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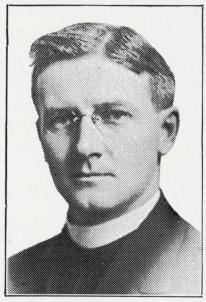
THERE is no official word about the proposed merger of the Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, with the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, but we are informed by a responsible person that at a meeting of the Berkeley Trustees on June 26th the merger was approved. A number of trustees opposed the move, notably Bishop Brewster, Dean Ladd, the Rev. Loyal Graham and the Rev. J. F. Sexton, but the vast majority favored it. Indeed the laymen from Connecticut who are on the board threatened to resign unless the merger was approved. Bishop Budlong also was reported in favor of the move. Within a week or two it is likely that we will be able to present a story about the new Cambridge-Berkeley School and its prospects.

Sudden Death of Bishop Booth

Bishop Samuel Booth of Vermont died on June 17th after a brief illness. He collapsed while officiating at a service at Bennington on June 9th, was taken to a hospital where pneumonia developed, causing his death. He was consecrated bishop in 1925.

# Outdoor Services in New York

Grace Church, New York, is again holding outdoor noonday services each Wednesday and Friday during the summer. Among the preachers are the Rev. Lawson Willard of Elmhurst, L. I.; the Rev. A. B. Parson of "281"; the Rev. David Cory, Presbyterian; the Rev. Harry Knickle of New York; the Rev. Hugh D. Mc-Candless of Staten Island; the Rev. Fred W. Cooper of New York; the Rev. William Russell of Newark; the Rev. E. E. Piper of New York and the Rev. Floyd Van Keuren of New York. The Church Army also is to



BISHOP BENNETT
Plans Rhode Island Revival

have charge of several services. The services are arranged by the Rev. Felix Kloman, assistant of Grace Church.

#### Brooklyn Rector Resigns

The Rev. J. Clarence Jones, rector of St. Mary's, Brooklyn, one of the senior clergymen of the diocese of Long Island, and prominent in diocesan affairs, has resigned, effective in October. He resigns due to physical infirmities and age. He has been rector for 36 years. He was elected rector-emeritus. No successor has been chosen.

#### Hartford Rector Returns to Sea

George G. Guinness is a former ship captain who gave up his master mariner's ticket to enter the ministry. He became the rector of St. James, West Hartford, Conn., which he has served for five years doing a dandy job. He has now resigned as rector to take a job as junior third officer on a freighter for the steamboat line he formerly served as captain. In presenting his resignation he told the vestry that the call of the sea was too much for him.

#### Delaware Parish Receives Trust Fund

Christ Church, New Castle, Delaware, is to receive the income from a trust fund of \$50,000 according to the will of Mrs. V. E. Foster, parishioner who died last September.

#### Opposed to Oaths For Teachers

Mr. Charles C. Burlingham, distinguished lawyer of New York who is equally prominent in Church affairs, in an address to the alumni of Harvard last week condemned the efforts being made to require oaths of allegiance from school teachers and professors. Said he: "I look with some apprehension on the success of self-styled patriotic societies putting on the statute books laws such as we have in New York to our shame, requiring teachers to take allegiance oaths. To require them to take such oaths subjects them to the espionage of inquisitors, sleuths and snoopers.'

#### A Few Miscellaneous News Notes

Among the 110 girls aided last year by the Chicago Church Mission of Help less than half were members of the Episcopal Church...Two Eastern Orthodox groups in Louisville, Ky., Greeks and Syrians, who have in the past been befriended by the Episcopal Church now have churches of their own....The Rev. C. H. Parlour, Hermosa Beach, California, has accepted the rectorship at Glendale, California....Mr. James

D. Beckwith was ordained deacon by Bishop Darst on June 14th at Lumberton, East Carolina. He is in charge of several missions....The Rev. Edward W. Babcock, for forty years the rector of the Holy Cross, Troy, N. Y., died in his 83rd year on June 16th.

The Church Pension Fund Report

The annual report of the Church Pension Fund, just released, shows that the market value of assets is in excess of costs, which is something to stand up and cheer about these days. Cash investments of the Fund total nearly \$31,000,000 at the present time, and the income has been only slightly affected by declining interest rates, the average interest earned in 1934 being 4.54%. The Church Life Insurance Corporation, the Fire Insurance Corporation and the Church Hymnal Corporation, subsidiaries, are also in excellent financial condition.

Mr. Bradford B. Locke, executive vice president, reporting on the details of the Fund's management, noted an increase of \$62,437 in pensions in force over the previous year, continuing the steady growth of pensions since the establishment of the Fund. During the year, 236 new beneficiaries were added to the rolls, comprising 87 age allowances, 32 allowances for total and permanent disability, 80 widows' allowances, and 37 to minor orphans. Total annual pensions are over \$1,100,000.

One point of general interest, proposed at the General Convention of 1934, and discussed at some length by Mr. Locke as it affects clerical pensions, is the compulsory retirement at the age of 72. Concerning this, Mr. Locke says: "What is now considered as surplus income is derived from two sources. One is the fact that the assets of the Fund exceed its liabilities by a reasonable figure and the interest earned on such surplus assets can be used to expand the benefits. The other, which is possibly more important, is that although the Fund is so constructed that it could discharge its obligations in relation to the age allowance if all the clergy should retire promptly at the age of 68, the records of the Fund show that the clergy do not retire promptly at that age in a great many cases.

"The average age of retirement of the clergy since the beginning of the Fund, if not previously disabled, has been approximately age 71. It will be seen, therefore that this constitutes what is known in life insurance circles as a 'saving' for the Fund, because it has not been called upon to pay pensions promptly at the age 68. Such savings are not

simply hoarded by the Fund, but are being passed on to the beneficiaries in the form of increased pensions, over and above the definite promises.

"This is one of the reasons why the trustees are not favorably disposed towards a compulsory age of retirement. It appears to them that if such action is taken by the Church it will automatically reduce the average retirement age which, in turn, would handicap the trustees in maintaining the present scale of increased pensions. This, in turn, would make it more difficult for the clergy to retire, since the pensions might be lower. It must be remembered, when we refer to an average age of retirement of 71, that this is made up of some clergy who retire at the age of 68 and some who retire at ages considerably above 71. Therefore, a compulsory age of retirement around 71 or 72 would automatically reduce the average."

# A Degree for David Covell

The Rev. David R. Covell, executive secretary of the diocese of Southern Ohio and former field secretary of the National Council, received a doctor's degree from George Washington University at its recent commencement.

# Inter-Faith Relations in Other Countries

The National Conference of Jews and Christians is to hold a conference at Williamstown, Mass., August 24-30 on "Inter-faith relations in other countries." It purports to provide lecturers who will present both sides of each question. How well it will do so may be judged by the fact that the leaders on the Mexican situation are to be Mr. Michael Williams, editor of the Roman Catholic Commonweal, the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, Jesuit priest, and the Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Protestant, whose recent book, Chaos in Mexico, develops the thesis that the state is persecuting the Church in that country. There is a side to the Mexican situation which will not be presented at this conference, unless perchance someone in the audience, informed on the matter, addresses the assembly from the floor. As a matter of fact the set-up is in line with the policies of the National Conference of Jews and Christians since it was founded. The purpose of the organization, which is headed by Mr. Newton D. Baker, is to develop good-will between Jews, Catholics and Protestants. One method they have of doing so, judging by their weekly press releases, is to keep the Catholics happy by presenting only their side of this Mexican business. There is, of course, a Roman Catholic side to the controversy. But there is also another side as everyone knows who has taken the trouble to look into the matter even casually. And I for one believe that the good-will which this organization is trying to develop among religious forces can be made permanent only if based upon truth. The ostrich sticking his head in the sand is bad emough. The picture certainly is not improved when he also stands on one leg and does a bit of backscratching with the two toes of his other foot.

#### Kenyon College Confers Honors

The Rev. Donald Aldrich of New York, the Rev. Maurice Clarke of Marquette, Michigan, and the Rev. W. R. Kinder of Detroit, received honorary doctorates from Kenyon College at its commencement last week.

#### Believed in the Churches

Quincy, Mass., is mourning the death of Mr. Theophilus King, banker, who made annual contributions to the thirty-nine churches of the city. He included them all, Catholic, Jewish and Protestant.

# Connecticut Clergyman is Honored

The Rev. Kenneth Mackenzie, rector-emeritus of the Holy Trinity, Westport, Conn., received an honorary doctorate from Wheaton College on June 10th.

#### Ordinations in New York

Four of the fifteen men ordained on June 16th by Bishop Manning at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, are members of the Order of the Holy Cross. They are Victor A. Menard, Andrew C. Long and John R. Flagg, ordained deacons, and the Rev. Paul C. Weed Jr., ordained priest. Others ordained were R. G. Rogers, S. C. Newhouse, H. F. Lemoine, Edward C. Colcord, Jesse F. Anderson and W. J. Alberts, ordained deacons, and the Rev. Messrs. E. F. Underwood, P. W. Lambert Jr., A. B. Craven, D. A. Carty and F. H. Burgevin, ordained priests.

#### Forward Movement Commission Meets

Thirty members and associates of the Forward Movement Commission were the guests of Mr. Z. C. Patten, June 12-14 at a meeting on Lookout Mountain, just outside Chattanooga, Tennessee. It was reported that more than two million pieces of literature have been distributed and that the message of the Movement has been presented in recent weeks at more than half of the diocesan conventions as well as before many conferences of clergy and laity. Negro work has received special study of the Commission, with the hope expressed at this conference that there may be soon established a graduate school for Negro clergy, offering conferences similar to those held at the College of Preachers in Washington. A Forward Movement conference of Negro clergy is to be held, as a matter of fact, July 16-18 in Galveston, Texas.

#### A Diocesan Confirmation Service

Bishop Oldham of Albany confirmed a number of candidates from eight parishes at a diocesan confirmation service held recently at the cathedral in Albany. The service was designed for persons who were unable to be presented on the occasion of the Bishop's regular visit to their parishes.

#### The Wives Have Their Party

The wives of the clergy of Albany had their fifth annual house party from June 12 to 14, the guests of Mrs. Oldham, the bishop's wife. There were sixty present.

# Delancey School is Closed

The Delancey Divinity School, diocese of Western New York, has been closed because of lack of funds. The school was established 75 years ago.

#### Ordinations in Albany

Bishop Oldham of Albany ordained three men on June 16th; the Rev. J. R. Palmer of Troy was ordained priest and Frederick H. Belden and James E. Mahagan were ordained deacons.

#### Rectors for Eight Generations

A parish in Devon, England, has had its rectors from the same family for eight generations, coming down from father to son or uncle to nephew since 1675. This record turns pale, however, beside that of an English boy who has been a student in the New York School for Professional Children. His family have been for eleven generations in the circus.

# Children's Service in Georgia

The Rev. C. C. J. Carpenter of Savannah was the preacher at the diocesan service for the presentation of the Birthday offering, held at St. Paul's on Whitsunday. The attend-



DONALD ALDRICH
Honored by Kenyon College

ance was but 450, compared to 1200 last year. Reason: schools have closed in that part of the country so many children were out of the city.

#### Connecticut Rector Goes to Rome

The Rev. Sydney Wallace, rector at Portland, Connecticut, is to be in charge of the Episcopal Church in Rome, Italy, from July 15 to September 15th.

#### Plan Missions for Rhode Island

The diocese of Rhode Island has a committee of five, headed by Auxiliary Bishop Bennett, working on plans for a diocesan mission for the first two weeks of February, 1936. Twenty-one top men of the Church are invited to the diocese for services in the larger parishes, while 34 of the diocesan clergy will be assigned to the smaller places. All of the missioners will meet in retreat for three days with Presiding Bishop Perry before launching the revival. They haven't yet selected the slogan though two have been suggested, "The Necessity for Christ," offered by the Rev. Charles Townsend of Providence and "Christ's Answer to Human Needs" which is Bishop Bennett's suggestion. There may be a children's mission at the same time, though that depends on whether or not the committee can find clergymen trained to that particular task.

#### Philadelphia Parishes Have Celebrations

Anniversaries of the founding of two parishes in Philadelphia were celebrated on June 17th; St. Barnabas, founded 64 years ago, and Trinity, Swarthmore, founded 40 years ago. Bishop Taitt was the preacher at the service at Swarthmore, which also marked the tenth anniversary of the ordination of the rector, the Rev. J. Jarden Guenther.

#### Young People Meet in Southwestern Virginia

A conference of the young people of the diocese of Southwestern Virginia was held June 10-13 at Virginia Episcopal School, attended by 121 young men and women from throughout the diocese.

#### New Chancellor for Michigan

Mr. John C. Spaulding, St. Andrew's, Detroit, was elected chancellor of the diocese of Michigan at a recent meeting of the executive council. He succeeds the late Lewis H. Paddock. He is the third to hold the office since it was inaugurated in 1904 and all of them have been members of the same law firm. Mr. Spaulding has long been active in diocesan affairs.

#### Admission: One Pack of Cards

The canon missioner for social service of the diocese of Newark sent a call to the parishes for playing cards and reading matter for the boys in the C. C. camps. Grace Church, Orange, responded by having an "all organizations evening" with admission one pack of playing cards, a jig saw puzzle, a game or a good magazine. An excellent program was provided with plenty of good home talent including plays, skits, and songs, each organization trying to out-do the other! The evening was most enjoyable and the C. C. C. camp truck drove off next day with a donation of 143 packs of playing cards, 125 puzzles, 55 books and over 100 magazines. As usual it was the inspiration of the rector of Grace Church, Rev. Charles T. Walkley.

#### One Staff for Two Parishes

An agreement of association as a substitute for a merger has been effected between the parish of St. Luke and the Epiphany and St. James, two of Philadelphia's downtown parishes. Each is to maintain its separate identity, at the same time pooling their leadership and their resources. The resignation of the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton as a corector of St. James parish has also been announced, though it was made clear that he was in full accord with the plan and had taken part in the conferences at which it was

worked out. His resignation becomes effective November first and there was no announcement of his future plans.

Mary Van Kleeck at Minnesota Convention

Miss Mary Van Kleeck, director of industrial studies of the Russell Sage Foundation and a vice-president of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, addressed the convention of the diocese of Minnesota, which met at St. Paul, May 28-29. She spoke on present economic conditions and their relationship to the Church. Both Bishops McElwain and Keeler called upon the diocese for greater missionary support, with the latter pledging personal responsibility for the raising of \$7,500 needed if the work of the diocese is to remain intack and if the pledges of the diocese to the National Council are to be paid in full.

State Catches Up With Church

Two or three years ago four clergymen went to the coal fields of Harlan County, Kentucky, and brought the wrath of a lot of respectable people down upon their heads for reporting that all was not hunky-dory in that particular area. The four were the Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Seminary, the Rev. Cameron Hall, Presbyterian pastor of New York, the Rev. C. Rankin Barnes, executive secretary of our national social service department, and myself. I have a file fattened with letters from all sorts of people from bishops up and down, calling the four of us many cute names. I therefore cannot resist the temptation now to inform you that Governor Laffoon finally got around to appointing a committee to look into the situation. This committee has just issued its report. "There exists," the report says, "A virtual reign of terror, financed in general by a group of coal mine operators in collusion with certain public officials; the victims of this reign of terror are the coal miners and their families." The report states further that "peacable assembly and free speech are 'scarcely tolerated' and that 'men have been beaten and mistreated' for expressing union sympathy."

Philadelphia Seminary Being Reorganized

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The boards of the Philadelphia Divinity School are to meet today, June 27th, to elect a new dean and to further work out the plans for the development of clinical theological training for seminarians. Dr. Bartlett, present dean, as I under-

stand it, is to be elevated to the office of warden of the seminary. At the moment a campaign is on to raise \$70,000 at once and \$160,000 in the next three years to carry out the new plans. A considerable amount of the money is in hand.

Ordination in Western Michigan

Mr. Harris J. Mowry Jr. was ordained deacon on June 12 by Bishop McCormick of Western Michigan, the service being at St. Luke's, Kalamazoo, his home parish. He is now in charge at Albion.

Leaves Church Home After Long Service

Thirty-one years ago a quiet, sweet-faced woman came to Appleton Church Home, diocese of Georgia's home for girls as a probationer of one of the religious orders of the Church. She was known as Sister Sophi. She later became the head of the home. Now, after years of service, she has resigned, moving to Atlanta to live with a sister for her remaining years.

Religion in the Colleges

Four of the servers at St. John's, Troy, N. Y., are students of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institution. One of them, Donald Hathaway, who graduated last week, has for four years assisted at every early service during the college term. The baccalaureate service of the Institute was held at St. John's on June 11th, with the rector, the Rev. Nelson M. Burroughs preaching. As a matter of fact he conducted two baccalaureate services that day, the other being for the nurses' school of one of the local hospitals.

Ordination in Louisiana

The Rev. David A. Jones, assistant at the cathedral in New Orleans, was ordained priest on June 3rd by Bishop Morris.

Seminarians All Find Jobs

There is no unemployment among the clergy if one may judge from the class just graduated from the Seabury - Western Seminary. All members had positions upon graduating according to a statement given out by Dean Grant.

The Forward Movement in West Texas

The Forward Movement got somewhere in North Texas on Whitsunday in the parish and adjacent missions of Rev. P. Walter Henckell who during the post-Easter Season followed suggestions of the Com-

mission by putting it up to his vestry in the new St. Mary's Parish, Big Spring, to bring interested persons to hear a series of sermons on discipleship. A number of Baptisms resulted and on Whitsunday morning Rev. Mr. Henckell presented to Bishop Seaman six candidates at the early Communion service in Trinity Mission, Midland, and then drove with the Bishop forty miles to Big Spring where eighteen more were confirmed. Out of the twenty-four, eighteen were adults.

Legion Attends Service at Washington Cathedral

The American Legion and other veteran organizations attended a service in the amphitheatre of Washington Cathedral on June 16th, for the purpose of dedicating themselves to the ideals of loyalty and peace. The plan received the whole-hearted endorsement of President Roosevelt, whose letter was read at the service by Bishop Freeman. An address of welcome was delivered by the Bishop and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Park W. Huntington, national chaplain of the Legion.

Incorporate Society for College Work

A petition was filed in the courts of Philadelphia last week for the incorporation of the new Church Society for College Work. The purpose, as stated in the petition, is "to promote knowledge and acceptance of Christ's religion and in other ways to strengthen the work of the Protestant Episcopal Church in colleges and universities and to establish a fund for that purpose." The petition was signed by twenty widely known Church men and women.

Here is a Swell Idea

Bored with the usual technique of parish food sales, the women's guild of Mt. Calvary Church, Camp Hill, Pa., asked its housewives to contribute the cost of what they would have baked, and asked potential buyers to contribute what they would have paid and then to imagine they had carried their purchases home.

The Bishop's Palace

The episcopal palace of the Anglican bishop of the Argentine is two rooms in a parish house.

A Diocese of Some Size

Add the areas of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, and throw in 1,200 more square miles, and the result is the area of Southwestern Virginia, a diocese which has work in coal camps, lumber camps, mountain communities, and other rural regions.

#### Getting Milk to Japan

One of the quiet little pieces of giving that goes on without much being heard of it is the supply of condensed and evaporated milk sent by the New York diocesan Woman's Auxiliary to the leper colony at Kusatsu, Japan. On the last order for thirty-nine cases, the wholesale house donated seven cases.

#### Pilgrimages to Historic Shrines

Laymen of Richmond, Va., made their annual pilgrimage to Williamsburg and Jamestown on June 15-16, with a corporate communion held at the Robert Hunt shrine on Jamestown Island.

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#### One Way of Getting There

Bishop Hudson of Borneo is authority for the fact that in one of his jungle missions a stout middle-aged lady has been carrying her convalescent husband on her back the four-hour journey along the jungle trail to church.

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#### Liberian School Principal Speaks

The influence of the Church's work upon the native population of Liberia was described at several meetings of Church groups in Chicago by Olive Meacham, principal of Julia C. Emery Hall, Browley, Liberia, which has been temporarily closed due to the depression. The National Council, however, has voted to reopen the school. The school gives book training, and practical training in gardening, mothercraft, marketing, tropical hygiene and home-making. Miss Meacham re-

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called the time she shivered when the temperature went down to eighty degrees. She related an incident of a python entering a henhouse at her school and stealing eggs from under a setting hen. The python was killed and it was discovered that one of the eggs had hatched after being swallowed by the python, and the chick was still

#### The Awakening

The Rev. Samuel Shoemaker Jr., rector of Calvary, New York, and one of the outstanding leaders of the Oxford Group (Buchmanites) said in his sermon last Sunday that "It is possible that this age of ours may be known to future generations not as the age of the Great War nor the great depression, but the age of the great awakening. When men begin listening to God, that is time to take

#### Bishop DuMoulin Assists in New York

Bishop DuMoulin, formerly coadjutor of Ohio and now the rector at Locust Valley, Long Island, has been

courage and await the dawn."

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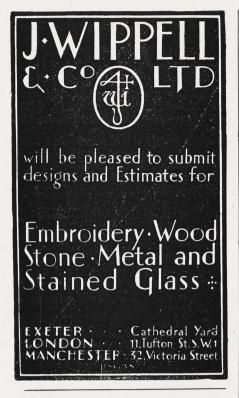
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branches established to date in the diocese. The speakers were Mr. Eugene Thompson, national president; Dr. A. R. Bliss of Howard College; Mr. Warren Kearney of New Orleans and Dr. L. W. Glazebrook of the commission on evangelism.

#### THE WITNESS GAME

QUESTIONS and suggested answers; check those you think correct. Play the game with your family and with parish groups. Have someone keep score in order to determine who comes out best.

1. Check the names of three on this list known primarily for their work in Alaska:

The Rev. Arthur Sherman
Bishop Brent Bishop Rowe
The Rev. John Chapman
Dr. Roudolf Teusler Bishop Littell
Archdeacon Forman Hudson Stuck
Dr. F. L. H. Pott

2. The scene of Christ's Ascension was:

Mt. Lebanon Mt. Ararat
Mt. Sinai Mt. Olivet

3. The Biblical character to command the sun and the moon to stand still was:

Elijah Elisha Joshua Micah David

4. The raising of Lazarus is related only in the Gospel according

St. Mark St. Luke St. John St. Matthew

5. There were ten plagues visited upon Pharaoh; list as many of them as possible.

6. The name of the brother of Moses who was the first high priest was:

 $egin{array}{cccc} Cain & Aaron & Amos & Saul \ & Abraham & Absalom \end{array}$ 

7. The first season of the Church year is:

Epiphany Ascension
Lent Advent Trinity

8. The dean of the General Theological Seminary is:

Dean Colladay Dean Washburn

Dean Fosbroke

Dean Clarke Dean Beal Dean Kinsolving

9. The commonly used offertory sentence, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven," was first uttered by.

St. Paul St. James Moses St. Matthew

10. The name of the college of the Church that is located in Connecticut

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