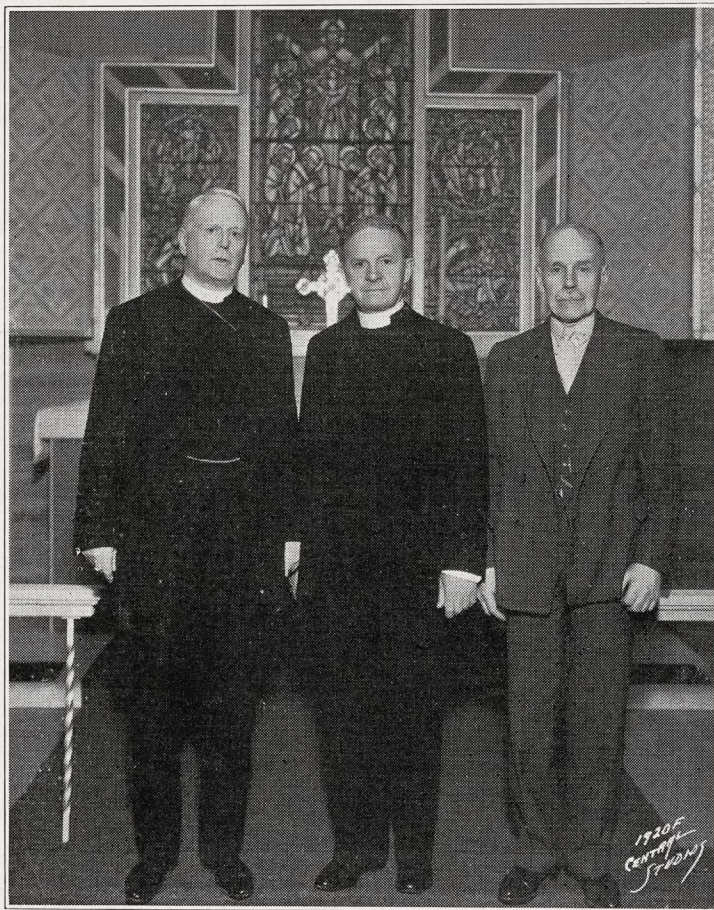


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THE GENERAL CONVENTION

An Editorial by

BISHOP JOHNSON

WHEN the Apostles held a council in Jerusalem (Acts XV) to settle the differences between St. Paul and his opponents, they set the stamp of their approval upon conciliar determination of ecclesiastical differences as distinguished from Papal regimentation or Protestant individualism. Following such action, up to the time when Rome secured a strangle hold upon the liberties of the Western Church, the final court of appeal in all mooted questions of universal interest was a General Council, and the court to which local differences were referred was a Provincial Synod.

In the fifth century Pope Leo the Great and the Council of Chalcedon went to the mat on the issue of supreme control and the Council won. It reversed the dictatorship of the Pope on three counts: first, as to where the Council should meet; second, as to what the Council should consider, and, third, as to the origin of the Petrine claims. The Council declared that the Roman See owed its primacy to the fact that it was the Imperial City and not to the fact that it was the See of Peter. From that time until the separation of the Greek and Roman Church in the 8th century, vital questions were settled by General Councils.

Since the days of Charlemagne the Roman Church has made all Councils subject to Papal approval. The English Church threw off this assumption of supreme authority by the Pope and took its stand beside the Greek Church in its obedience to General Councils rather than to Papal decrees. Owing to this division there could be no General Councils since the year 800, but there could be Provincial Synods for decisions on discipline and procedure. Provincial synods have no power to alter the faith since they lack the note of universality which is essential in such questions.

There are those who flout General Convention on the ground that it is expensive, argumentative and ineffective, but these critics lose sight of values which cannot be evaluated in these terms. It is of the nature of sheep that they require shepherding and their possession of wool and mutton can make such leadership very profitable to the shepherds who have charge of the fold. The result is that either for profit or for glory there are innumerable applicants for the job, who are very reluctant to abandon the privileges that they have acquired. History is full of bell wethers who have usurped the shepherd's office. Leadership, the sheep must have. The question is what kind? You may submit to the Pope, you may follow some am-

bitious prophet or you may go to the trouble and expense of having a General Convention in which regimentation is difficult and self-constituted infallibility is taboo.

IF WE evaluate General Convention in terms of constructive action it may not be worth the price, but if you evaluate in terms of a preventative it is invaluable. Our own General Convention is remarkable for the diversity of its opinions and the unity of its fraternity. No ram in shepherd's clothing can control it, and no black sheep can disrupt it. It is the greatest example extant of unity in diversity; of manifesting the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, rather than exhibiting the uniformity of opinion in the bonds of prejudice.

It furnishes a liberal education to all that attend along the following lines: first, the liberty of the Sons of God; second, the charity of the Household of Faith; third, the universality of the Church's vision even if, as Bishop Woodcock of Kentucky has well said, there are many who are uninspired by the vision and unrelated to the task.

One is conscious that there are many bishops who regard the oversight of their dioceses as a property right, and many rectors who look upon their parishes as a private corporation, but gradually we are emerging from the conception that the Church is a collection of private parishes or of unrelated dioceses. Gradually we are learning that the clergy are not ordained to be the rector of St. Dive's parish nor the bishop consecrated to be the bishop of a little Vatican City.

Gradually we are learning that we are all members one of another and that there is neither blue nor red, neither kike nor genteel in the household of faith. And it is the General Convention that does it. If we had no General Convention we could have no bigger vision than the horizon of our own personal domains.

The Church is divinely inspired to depend upon General Convention to save us from little leaders directing petty people to trivial things. Anyone who is fortunate enough to be at Atlantic City can estimate the value of the great mass meetings, the personal contacts, the earnest debates, the catholic education which is compressed into a few days. As for the money spent, I question whether any money is spent less foolishly and whether, if it were not for General Convention, as much money would be given ultimately to carry on the great work of the Church.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Reported by

WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

IN READING THESE PARAPHRASES it is well to keep in mind that some of the action reported has not been completed; in many cases it is action that has been taken in but one house; in other cases action will have to be acted upon by the next Convention in order to make it complete. As these notes are being written we are in the middle of the Convention, with affairs moving so rapidly that it is difficult, to put it mildly, to keep up with the procession. However in the next issue we should be able to give you an article giving a complete picture of the Convention.

CHANGING THE NAME of the Church, which I said here a week ago I believed would die in committee, actually caused one of the longest and most thrilling debates in the Convention. The proposal was to drop the word "Protestant" from the title "Protestant Episcopal Church." It was debated for four hours in the House of Deputies, with scores of outstanding men taking part. The resolution finally lost by a vote of 207 to 234, so we remain the Protestant Episcopal Church.

THE CONVENTION has declined to approve the action of the diocese of Eau Claire in the election of the Rt. Rev. John W. Torok as Suffragan Bishop. Bishop Torok is the head of a large group of Uniates—Eastern European Roman Catholics who are in open rebellion against Rome. The idea behind this move was for Bishop Torok to bring these people into the Episcopal Church. But apparently the Bishops, who discussed the matter in secret session, did not like the idea and turned it down.

THE BISHOPS, in a session full of fire, endorsed the efforts now being made to secure for physicians, hospitals and medical clinics, freedom to give out birth-control information, now denied them by law. The resolution was sponsored by Bishop Huston of Olympia and was vigorously opposed by Bishop Matthews of New Jersey, who at one point in the debate threatened to "withdraw from the House of Bishops never to return." The motion passed by a roll call vote of 44 to 38. It now goes to the House of Deputies.

THE FOLLOWING WOMEN have been nominated by the Woman's Auxiliary for election by the Convention to membership on the National Council: Mrs. James R. Cain of South Carolina; Miss Eva Corey of Boston, Miss Rebekah L. Hibbard of Pasadena and Miss Elizabeth Matthews of Cincinnati.

EXCITEMENT IS ANTICIPATED when the report of the committee of ten, dealing with social, economic and international questions, is debated on the 22nd. The report was presented Friday and was characterized by Bishop Parsons of California and Bishop Remington of Eastern Oregon, as a straddling, reactionary document. There will be a clean-

cut division between social liberals and conservatives when the matters contained in the report are debated.

THE NEXT CONVENTION is to be held in 1937 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The present Convention comes to an end on Tuesday, the 23rd, with the reading of the Bishops' Pastoral which will be presented to you in the next issue.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Bishop Tucker of Virginia; Bishop Rogers of Ohio; Rev. William Milton of North Carolina; Mr. Philip Parker of Massachusetts; Mr. W. G. Peterkin of West Virginia; Rev. Paul Roberts of Colorado; Mr. Thomas Fleming, Jr., of California; Mr. Ralph Hollenbeck of Ohio; and the Rev. G. P. T. Sargent of New York.

THE PICTURE ON THE COVER is of three outstanding leaders of the General Convention. In the center is Presiding Bishop Perry; the other Bishop is the host of the Convention, the Rt. Rev. Paul Matthews of New Jersey, and the layman is Admiral Belknap, bursar at the General Seminary, who has been at work all summer as executive secretary of the committee in charge of arrangements, a man who has a low bow and a pat on the back coming to him for the excellent job that he has done. The arrangements here at Atlantic City have been about as perfect as they could possibly be for a Convention that has entertained many thousands.

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH DISCUSSION of the status and work of the Presiding Bishop in both Houses, with no final action yet taken. The proposal is to make it a life job, create a primatial see for him and to relieve him of the responsibility of being the executive head of "281". From present indications my guess is that he will be relieved of the responsibility of detailed work at the Church Missions House, but otherwise his status will remain as it is. That is it will be a job to which a Bishop is elected for a term of six years, no new see will be created for him but he will remain the head of the diocese from which he is elected, and his title will remain Presiding Bishop and not Archbishop as has been proposed.

THE LIBERAL EVANGELICALS had a grand party during the Convention. There were over 400 people present, and the addresses were top-notch—Dean Robbins, the Rev. John Lewis, Bishop Strider, Bishop Hulse, the Rev. Elmore McKee and others.

THE BISHOPS have voted that all bishops, suffragan and retired bishops included, shall have a vote in the House of Bishops on business matters, with the retired bishops also having a vote on constitutional matters when present. This means, among other things, that Bishop Paul Jones who resigned under pressure during the war, will have a vote, though

his name was not mentioned during the discussion. It is action which, if it passed the Deputies, must be passed at the next Convention before it becomes effective.

A MOVEMENT to reduce the number of clerical and lay deputies in the Convention from four to three was lost.

THE BUDGET, which is the most important matter before this Convention, was acted upon Wednesday, the 17th. Several days before the Budget and Program of the National Council was presented at a joint session of both houses. It called for \$2,700,000 and was accompanied with a statement by the treasurer of the National Council, Dr. Lewis B. Franklin, that while it would require an increase in giving on the part of the Church of over 60% over this year, that it was the minimum amount required unless missionary work was to be abandoned. Meanwhile the committee on Budget and Program was holding meetings day and night. Their report was presented on the 17th and offered what they termed an Emergency Schedule, calling for the expenditure in 1935 of \$2,313,115. It called for cutting the \$2,700,000 budget 20% for the work of Aided domestic dioceses; 15% for continental missionary district; 10% in the work in foreign fields, and 27% in the work of the departments at the Church Missions House in New York. This Emergency Schedule was passed in both houses through the following resolution: "Resolved that the Emergency Schedule presented by the committee on Budget and Program be adopted, subject to revision by the National Council in view of expectancies, provided that any increase or decrease be on a flat percentage basis, the appropriations remaining in the same relative proportion."

This budget of \$2,313,115 calls for an increase in giving of about 25% over 1934, but Bishop Maxon of Tennessee, chairman of the committee, reported that, from evidence he had gathered from the field, this increase was practically assured. Bishop Stewart of Chicago stated that he thought it was putting it a bit strong to say that the increase in giving was practically assured. "It will mean mighty hard work to increase the giving on the part of the Church, but certainly we should accept the challenge and see that the money necessary to maintain the work is raised."

IN ADOPTING THE REPORT of the Budget committee, the Convention provided for a completely new financial system by setting aside the "quota" system which many consider a form of taxation. Under the new plan each diocese will be asked to accept such portion of the Church's budget as it feels it can raise. The acceptance will be purely voluntary and will be arrived at through consultation between the bishop and other representatives of the dioceses and the National Council. It means that the mathematical basis for arriving at diocesan apportionments is eliminated.

TO SUM UP this Budget business: the Convention passed an Emergency Schedule calling for the expenditure of \$2,313,115. Each diocese will be asked to give as much as possible to make up this sum. The

National Council is then to prepare a detailed budget, based upon the figures in the Emergency Schedule, not to exceed the total amount of money promised, plus other anticipated income, with any increases or decreases being on a flat percentage basis, the appropriations remaining in the same relative proportion as they are in the Emergency Schedule. Also they are instructed by the Convention that under no circumstances are they to incur debt in meeting any shortage but "shall make such reduction in appropriations as may be necessary to bring them within expected receipts reduced by a reasonable factor of safety." The Convention also reaffirmed its acceptance of the partnership plan between the diocese and the National Council and adopted resolutions which seek to obligate diocesan and parochial treasurers to a strict observance of such a partnership. A system of uniform diocesan accounting is provided for in amendments to existing canons.

THE BISHOPS have voted that a man must spend one year in a seminary before being admitted as a candidate for Orders. The idea is that some seeking orders are found unfit the first seminary year.

FINALLY, on this Budget business, the Convention set up a Joint commission on a Forward Movement, consisting of five bishops, five rectors and ten laymen, to prepare and carry out definite plans for an organized effort to reinvigorate the life of the Church and to rehabilitate the work, general, diocesan and parochial. In other words, the Emergency Schedule calls for an increase in giving of 25% and they are going after the money. And I can say by way of comment that everyone here is for it. The action on the Budget seemed to please everyone; there were loud hurrahs for Bishop Maxon and his committee and everyone seemed to be well satisfied, including the treasurer of the National Council, Dr. Franklin, who said: "I am highly satisfied with the budget and the action taken thereon." So the job now is to get the money.

WOMEN APPARENTLY WIN PLACES on the National Council. The action is not completed at this writing but the House of Bishops has voted to have the convention of the Auxiliary nominate four women for places on the Council, to be elected by the Convention. Since the Deputies took action looking to the same end it is reasonably sure to go through.

THE CHURCH LAW which requires a three day notice before a clergyman may perform a marriage has been thoroughly debated in the House of Deputies. Finally in that House they favored dropping the three-day notice if one of the parties to the marriage is a member of the clergyman's parish or is well-known to him.

MISS GRACE LINDLEY was reelected executive secretary of the Auxiliary, and the following were elected to the national executive board: Mrs. William T. Barber, Mrs. James Cain, Mrs. Edward M. Cross, Miss Mary E. Johnston, Mrs. Paul H. Bar-

bour, Mrs. Robert G. Happ, Mrs. H. G. Lucas, Mrs. Beverly Ober. The board also included a member from each of the eight provinces, as follows: 1, Miss Mary L. Pardee, 2, Mrs. Henry Hill Pierce, 3, Miss Sallie C. Deane, 4, Mrs. Fred Thomas, 5, Mrs. J. F. Morrison, 6, Mrs. Julius E. Kinney, 7, Mrs. Benjamin S. Brown and 8, Mrs. Charles Carver.

MOVING PICTURES CAME in for a panning everywhere. Resolutions passed both Houses and also the Auxiliary meeting making it clear that Episcopalians think they are now pretty bad and that something ought to be done about it. Bishop Roots of China wanted something done about the exporting of pictures, since he stated that pictures which do not pass censoring agencies here are shipped abroad and shown there, where they have no such agencies.

THE RESOLUTION setting the date of Easter always on April 8th, offered by Bishop Manning passed. It does not mean, of course, that the Episcopal Church has set that date for Easter; rather it means that we favor the reform which some day may become effective.

A PROPOSAL which will, if adopted, completely change the system of bishops has been submitted in both Houses. It proposes the establishing of the office of "Auxiliary Bishop," to replace present coadjutors and suffragans. It would really mean that in the future there would be only diocesan bishops and assistants, instead of the three classifications as at present. If it passed this Convention action would be required three years from now to make it effective.

THE REPORT ON AIDED DIOCESES was one of the most thorough pieces of work presented at this Convention. It proposes many important things, several of which were acted upon at this Convention; the merging of several missionary districts at some future time for instance. Bishop Cook was the chairman of the committee that did this splendid job, but since he was absent from the Convention due to his accident this summer, it was presented in the House of Bishops by Bishop Wise of Kansas, and in the House of Deputies by the Rev. Appleton Lawrence of Rhode Island. We will say no more about it now since it is so important that we are going to get one of the experts responsible for it to write a real article for some future issue.

A SERVICE BOOK which will contain those portions of the Prayer Book and Hymnal most frequently used is to be prepared by a committee, if action taken by the Bishops goes through. The idea is to have a book that is brief and inexpensive for use in missions and by missionaries.

THE CONVENTION SERMONS by Bishop Freeman of Washington on the 14th and by Bishop Manning of New York on the 21st were real messages dealing with vital matters. Again no space to report them as they deserve to be, but possibly we can give you abstracts in a later number. Bishop Johnson of Colorado also made a great hit with a sermon he

preached at the Ascension, and other sermons are being favorably commented upon.

JUST WHAT WILL HAPPEN to the various resolutions dealing with social and economic matters cannot be reported at this moment. However there is a general feeling about that every effort is being made to keep this Convention "safe." In any case these resolutions were taken out of the hands of the social service committees in both houses, made up of men who are liberals for the most part on social matters, and placed in the hands of a special committee that "was selected very carefully to deal with these resolutions many of which are dangerous," to quote Bishop Abbott of Lexington, who pressed the matter in the House of Bishops. There are resolutions on the economic system, the munitions racket, war and peace, birth control, the support of conscientious objectors to war during war time, opposition to military training in Church schools and many other social issues.

JUST A FEW COMMENTS: there was laughter in the House of Bishops when a message from the Deputies described Bishop Samuel Seabury as "the first bishop of Aberdeen." It was sent back with the suggestion that the Deputies take a bit of time off to catch up on their Church history. . . . The Rev. Ze-Barney Phillips proves to be a popular presiding officer in the House of Deputies. . . . The busiest bishop in the House of Bishops is McElwain of Minnesota, secretary of the committee on canons. . . . The one they seem to enjoy the most as speaker is Bishop Johnson of Colorado. . . . Others taking a lead in the House of Bishops are Bishop Parsons of California, Bishop Manning of New York, Bishop Freeman of Washington, Bishop Gailor of Tennessee, Bishop Reese of Georgia and the very efficient dispatcher of business, Bishop Sherrill of Massachusetts. . . . A group of Negro Churchmen, here for the Convention, was refused admission to a Boardwalk restaurant. Christian fellowship, it seems, still stands in need of development. . . . This Convention has notable news coverage. It is being reported by thirty experienced press writers, representing papers from all parts of the country. Nice smart young fellows, too. Some of them, I am sorry to report, are complaining that they have been rudely treated on a number of occasions during the Convention. I think before I leave here I shall pick out two or three of these fellows and interview them so that I can give you an article on "What Newspaper Men think of the Church."

THE BISHOP OF ABERDEEN is here—very popular too. He was presented at a joint session and made a nice little speech about Bishop Samuel Seabury, first American bishop, and has taken his place rather frequently on the platforms of both houses. We ought to have a real article on this 150th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Seabury which is to be celebrated throughout the country on November 14th, but space prevents it. But be sure you have the celebration in your parish. It was a turning point in Church history, that consecration.

A Convention Address

By FRANCIS B. SAYRE
Assistant Secretary of State

NEVER before in the history of the world, I venture to suggest, has there been a time of such momentous change as today. Crisis succeed crisis with appalling rapidity. Old beliefs are being discarded; age-old social institutions are being reappraised and profoundly modified; accepted forms of governmental organizations are passing and now untried forms evolving. Furthermore, modern inventions and methods of organization have so speeded up twentieth century life that local and national and international problems keep crowding in on us, infinitely more complex and more difficult than ever before. The destinies of whole peoples hang upon burning decisions which are being made as the result of social and economic pressures. We are in a state of rapid evolution and flux. We know nothing as to what our social and political institutions will be fifty years hence. All we know is that they will be different from those today. In the midst of all this epochal change we are dominated and driven by a spirit of gross materialism. Never before in world history has the need of spiritual leadership been so imperious, so crucial.

At such a time the Christian Church can not afford to be silent or inactive. If the Church becomes merely a passive ornamental institution, other competing social forces will rob it of its power effectively to influence human conduct; and once it is bereft of this the Church is down and out.

The Church, I trust, is inspired by the will of God; but we must never forget that it is also vitally dependent upon human effort. Personally, I believe in freedom of the will. I do not believe that God foreordains or compels us to do certain things. We have the power to follow God's will or to reject His will,—to achieve His purposes or to fail Him. The Church is no more than we, through God's guidance, make it. I believe that God desires the Church to be a powerful influence for good in human affairs; but the Church *can* go down in failure. Our lethargy or our lack of vision *can* wreck the Church.

If, at this time of general social and economic breakdown, the Christian Church is to assert a spiritual strength and leadership, there can be only one way. It must refuse to accept, merely because they are current, the beliefs and ideas generated by other social forces and institutions; it must formulate its own beliefs based upon the teachings of Christ. If it is to prove itself a strong power in the world, it must be ready to sacrifice everything for those beliefs, no matter how far they may depart from the accepted teachings of the day. Without audacity, without adventurous daring, the Church will forfeit its birthright. It cannot lead—and be comfortable. If the Church is to make its power felt in our changing civilization, first of all it must determine the meaning of Christianity in its application to modern life. Christ is not a mythical personage. He is not a stained glass window picture.

We must go back to the red-blooded masterful,

utterly fearless figure that He actually was, electric with thrilling power, guided by a matchless intellect and driven by a flaming fire, preaching a definite and revolutionary message. It is the living, masterful Christ that the Church must uncover and fearlessly preach if it is to prove itself a power in this materialistic age. What were His actual teachings? Upon what principals did He base His undying power? What does Christianity mean in its application to modern life and present day problems? It is the task of the Church to find the answers to these questions and to proclaim them.

"Today We Sailed On"

By ROBERT P. KREITLER

IN THE historic log-book of Christopher Columbus there is an oft repeated entry. With winds and tides favorable or unfavorable, with weather clear or stormy, with crews loyal or in mutiny, over and over again occurs the phrase, "Today we sailed on". With doubts assailing when the vision was dim, with clouds and fogs shutting out the sun, and some things destroying the morale of the ship's company, the great discoverer with fine heroism frequently wrote, "Today we sailed on".

The Convention is about over—will be over by the time these words reach you back home. Of course the Church has been challenged; it is aroused and awakened so far as the thousands who have come to Atlantic City are concerned. But the word to all is, Continue to Hold Fast. Keep on keeping on. Some of us got just this out of these days here by the sea;—continue to live up to the great profession of baptized Christians. Through all weather, in other words, abide true and loyal, keeping on steadily no matter what we are up against. Advance in complete partnership.

We dare not minimize what has taken place in the minds and hearts of these hosts of Church folk in attendance upon the General Convention. They have been searched out, their real yearnings have been uncovered. Bestirred afresh by some awakened visions, they are going back home to keep on at the old tasks with a new vision and a transfiguring courage. Some one has said, "Few things are more wonderful in God that the divine way He has of holding to", which may be another way of saying we are saved by a love that will not let us go. Written under the thrill of the stirring meetings of the Convention, it may be easier to believe these words. Now comes the opportunity to write in the log of our Church life, in parish and diocese, "Today we sailed on", with fixed habits of Christian practice to build up the Church by keeping at it. Not in brilliant effort, not in great mass meetings, but rather with quiet doggedness and faith, trustfulness and loyalty, continue to hold to.

The Church has really called upon all its large resources to make the next triennium a period, in the familiar Latin phrase, *felix faustumque*, at once happy and auspicious.

Keep on keeping on in a confident attitude toward the future.

The Convention Spirit

By JAMES P. DeWOLFE

THIRTY-FIVE thousand people attended the great opening service of the General Convention. This vast congregation represented every diocese and missionary district of the Church. But as I sit down to write this column I am thinking of the thousands of you who were only represented and not here. One cannot help but feel that there are thousands of communicants out in the smaller places who would have a finer understanding and a deeper conception of the Church should they be able to attend one General Convention.

Although the crowds here at Atlantic City are vast, soon one loses sight of that and is impressed with the spirit behind the Convention. It is this spirit that is the greatest need in our present crisis. Should members of vestries be able to see and hear the Convention activities it would give them new life and purpose. Here they would see the power and extent of the Church. Here also they would have emphasized how important is each individual unit.

The problem of the Church on the surface seems to be economic, but really it isn't. This Convention reveals the fact that our problem is a spiritual one. Should the whole Church be here to catch the meaning of that, or should it be able to catch it at each altar, we would be under way with new life and no retrenching of the Church's Mission.

It is hoped that the conviction, loyalty and courage of members of this Convention might strike fire out there in the field. The pity of the whole situation is that we are all aware that the Church has the resources, spiritually and materially, to do her work. The Presiding Bishop called on the Church in the Convention sermon to meet the crisis with the fact in mind that "God entrusts the progress of His Kingdom to men; the light of His truth to their faith; the operation of His law to their obedience, and to their loyalty the consummation of His purpose." At the great mass meeting where the amount of the United Thank Offering of the women of the Church was announced, Bishop Creighton said, "The Church either gives or it dies and deserves its fate." At the joint session where bishops and deputies were assembled to hear the report of the National Council, Bishop Bartlett, executive secretary of domestic missions, summed up his report with these words; "The problem of the Church is the problem of courage". Last Sunday at St. James Church here at Atlantic City Bishop Stires of Long Island concluded his sermon in this way; "We can do it if we care."

Those of you at home take the spirit of this into your Church life, when you go to the altar; when you start out on the Every Member Canvass.

Bishop Matthews of New Jersey, the host of the convention, in his welcoming address held aloft an original manuscript written in Bishop Doan's own hand. It was a report of a committee appointed at General Convention one hundred years ago to consider the future missionary program of the Church.

The committee was composed of Bishop Doan of New Jersey, Bishop McIlvaine of Ohio and Jackson Kemper. The result of the work of the committee was the beginning of a missionary program which has been in the process of building for one hundred years. What does this work of one hundred years mean now? Surely we realize that our responsibility is to keep on building—not to retrench or tear down. It is, then, after all a matter of caring and of courage. Are there enough real Churchmen out there in missions and parishes to meet the issue with faith and a passion and love for our Lord to spare and give, and if called upon to sacrifice for Him and His Church?

Calendar Reform

By BISHOP WILSON

THE House of Bishops has made a bow to the League of Nations in the matter of calendar reform. For years there has been a growing sentiment throughout the world for a revision of the calendar to get the whole round of months, holidays and festivals on a new basis, free from the present fluctuations. Such a change would, of course, affect the Christian Year. Therefore the Church has a direct interest in the proposed changes.

The new calendar under consideration provides for a year of twelve months so arranged that it would be divided into four equal quarters, and every month would begin on the same day of the week every year. The particular point that concerns us is the proposal for fixing the date of Easter on April 8th each year. According to competent scholars this date is nearer the actual date of the first Easter than any other.

It would relieve us of the variable length of the Epiphany and the Trinity seasons. It would also relieve us from the necessity of printing pages in the front of the Prayer Book now devoted to sundry tables, Golden Numbers, Dominical Letters and all the other bric-a-brac involved in the complicated scheme of calculating Easter.

The General Convention has passed a resolution approving of the fixation of Easter on April 8th as part of the New Calendar plan and has ordered copies to be sent to the League of Nations and to the heads of the larger communions of Christians all over the world.

This does not mean that Easter will be fixed next year or for a good many years to come. A revised calendar would make confusion worse confounded unless all civilized nations would be ready to accept it and live under it. A long time is required to achieve such unanimity but we have helped along a really progressive move. Someday our children will wonder why we were so long about it. It took England two centuries to adopt the Gregorian calendar under which we now live and certain parts of the East are still thinking it over after four hundred years. Fortunately the world moves faster nowadays but at best it will take a long time to change our dates.

NEWS NOTES OF THE CHURCH IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

Edited by W. B. SPOFFORD

On November 12, again this year as last, a Quiet Day for Prayer is to be observed by the women of the Church. The Woman's Auxiliary through its executive board suggests that wherever possible there should be a corporate Communion of the women in parishes and missions at an early hour on November 12, and after that the Church should remain open all day for prayer. It is hoped that all women will take part in this plan, not only those who attend regular meetings of the Auxiliary, but all the women and older girls of the Church, including shut-ins, the isolated, and any temporarily debarred from service. The hope is to make it, as it was last year, a great effort of all the women of the Church, or any who wish to join with them, in a united act of prayer.

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Lay Readers Meet in Detroit

A training school for lay readers is being held in the diocese of Michigan, meeting on five consecutive Thursday evenings at St. Paul's Cathedral under the direction of Archdeacon L. P. Hagger. There are lectures by Bishop Page, Dean O'Ferrall, the Rev. Gordon Matthews, the Rev. James G. Widdifield and Mr. Charles O. Ford, executive secretary of the diocese.

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Summer Conference Heads Hold Meeting

Representatives of 12 summer conferences from five different provinces held a meeting last week at Philadelphia to discuss their mutual problems. They were called together by the Rev. N. B. Groton, head of the Blue Mountain Conference. Wellesley, Sewanee, Gambier and the other large summer conferences were all represented.

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Called to Parishes in North Jersey

The Rev. Rowland F. Nye, East Rutherford, New Jersey, has accepted a call to the Redeemer, Palisades Park, N. J., with charge of St. John's, Englewood.

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Church Unity Service in New York

A great service on behalf of Church Unity, under the auspices of an interdenominational committee, is to be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, on December 2nd. Five movements will take part; the World Conference on Faith and Order, the Universal

Christian Council for Life and Work; The World Alliance; the International Missionary Council and the World Student Federation. Speakers will be Bishop Manning, the Rev. William Adams Brown, the Rev. William P. Merrill, Dr. John R. Mott and other notables.

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Still Further Increases in Insurance

The Church Life Insurance Corporation reports an increase of thirty-seven per cent in ordinary life insurance sales for the third quarter of 1934 over the same period last year. During the first nine months of the year sales have risen 44% over the same time last year.

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Opening of Valle Crucis School

Bishop E. E. Gribbin opened the 93rd year of Valle Crucis School, down in the Carolinas, recently. Heretofore the school has operated as an industrial and mission school, but it opened this year as a Church boarding school for girls under the direction of Mrs. Emily Toll Hopkins.

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Churchmen of Wisconsin University Organize

A voluntary and informal group made up of the members of the faculty of Wisconsin University connected with the Church, has been organized. They plan to have dinner meetings from time to time, with addresses by outstanding figures in the world of Christian thought and action. They held their first meeting on the 18th, when the speaker was Canon "Casual Comment" Bernard Iddings Bell. He also addressed a group of students at St. Francis House, the Episcopal student center.

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Imagine! A Summer Conference Announcement

Here is the first announcement of summer conferences for 1935. The Bethlehem conference is to be held the week of June 23, 1935, at Mt. Pocono, Pa.

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Building a Parish House

Bishop Sterrett is to visit Palmerton, Pa., on December 17th to formally open a new parish house for St. John's parish, now under construction.

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Celebration in Philadelphia

Many deputies and bishops from the General Convention went to Philadelphia on Saturday, the 20th, to take part in the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the diocese of Pennsylvania. They were the guests of the Church Club at a dinner at the Bellevue Stratford on

Saturday evening, at which Bishop Taitt delivered the address of welcome and Bishop Irving P. Johnson, WITNESS editor, and Mr. Franklin S. Edmonds gave the principal addresses. In the afternoon the visitors went on a pilgrimage to the various Church shrines in the city. The following day bishops and clerical deputies preached in the pulpits of the churches throughout the city.

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Bishop Abbott to Conduct Mission

Bishop Abbott of Lexington is to conduct a preaching mission at Grace Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, beginning Armistice Day, and continuing for eight days. The general tenor of the sermons will be along the lines of personal religion. The rector is the Rev. Charles Ewell Craik Jr.

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Dr. Bell at Michigan University

Canon Bernard Iddings Bell delivered three lectures at the University of Michigan last week on "An Introduction to Christianity." They were public lectures, delivered in a crowded auditorium. On October 14th he was the preacher at Michigan, and on the 21st was the preacher at the University of Chicago.

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Philadelphia Rector Has Anniversary

The 10th anniversary of the rectorship of the Rev. A. E. Clattenberg was celebrated at St. John's, Cynwyd, Philadelphia, on October 14th, Bishop Taitt returning from the General Convention for the occasion.

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Girls School Gets Under Way

St. Faith's School, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., opened the fall term under the direction of the Rev. F. Allen Sisco with an increased enrollment. The school has faced financial difficulties but a special committee has now worked out a plan of reorganization which it is hoped will enable the school to continue its unbroken record of 45 years of Christian education.

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Duluth Rector Called to Philadelphia

The Rev. Robert P. Frazier, rector at Duluth, Minnesota, and formerly in charge of the advance work program of the National Council, has accepted appointment as priest-in-charge of St. Anne's, Philadelphia.

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Church of the Generals Has Anniversary

St. John's, Brooklyn, known as "the Church of the Generals" is having a series of services to commemorate its 100th anniversary. The parish was established in September,

1834, and has an inspiring history. It has passed through three wars, a yellow fever epidemic, a division of its congregation by the establishment of another parish, a fire which destroyed the residences of a majority of its congregation—from plague, pestilence, battle, murder and sudden death the good Lord seems to have delivered this parish, which today is in a thriving condition. The church became known as the church of the Generals because of the large number of army commanders who have worshipped there and served on the vestry. General Robert E. Lee was a vestryman from 1842 to 1844; Stonewall Jackson was baptized there, and Colonel Loomis L. Langdon raised the cash for the stone church which still stands. They are having all sorts of services, arranged by the present rector, the Rev. Robert Y. Condit, to celebrate their anniversary.

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Philadelphia Full of Bishops

The pulpits of Philadelphia churches were occupied largely with bishops last Sunday, and the same goes for the pulpits of many other eastern cities. Indeed practically all of the hundred or more bishops attending the Convention at Atlantic City were off somewhere filling preaching engagements.

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Special Services for War Veterans

Special services were held on a recent Sunday in Louisville, Kentucky, in connection with the convention there of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Dean McCready preached at the cathedral on peace, and a memorial service was held at Calvary Church, while the Rev. C. E. Ireland, national chaplain of the organization, officiated at a memorial service held in the auditorium.

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Lack of Uniformity in Lay Work

A survey of the Federation of Church Clubs, presented at their conference at Atlantic City, shows a decided lack of uniformity in the work of laity in the diocese of the Church. It also shows that in fully half the dioceses there is no organized lay work whatever on a diocesan scale. Eleven dioceses expressed a desire to establish such work, while eight bishops said that it is utterly impossible to organize laymen.

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A Plea for a Pair of Pants

I have received a letter from Dr. A. J. Muste, Congregational minister and chairman of the American Workers Party, pleading for a pair of pants. He writes:

"Some days ago Anthony Ramuglia, president of the National Unemployed League, wrote me that he was falling out of his clothes. I asked him to send back the measurements. His reply is as follows: My measurements are, jacket 42 stout, waist 38 inches, leg length for trousers 29 inches, feet, my shoe size is 9 and a half. Socks accordingly. Hat 7 and an eighth. Walking cane I furnish my own. It's getting cold, anything you can do to speed this matter of clothes will be appreciated.

"Maybe there is something we can do about it. The measurements are not those, you will note of a skinny brother. Maybe some Bishop's measurements will correspond. Incidentally, any other men's clothing of as-

sorted sizes and in fairly good condition which you might be able to pick up would come in handy."

Mr. Muste's address is 112 East 19th Street, New York City, in case any of you have clothing you would like to give these unemployed workers.

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New Chancellor for Harrisburg

Mr. A. W. Duy of Bloomsburg, Pa., has been elected chancellor of the diocese of Harrisburg to succeed the late General Charles M. Clement.

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Missionary Crusade in West Virginia

The Northwestern convocation of the diocese of West Virginia plans

NEW PRINCIPLES NEW ATTITUDES NEW HOPES

THESE WORDS express the keynote of the Report of the Budget and Program Committee of General Convention, meeting at Atlantic City.

The Report was enthusiastically adopted by both the House of Bishops and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

In the spirit of this keynote every member is called to the support of the missionary and parochial work of the Church during the new Triennium.



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a missionary crusade to begin next Epiphany. Two teams will go out, each composed of a bishop, a priest and a layman, to visit parishes and missions. This was planned at a recent meeting of the convocation at which the Rev. H. Adye Prichard of Mt. Kisco, N. Y., was the guest speaker. He also conducted a full day's program on preaching.

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Ordinations in Massachusetts

The Rev. Dickinson S. Miller, now on the staff at the cathedral, Boston, was ordained priest by Bishop Sherrill on October 3rd. The Rev. Stanley R. Miller, formerly a Congregationalist, was ordained deacon at the same service. The name, Dickinson S. Miller, may mean little to you, but I can assure you it means a great deal to many people. He is one of the outstanding scholars of the Church, formerly on the faculties of the General Seminary and the Berkeley Divinity School, and he is known affectionately to hundreds of clergymen as "Dicky". He was ordained a deacon many years ago.

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Hands Across the Sea

Boston in Massachusetts, United States, and Boston in Lincolnshire, England, have been fraternizing in recent months. A few years ago a citizen of the newer Boston, Allan Forbes, visiting England, learned that St. Botolph's Church, old Boston, was in great need of repair. Returning home, he interested friends in contributing a third of the cost of restoration, particularly of the tower and bells.

The splendid church, six hundred years old, has been restored. The Bishop of Lincoln held a dedication service last summer, at which Bishop Perry was present and opened the gates of the new choir screen. A

simultaneous service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, Mass., attended by many enthusiastic people of Lincolnshire or other British ancestry. The Boston tea-party is forgiven and forgotten on both sides.

Recently, Mr. Allan Forbes was summoned to "an important conference," at which to his astonishment he was presented with a beautifully engraved album from the people of Boston, Lincolnshire, containing an illustrated record of the work of restoration.

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Centennial at Illinois Parish

The 100th anniversary of St. John's, Lockport, Illinois, was celebrated on September 23-25, with Archdeacon Ziegler and the Rev. Leland Danforth of Kenilworth, Illinois, on the program for addresses. Among the former pastors of the parish is Bishop McKim of Japan who was in charge while a student at Nashotah. The Rev. Henry T. Bakewell is the present rector.

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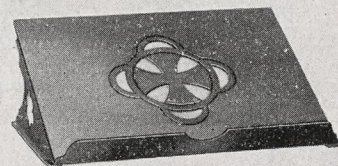
Bishop Officiates at Father's Funeral

Bishop Oldham of Albany officiated at the funeral of his father, Joseph R. Oldham, who died in Cleveland on September 30th.

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Speaks on Church Work in Japan

Mrs. Angela Oglesby, secretary to Bishop Nichols of Japan, spoke on the work of the Church in Japan at her home parish, St. John's, Savannah, Ga., recently; speaking in the



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evening to the young people of the parish on the youth movements of that country. On the following evening she was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Auxiliary. St. John's has assumed the full responsibility for the salary of this missionary from their home parish.

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Church Schools and Convention

What place are you planning to give in your educational program this Fall to the meeting of General Convention? What use can you make of Convention in your Church School

class or young people's group?

One Church School class of junior high school pupils was helped to realize, at the time of a previous triennial, that "history was in the making." When the class members came together in September, they were told that General Convention was about to meet and were asked to present an account of the Convention to the Church school. Posters were made showing views of the city where the Convention would meet and photographs of the leaders of the Church who would attend. As a background a paper was prepared

on the organization of the Church and General Convention, and a chart of the Church organization. While the Convention was in session a poster was displayed and a paper was read each week describing what was taking place there. In this way pupils learned how the government of our Church is being carried on at the present time. This knowledge led to questions as to how the Church started and it was decided to pursue this subject. The pupils were asked: What do you want to find out about

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the Church? This resulted in working out a guide to the year's work, which was followed as the study outline for the year. At the close of the year, on Church School Day, an exhibit showed through notebooks, posters, books and letters what the members had learned about the Church and how they had shared in its work.

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New Organist for New York Parish

Franklin Coates, organist at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, where James M. Helfenstein is choirmaster, has accepted appointment as organist and choirmaster at the Transfiguration, New York.

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Kansas Parish Has Anniversary

St. Andrew's, Fort Worth, Kansas, celebrated its 75th anniversary with a party on September 20th. There was a service, the dedication of several memorials, an entertainment and food. It was a grand occasion. The rector is the Rev. John B. Matthews.

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Centennial Preachers at Chicago Parish

The centennial celebration of St. James Church, Chicago, got under way on September 30th when Bishop Beecher of Western Nebraska delivered the first of a series of sermons. The second sermon in the series was delivered by Bishop Brewster of Connecticut.

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Negro Actor Is Confirmed

Richard B. Harrison, noted Negro who played the leading role in "Green Pastures," was confirmed by Bishop Stewart recently at St. Paul's, Chicago. Mr. Harrison has long been attached to the Church but has never been confirmed. He was presented by the Rev. Samuel J. Martin, in charge of the Negro congregation of St. Edmund's.

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New Girls' Friendly Secretary

The Girls' Friendly of the diocese of Albany has engaged Miss Alice V. Rex, for the past two years a U. T. O. student worker at Skidmore College, as a field secretary.

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Newark to Have Church School Convention

Something new in the way of conventions is a Church school convention which was held in the diocese of Newark at St. Luke's, Montclair, on the 20th of October. Speakers: Bishop Washburn, Miss Edna Eastwood, Mrs. George Barbour, Miss Helen Washburn, Miss Gertrude Harris and the Rev. Vernon McMastor—all experts, as you will immediately recog-

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Rector at Council Bluffs

The Rev. Rodney F. Cobb, former rector at Rock Island, Ill., has accepted the rectorship of St. Paul's, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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Called to St. Louis Parish

The Rev. Stephen F. Bayne Jr., tutor at the General Seminary, has accepted the rectorship of Trinity, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Children's Mission in Delaware

The Rev. Malcolm S. Taylor, director of the commission on evangelism, conducted a four day mission for children recently at St. Philip's, Laurel, Delaware. It was a most effective affair, made interesting for the kiddies by a ship which he had built for the occasion and which was used to illustrate many points.—Alfred Joseph spoke to a large congregation recently at St. John's, Little Hill, Delaware, on the work of the Church in Africa, where he has just spent a year. His grandfather played

a prominent part in the rebuilding of St. John's in 1888, a fact which added greatly to the interest in the visit of this young man.

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Faith and Order Meeting in Switzerland

Seventy representatives of churches in Europe and America met in Switzerland from September 2nd

through the 7th to consider plans for the second world conference on Faith and Order to be held in August, 1937, probably at Lausanne. The chairman was Archbishop Temple of York. The widely representative character of the group is indicated by the fact that practically all the great Churches of Europe and America, excepting the Roman, were rep-



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resented. Our Church was there in the persons of the Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins of Connecticut and the Rev. Frank Gavin of the General Seminary. * * *

All Present or Accounted for

St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre, the Rev. F. L. Flinchbaugh, rector, held a service, called The Covenant of Renewal. The slogan was every member present or accounted for. The people were requested to sign certain things which they will do to renew and strengthen their spiritual life as well as the Church. The Wyoming Valley Ministerial Union adopted the same "Covenant" for their churches—over 100 of them. * * *

Churches Show Real Gains

Instead of a decrease in church attendance the leading churches of this country have actually grown steadily during the past hundred years, not only numerically but in proportion to the total population. Over thirty million Americans each week attend services in Protestant and Catholic Churches and in Jewish Synagogues. This was revealed at a meeting of the national committee for religious and welfare recovery, held recently in Chicago, by George Linn Kieffer, president of the association of the statisticians of American religious bodies. It was also revealed that there is a slight gain in the proportion of men attending churches—believe it or not. * * *

Church Army Takes to Bicycles

The Church Army has now organized an evangelistic cycling corps. Forty-five parishes and missions in Southern Florida are to be visited by this crew of six young men during the first four months of next year. They are to get under way on January 14th when Bishop Wing will bless the undertaking. They wind up at the diocesan convention on May 7th. * * *

Clerical Changes in Rhode Island

The Rev. Robert J. Evans, assistant at Grace Church, Orange, N. J., is now the rector at Tiverton, Rhode Island. Rev. W. H. Langley Jr. left Portsmouth, R. I., last month to become the rector of St. Mark's, Louisville, Kentucky. Rev. William H. Jordan, formerly of Auburn, R. I., is locum tenens for six months at All Saints, Pontiac, R. I. * * *

Prayers for Rain Bring Check

The Rev. Warwick Aiken, clergyman of the district of North Texas, observed Rogation Day according to

the outline presented by the rural authorities of the Church Missions House. There were prayers for rain and an abundant harvest, to which one ranchman-farmer uttered fervent "Amen." Later when the harvest had been gathered he returned to Mr. Aiken with a generous check, saying that he had made his first crop in four years and wanted to show his thankfulness. The offering went into the parish treasury. * * *

Cites Jewish Aid to Catholics

Many instances in which Jews have come to the assistance of persecuted Catholics in various countries or protested against such persecution are cited by Rabbi David

Philipson, dean of Reform Rabbis in an article in the *Catholic Telegraph*. Rabbi Philipson recalls instances in the history of former Germany and Austria when Jews came to the help of Catholics when they were hated and despised minority, and of recent protests made by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the United Synagogue of America and other Jewish agencies against the persecution of Catholics in Mexico and other countries.

Rabbi Philipson concludes with a plea that Jews, Catholics and other minority groups unite to preserve their freedom. "In this era of hide-bound nationalism, all minorities are being put on the defensive," he states. "They are being used as scapegoats upon which the majority

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peoples may vent their wrath and their distress. They are being definitely labelled so that demagogic leaders who lack constructive proposals may provide the populace with witch-burnings and lynching bees. In such a time it behooves the members of minority groups to realize their common fate and to join each other in such constructive action as this emergency calls for. . . . Catholics, Jews, liberals, all racial and political minorities may well pay heed to such signs of the times. They must continue the pure democratic traditions of this country." * * *

Economic Recovery and Religious Faith

Religious leaders met in Chicago recently and launched a movement which seeks to relate economic recovery to religious faith. The top man is Mr. Walter Head, who is also the national president of the Boy Scouts. Mr. John D. Allen, whose armoured cars run about the streets of the city delivering pay envelopes to those who still have jobs, is the chairman of the Chicago committee of this new movement. They drew up a message as follows: "The mission of the church and synagogue and every welfare and character building institution is the unfailing proclamation and illustration of those ageless ideals which have been the foundation of the advancing social structure throughout the centuries." After figuring out that profound remark I am sure you will see just what this movement is to contribute in the way of a solution to the problems arising from the depression. * * *

Church Keeps Up With Population Increase

The population and communicant strength of the Church in the district of North Texas increase about evenly. Thus the census of the seven largest towns in the district shows an increase of 13% in population between 1930 and the beginning of 1934. The communicant strength of the Church increased 12% in these same three years. Abilene, where the Rev. W. P. Gerhart is rector, showed a communicant increase of 38% during the period. There was an increase in Church attendance at Abilene even during the hot summer days. Air-conditioning did it. The rector borrowed two large fans from a friendly barber, placed a nice large cake of ice in front of each fan and set them going. The people worshipped in comfort—with some coming to church possibly not to worship but to keep cool. * * *

Russell Bowie to Lecture at Yale

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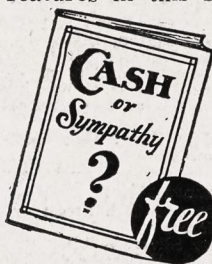
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