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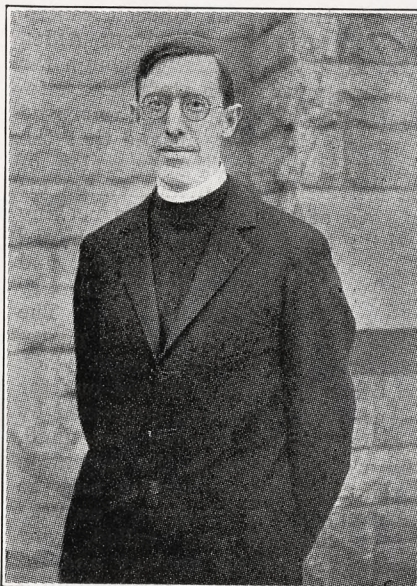
WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

IT IS impossible of course at this time to foretell what the effects will be of the recent Supreme Court Decisions on the New Deal. However we can report that Bishop McDowell of Alabama lost no time in pointing out to the clergy and laity of his diocese that the decisions placed a particular responsibility upon them as Christians. He issued a pastoral immediately, read in all the churches of the diocese on June 2nd, that might well be called to the attention of Christian men and women throughout the country. Here it is:

"The responsibility laid on me as your leader in things spiritual prompts me to address you in a matter of critical concern. Under certain acts of the National Government designed to set standards of fair practice in business dealings, insure a fair living wage, abolish child labor, substitute a spirit of cooperation for cutthroat competition, arbitrate differences of opinion without bitterness, and promote the general welfare of our people, we have lately become accustomed to accept these things as moral and social obligations. The Supreme Court of the United States has declared these acts invalid and no longer binding in law upon our people. In the mental confusion which has resulted we are likely to lose sight of the moral obligations that remain and forfeit the gains which are already ours.

"So long as these things were matters of law and enforceable by penalties, they were responsibilities of the State, and the Church's role was one of cooperation and good will. Now that the sanctions of the law have been withdrawn, the Church as guardian of moral obligations, human welfare, and spiritual principles must measure up to its responsibilities and speak in unmistakable terms.

"We therefore call upon Church-



BISHOP McDOWELL
Wants to Hold Gains

men and men of good will everywhere to uphold the standards of fair practice, fair wages, fair conditions of labor, and other social gains, and to maintain that spirit of cooperation which makes this a constant and recognized policy. We call upon our people everywhere to refuse to profit by those who break down these standards, and to uphold by force of public opinion those who abide by their pledged word. We call upon employers and leaders amongst employee groups to take every precaution against acts that will create suspicion and distrust, and more than ever to make the arbitration of their differences a cardinal principle of their dealings with one another. We warn against all who for personal or political advantage sow seeds of ill will and spread rumors of ill doing.

"It is a time for the great spirit

of American fairness and honesty and good will to assert itself, and to uphold all those in places of authority who seek to maintain the public good. This is the way of peace and safety. It is also the plain teaching of the Church in accordance with the mind of Christ."

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Commencement at Trinity College

Commencement at Trinity College, Hartford, is to be held this weekend, June 14-17, with Bishop Larned of Long Island as the preacher of the baccalaureate sermon; with the Hon. Joseph Buffington of the class of 1875 the speaker at an outdoor service (probably also cheerleader at the baseball game with Connecticut State) and with the Rev. Samuel S. Mitchell of the class of 1885 conducting the service the morning of the 15th.

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Propose Merger of New England Seminaries

The legislature of the state of Connecticut has passed an act to enable the Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, to merge with some other school if the trustees deem it advisable. The proposal has therefore been made that Berkeley and Cambridge merge under the name The Cambridge Berkeley Divinity School. Neither board of trustees has taken action in the matter, though I am given to understand that they are soon to do so. If the plan should go through it would doubtless mean the moving of Berkeley, with its resources, to the plant of the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The idea seems to be in line with much that was said about seminaries at the last General Convention when a commission was appointed to study the whole situation of theological education and make recommendations. The seminaries now in existence came into be-

ing during the horse and buggy days when travel was difficult and when there was not the unity in the Church that there is at present. Many feel therefore that further mergers, similar to the merger of Seabury and Western, are desirable in order to provide better education at lower cost. A letter was recently addressed to the alumni of Berkeley signed by Bishop Budlong, president of the Berkeley trustees, asking their opinions on the proposed merger.

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Colleges Are Under Investigation

Interesting things are going on in universities of the middlewest. In Chicago the students are all agog over a legislative investigation at the University of Chicago, brought on by Mr. Walgreen, whose green-front drug stores decorate nearly every important street corner in the city. It seems that Mr. Walgreen presented a scholarship to the university, with the stipulation that he was to select the person to use it. He picked his niece. The young lady, after a few months in the classroom, began to talk in a manner beyond her uncle's understanding, so in due course Uncle Walgreen decided that she was being indoctrinated with unsound ideas by the professors. He therefore brought charges against the university. He was one of the early witnesses to appear before the legislative committee. He charged one professor with teaching "free love", which prompted the undergraduate publication of the university to point out that the charge hardly came with good grace from Mr. Walgreen, since his drug stores not only peddled literature of the lowest possible moral tone, but also sold quite freely contraptions which supposedly enable people to practice "free love" with impunity. The high spot in Mr. Walgreen's written statement was the assertion that he was sure the university was dangerous since his niece had no ideas when she first came to the university, that she certainly had received none from him, and therefore the professors must be guilty of giving them to her.

The University of Wisconsin likewise has the jitters over so-called radicalism, with a legislative investigation also impending there. However most of the recent difficulties there seem to have been due to a strong feeling against the Jews, who are not only the leaders of the discussion clubs but also seem to be running off with most of the scholarships and prizes. This did not particularly please the boys whose chief activities consist of pulling an oar and hitting the line. So these mentally muscle-bound chaps, organized

in what is known as the "W" club (meaning that they are outstanding athletes) took it upon themselves to break up a meeting one evening. The speaker on the occasion was Mr. Monroe Sweetland, a very attractive young man who runs about the colleges suggesting that boys and girls might well devote some thought to social and economic matters, particularly since the world as at present organized offers them small opportunity to do anything else. But he didn't make his speech at Wisconsin. Instead the strong boys lifted him from the platform, along with three others, including a professor, and dumped the lot of them in the lake which decorates the beautiful campus. It was all very jolly and pleasant, and taken in quite good humor by Sweetland and the rest. It just happened that I arrived in town the following day to speak at St. Francis House, our Church centre, presided over by the Rev. Alden Drew Kelley. Naturally enough the community was in a state of excitement, and things were not improved when the story got around that the heavyweight wrestling champion of the university had demonstrated his mastery of the situation by socking a little hundred pound Jewish girl whose opinions he did not like, and putting her in the college infirmary with a couple of broken ribs. The whole situation took a more peaceful turn the following night when the whole university turned out for a free-speech meeting, addressed by President Frank, Monroe Sweetland, who was there upon the invitation of the university authorities, and the president of the "Badgers", as Wisconsin athletes are called, who stammered out his apology and sat down in confusion. Incidentally I find a Badger described as "an animal with short thick legs, long claws and a small head". I might add that the clergy of Madison were in the forefront in the demand that civil rights be maintained, and the wholesome influence of St. Francis House and of the Rev. Alden Kelley was clearly manifest in the attitude of the young men and women of the Church whom I had the privilege of meeting.

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Churchwoman Leads in Housing Reform

Foremost in the campaign for better housing for city dwellers is Mrs. Mary K. Simkhovitch, Churchwoman of New York who is the head of the famous Greenwich House. She is the president of the national public housing conference and the vice-president of the New York City Housing Authority. She made a little speech the other day, designed as an answer to those who object to the government going into the

housing business. She pointed out that private capital seemed either unable or unwilling to provide low-cost houses that were fit for human habitation, and that she was therefore of the opinion that the government should do so, particularly since houses were self-liquidating. The ultimate aim in New York, she said, is to raze every one of the 60,000 "cold-water flats".

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The Treasurer Is Pleased

Lewis B. Franklin, treasurer of the National Council, has issued a cheery note informing the Church that May was a merry month, with receipts on Expectations coming to \$230,918, which was nearly as much as the first four months of the year combined.

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Death Takes Former Editor

Mrs. Archibald Hore, known throughout the Church as Kathleen Hore, for many years the assistant editor of the *Spirit of Missions*, died last week after a long illness.

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Ordinations in Pennsylvania

Seven men are being ordained deacons this Friday, June 14th, by Bishop Taitt at the Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia, with the sermon preached by the Rev. Howard Weir of Holy Trinity. They are F. W. Blatz and W. J. Barnett, Jr., both appointed to the staff of the Holy Trinity; Lewis E. Fifer, 3rd, assistant at the Resurrection; Mark M. Garcia, to the Mediator; J. A. Hilton, the Pro-Cathedral; Robert L. Jacoby, Vermont; Henry P. Krusen, to the Mediator; J. L. Sachs, in charge of St. George's; J. S. Stephenson, assistant at St. John's, Cynwyd, and W. C. Taylor, Jr., assistant at Christ Church, Media.

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Institute on International Relations

A ten day course on international relations is being held, June 10-19 at St. Luke's, Atlanta, Ga., the church being host but not sponsor. There are similar institutes being held this month and next in eight centers throughout the country.

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Long Island Parish Celebrates

Two hundred and thirty-three years is a long time. On Whitsunday Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island, celebrated that anniversary of its founding, with Dr. John W. Wood, executive secretary of foreign missions as the speaker. It also marked the 100th anniversary of the Ladies' Missionary Aid Society, which was marked by a reception held on Tuesday afternoon. The

Rev. Joseph H. Titus is the rector of the parish.

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Bishops at Olympia Conference

Bishop Huston is to give a course on Christian sociology at the summer conference of the diocese of Olympia, to be held at Tacoma from June 23 to June 28. There is also to be another Bishop on the faculty—Bishop Moulton of Utah who lectures on great prophets and on Christian poets.

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A Metal for Chicago's Archdeacon

Archdeacon Ziegler of Chicago received a metal from the hand of Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, the other day. It is known as the "metal for excellence" and is conferred annually by the trustees upon some alumnus for outstanding service. The Archdeacon's award came for his service to the Church, particularly in mission fields, as he was in Alaska, and New Mexico before coming to Chicago.

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Colored Churchmen of Georgia Meet

The Colored Churchmen of the diocese of Georgia held their annual council last month in Savannah. There was an address by Bishop Reese, after which Archdeacon Brown presided through the remaining sessions. One significant development: the diocesan convention, meeting previously, has appointed a committee to confer with a similar committee of Colored Churchmen, looking toward the establishment of closer relations between the two bodies. Both committees have now been appointed and are soon to confer.

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Commencement at Alexandria

The Rev. Angus Dun, professor at Cambridge Seminary, was the speaker at the commencement at the Virginia Seminary, Alexandria, on June 6th. He was also awarded a doctorate, along with the Rev. E. Ruffin Jones, Norfolk, Va., and the Rev. Roy Mason, Archdeacon of the Blue Ridge. Mr. Lewis B. Franklin, vice-president of the National Council, delivered an address on missions on June 5th, and the Rev. Oliver Hart of Washington preached at the ordination service on the 7th. There were twenty men in the graduating class.

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Rural Work Conference at Madison

The annual conference on rural Church work is to be held at Madison, Wisconsin, July 1-12, with the Rev. C. Ranklin Barnes as leader

ABOUT CHINA

CHINA, one of the great areas of this earth's surface, is in flux. What are the trends, social, political and ecclesiastical today in that great country? Is communism on the increase? Has open warfare developed between Christian forces and the forces of communism? Is the New Life Movement, headed by General Kiang Kai-Shek, moving toward Fascism or is it uniting China under a social democratic government? These questions and others are answered in an article that will appear in THE WITNESS next week, written by Mrs. Virginia E. Huntington, wife of the Bishop of Anking. It is one of a number of feature articles we will present during the summer months. As announced last week THE WITNESS is to run eight page numbers every other week during the summer. These smaller issues will present all the important news. The larger numbers will carry articles which we hope you will find particularly stimulating. We will return to the sixteen pages every week the first of September when we will present a series of articles on various phases of the Forward Movement.

and chaplain, and with Bishop Bratton of Mississippi preaching the conference sermon. Lecturers are to be Don D. Lescossier, professor at Wisconsin University, who holds forth each day on "Trends Toward Security"; the Rev. V. C. McMaster on religious education; the Rev. Peter E. Spehr of Nebraska; the Rev. E. T. Kneebone of South Dakota; the Rev. J. R. Pickells of Chicago; the Rev. Val H. Sessions of Mississippi and the Rev. R. H. Mize Jr. of Salina.

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Burglaries in Georgia

There seems to be an epidemic of burglaries of communion silver in the state of Georgia. On May 10, St. Mark's, Brunswick, was robbed of silver that would be worth \$100 in silver bullion. This is the last of a number of parishes to be robbed in recent weeks.

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New Bishop for Japan

At the 18th triennial general synod of the Church in Japan, held last month, the Rev. Prof. Paul S. Sasaki of Central Theological College, Tokyo, was elected second bishop of the diocese of Mid-Japan, being the fourth native of Japan to

be elevated to the Anglican episcopate. The diocese is a missionary district of the Church of England in Canada. Professor Sasaki is to be consecrated on July 25th.

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New Organ for Northumberland

A fine new Moller organ has been given the parish at Northumberland, diocese of Harrisburg, which is to be dedicated by Bishop Brown in September.

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Death of Rector at Binghamton

The Rev. J. deLancey Scovil, rector of the Good Shepherd, Binghamton, N. Y. died on May 21 at the age of 51.

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A Correction About Michigan Conference

The conference of the diocese of Michigan, to be held at Bloomfield Hills, previously reported, is to meet from June 23 to June 29th. There is an unusually strong faculty, headed by Bishop Maxon of Tennessee and the diocesan, Bishop Page.

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News Notes From Michigan

Bishop Renison of Toronto was the preacher at the annual Empire Day service held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, on May 26. The Rev. Van F. Garrett, director of religious education at St. Paul's, Flint, was ordained priest May 27, the sermon being preached by the Rev. J. F. Sant of Detroit.—A demonstration institute on the manual to be used this year in the daily vacation schools of the diocese was held at Royal Oak on June 5th.—A sunrise communion service was held by the young people of five Detroit parishes on May 26 at Belle Isle. About 125 young folks were on hand at 5:30.

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An Appeal for Goodwill

Canon C. E. Raven of the Church of England is among the dozen leading religious leaders to sign an appeal addressed to Christians in other lands for fresh action in the name of Christ to allay the fear and suspicion and hostility now existing between the governments of the world. The appeal recognizes that the governments of the powers are embarking upon another armaments race that will embitter international relations and which, if not checked, must result in the disaster of another war. The appeal suggests that the situation requires not only representations of protest, but united witness on the part of Christians everywhere, asserting their unity in Christ and actually realizing the brotherhood of nations and the fact that only by the exercise of spiritual

energy and resources can the real peace of nations be made. "For ourselves", the appeal reads, "we wish to record that, whatever governments may do, we are ready at any time to cooperate with you and other Christian brethren in other lands in a new effort to bring about disarmament and peace."

Chicago's Bishop Reports Over Radio

Bishop Stewart of Chicago took to the air the other day to reach the 38,000 communicants of his diocese.—a lot different, as he pointed out, from the horse and buggy days when Philander Chase spent days and weeks covering his broad diocese of Illinois. He reported that \$42,000 had come in from the Bishop's Pence during the year and a half of its operation, and that the Centenary Fund, now being raised, passed the \$300,000 mark on June first. They are after a million. They are to have a dinner on June 18th, partly to rejoice over the results of the campaign and also to honor the Bishop who was consecrated five years ago.

Bishop Cook at St. Augustine's College

Bishop Cook, president of the National Council, was the speaker at the commencement of St. Augustine's College, an affair that was also graced by the presence of two other bishops, Bishop Penick of North Carolina and Bishop Darst of East Carolina. Bishop Cook declared that all men have the right to the vocation for which each is fitted and along with it a just compensation to assure economic independence. Our economic system cries for adjustment to make these things possible, he said. Degrees were conferred upon 27 graduates by the Rev. Edgar H. Goold, president of the college. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by the Rev. D. LeRoy Ferguson of Boston, who graduated from St. Augustine's in 1900.

Daughters Sold for Food

Students, teachers, janitors, clerks, and any other people connected with St. Agnes' School, Kyoto, unite every year in a rice offering for some cause that seems especially urgent. This year it went to people in the missionary district of the Tohoku where a rice famine has caused acute suffering. Stories are told of farmers' daughters being sold for food.

Commencement at Sewanee Theological School

Bishop Capers preached the sermon at the commencement of the theological school of the University

of the South, Sewanee, held June 8-11. The commencement address was delivered by the Hon. John Temple Graves 2nd.

Churchman Stands for Suppression

Some Church man or woman from Montclair, New Jersey is all for suppressing the Rev. W. G. Peck, distinguished English clergyman whose series of six articles were concluded in this paper last week. In any case we received one of his articles, torn from the paper, with this sentence written across it: "In my judgment this divine (Peck) agitator should be suppressed!" Just who the message came from there was, as is so often the case, no indication. No doubt from someone who makes speeches about the constitution and the glories of American freedom of opinion. I may be wrong, but it has been my observation that the desire to suppress opinions is a defense mechanism indulged in by those having no effective rebuttal.

United Thank Offering in Maryland

The united thank offering of the Auxiliaries of Maryland was recently presented at a service held at the cathedral, Baltimore. The Rev. Oliver Hart of Washington was the speaker. The offering was \$3,584.33.

Whitsunday Marked Act of Affirmation

Services at which the people of the Church reaffirmed their allegiance to the Church were held in parishes throughout the country on Whitsunday, the "Act of Affirmation", a brief service issued by the commission of the Forward Movement, being used. The office in Cincinnati reports that letters went to 5,400 clergy the latter part of May, with a copy of the service enclosed. From then until the very eve of Whitsunday orders poured in, as well as orders for the new booklet, "Follow On", which the commission is urging the people of the Church to use during the summer.

Laymen Move Forward in Texas

As a step toward reinvigorating the life of the Church there are being held all over the diocese of Texas, district meetings of laymen at which they themselves do all the talking. Bishop Quin gives an example of what is happening—"Laymen from eight congregations came together at our last meeting in the town of Bellville, a town of two thousand people. I had a meeting on the 20th of May with about ten congregations represented in another part of the diocese and still another

on the fifth of June at another point. We spot five or more laymen to speak on *What the Church Means to Me* and *What I as an Individual Member Can Mean to the Church*. That warms the boys up and most of them join in the discussion. The men drive anywhere from twenty to sixty miles to the meetings. I am going to ask them to do one definite piece of work this summer for all the laymen of the diocese and that is to read the new Forward Movement pamphlet.

Girls' Friendly Conference in Albany

One hundred and ten young ladies, mostly of high school age, gathered at Lake George over the last week-end for the annual conference of the Girls' Friendly Society. The conference was planned to consider social problems in the light of Christian ideals. The leaders the first day were the Rev. Edward R. Hardy Jr., of the General Seminary faculty, who spoke on economic problems and Mrs. A. W. Benson of Troy who spoke on sex relations. The striking feature of the conferences was the intelligent, free and serious discussion that followed both addresses. On Sunday morning, following the service, Miss Evelyn Lee, Chinese student, led a discussion on the opportunities for interracial friendship. The conference was under the direction of Miss Alice Rex, field secretary for the G. F. S. in the diocese.

A Book Tea in Kentucky

Something new in the way of teas was held on May 24th in Louisville. A member of the Church Periodical Club of the diocese staged a party, admission to which was one book, old or new. These books were then

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West Virginia Parish Celebrates

Christ Church, Fairmont, West Virginia, devoted five days last month to the celebration of the centennial of the first Episcopal service held in what is now Marion County and the 80th anniversary of the founding of the parish. Bishop Meade, of the diocese of Virginia, conducted the first service at Smith-town one hundred years ago, traveling from Richmond by horseback. Bishops Gravatt, Darst and Strider joined with the rector of the parish, the Rev. Clarence W. Brickman, in the celebration. There were also a number of former rectors present.

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Large Lenten Offering in Albany

The total offering of the parishes of Albany for the children's Lenten offering was more than \$4,000. It was presented at services held on May 26th at Potsdam, for the northern section and the Cathedral, Albany, for the southern part of the diocese. Bishop Oldham spoke at both services.

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Many Changes in Los Angeles

Clerical changes have made the diocese of Los Angeles something of a merry-go-round lately. The Rev. R. H. Gushee, for 40 years rector of Christ Church, Ontario, resigned, and has been succeeded by the Rev. R. J. Rohr of Chicago. The Rev. Irving Spencer, for 17 years rector of St. Matthias Church, Los Angeles, has resigned and been succeeded by the Rev. M. J. P. Brannan, curate at St. John's Church, Los Angeles. Thus our two outstanding Catholic parishes have changed leadership in a few months. The Rev. P. K. Kemp has resigned from St. Mark's Church, Glendale to go to Texas, and has been succeeded by the Rev. C. H. Parlour of Hermosa Beach. The Rev. W. L. H. Benton, of La Crescenta, who resigned last summer has been succeeded by the Rev. W. A. Havermale of Los Angeles. The Rev. C. E. Spalding of Coronado, and the Rev. H. E. Parke of the Church of the Angels, Pasadena have resigned. The Rev. H. B. Thelin has gone from National City to La Mesa, and Mr. R. B. Gooden, Jr., son of the Suffragan Bishop is to be ordained and to go as assistant to the Rev. C. L. Barnes

of St. Paul's Church, San Diego. Last and least in size but not in importance, a grandson (the first grandchild) has been born to Bishop Stevens.

About growth, the diocesan statistics are just being released for the past year as the journal of the fortieth annual convention is off the press. There are two bishops and 146 other clergy, 128 parishes and missions, 43,461 baptized members, 28,620 active communicants, 12,218 church school members, and an indebtedness of \$601,013.77. The total expenses for 1934 were \$621,458.96 of which \$62,524.05 was for extra parochial work. Gains are shown in every line but finances and burials. Marriages show an increase of 22½ per cent, and communicants of 6 per cent.

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Bishop Rogers at Columbia

Bishop Rogers of Ohio delivered the baccalaureate sermon at Columbia University on June 2nd, with the Rev. Raymond C. Knox, chaplain of the university taking the service. The world has forgotten the pioneer spirit and the passion for adventure, declared the bishop. Two

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passions have been predominant in the last decade—that of acquiring wealth, and the passion of security. Neither makes a great race, and many of the world's fears result from timidity and the desire for comfort, he added.

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lence and of courage. They meet the realities of life, but meet them with an expectancy and a daring. The Christian Church has far too large a membership of people who look and live as if God were dead. They are not filled with the experience of a creative power in the universe which gives health, joy, radiance, the fullness of life."

THE WITNESS GAME

ALL of the answers to the questions this week will be found in the news paragraphs.

1. The Churchwoman who is an outstanding authority on housing is:

Mrs. Harper Sibley, Miss Vida Scudder, Miss Marguerite Marsh, Mrs. Mary Simkhovitch, Miss Gladys Barnes

2. The Bishop who sent a pastoral urging Church people not to allow a breakdown of standards following the recent Supreme Court decision was:

Bishop Dallas Bishop Longley
Bishop Scarlett

Bishop Page Bishop McDowell
3. The president of the National Council is:

Bishop Perry Bishop Manning
Bishop Rogers Bishop Cook
Bishop Fiske

4. The first bishop of Illinois was:

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5. The name of the Episcopal Church student centre at the University of Wisconsin is:

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6. The clergyman recently honored by Columbia University was:

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The Rev. Henry Darlington

7. The Church college for Negroes is:

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8. Stories of farmers selling their daughters for food come from:

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9. Committees looking toward the establishment of closer relations between Negroes and whites have been appointed in the diocese of:

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