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TALKING IT OVER

By

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IT IS a long step from playing an organ at St. John's, Locust Valley, Long Island, where Bishop Frank Du Moulin is rector and Mr. J. P. Morgan is treasurer, to swinging your fists in a riot in Berlin, Germany. However Mr. E. W. Wood made the jump. A couple of years ago, a mere youth of seventeen, he was the organist at St. James. He left there to enter the Naval Academy. This summer he was on a training cruise on the Wyoming, which brought him to Berlin. The young gob—a mere 110 pounder according to Bishop Du Moulin—was strolling quietly on Kuruerstendam Blv'd. when anti-Jewish riots broke out. He saw one woman brutally treated. Another woman protested and received the same treatment. The big Nazi who had thus demonstrated his manhood by attacking women then turned to young Wood and asked, "What do you think of that?" Wood voiced his disapproval whereupon the Nazi asked, "What are you going to do about it?" The fight started. Wood ended up in jail and was released only after paying a fine of \$20. Whether the Nazi also was arrested is not known. Wood, incidentally, is the son of the Rev. Hubert S. Wood, clergyman of the diocese of Long Island, who is the chaplain at Mitchell Field, one of New York's airports.

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Little Peace on a Peace Mission

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, did not enjoy a particularly peaceful trip when he attended the sessions of the Carnegie Endowment for Peace which met in Paris this summer. It seems that the story was rather generally known in Europe that a number of Columbia students had



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Protests Italy's Action

recently been fired for their peace activities. As a result President Butler was bombarded with telegrams and letters from noted Europeans protesting against the action. Among them was a protest from Professor Perrin, himself a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, the winning of which added greatly to Dr. Butler's fame.

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Democracy Among the Navajos

Certain proposals have been made by the Indian Commission of the Federal government upon which the Indians themselves have been asked to vote. In one of the more backward sections down in Arizona, where the Navajo Indians reside, the vote was overwhelmingly against the proposal. It was a bit difficult to understand so an investigation was

made. It seems that the Indians were told to mark their ballot with a cross if they voted yes and with a circle if they voted no. These primitive people then argued that everything that they had that was good was round; the sun was round, the moon was round, the bread they baked was round; money was round—everything that was good was round. On the other hand the cross was used to kill a good man and therefore was bad. So they all marked their ballots with a circle. All of which prompts Bishop Mitchell of Arizona to make the following comment: "What a travesty it is to submit great government plans to those who have so little comprehension of them."

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Pledge Themselves to Peace

A dramatic demonstration against war was a feature of the missionary conference held at Northfield, Mass., last week. There was a parade consisting of twenty units, with a large cross borne aloft at the head of the procession. The prize float was called "What Price Glory" and depicted Flanders Field with rows of crosses, each one bearing a silver dollar sign and the slogan, "Munition Makers Reap Dollars—Others Reap Death." At the conclusion of the demonstration 2,000 people, with hands uplifted, pledged themselves to a warless world.

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Baptists on Totalitarianism

Baptists, meeting in Colorado Springs in national convention, passed resolutions denying the right of any state to interfere in matters of religion and of any church to enter into relations with the state which might compromise its witness

or limit its freedom. Full liberty in matters of faith and worship and the unrestricted right to a free pulpit was claimed.

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Churches Sponsor Cooperation

Over a hundred ministers of various denominations, Catholic, Jewish and Protestant, met recently in Madison, Wisconsin, to discuss the cooperative movement. Similar conferences are being held in other parts of the country, it being the opinion of those sponsoring them that the consumers' cooperative movement gives the churches an opportunity to apply the principles of brotherhood to economic life. The moving spirit behind these meetings is Miss Helen Topping, and still

further behind the noted Japanese missionary, Toyohiko Kagawa, whose secretary she is. Kagawa is himself coming to the States next year to promote the cooperative movement.

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Forward Movement in Michigan Parish

How may the Forward Movement function in a parish? This is the way Grace Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., set about it. A meeting of the parish council was called to discuss the whole matter of guild and parish plans for the coming autumn and winter. It was resolved that a unified parish program be drawn up which would mean a forward movement of Grace Church in 1935-1936. As a preparation some very definite questions were put to the various guilds in the form of a questionnaire

to be returned on or before a fixed date. Some of the questions were—How many new members shall our guild set as its objective for the next year? How many for confirmation? What shall our educational program be? How can we further steady church attendance in the guilds?

At a special parish meeting called by the vestry for September the objectives of the parish as a whole will be formally discussed and officially adopted. This will constitute a Fall Rally—the beginning it is hoped, of a common task undertaken with joy and enthusiasm. Incidentally, the vestrymen have decided that the Forward Movement for them will mean among other things, the calling upon the parishioners by the vestrymen as a fixed policy in the parish and that the endeavor next season will be to make four hundred visits.

THE NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Edited by
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Bishop G. Ashton Oldham of Albany has accepted the chairmanship of the national committee for Ethiopia, formed recently. The committee was organized for the purpose of crystallizing sentiment against Italy in the event the present dispute reaches a point where Italy will wage what the committee describes as "war on a non-aggressive and peaceful people." The committee also includes clergymen of other denominations. All denominations will be asked to set aside August 18 as a day for nationwide protest and prayer against the "threatened rape of Ethiopia."

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Church Flood Damage Slight

Property damage to the churches in the region of the state of New York affected by floods following torrential rains was slight. There has however developed the danger of contagion from polluted water supply and the authorities have placed a strict quarantine on the district. Bishop D. L. Ferris of Rochester has sent assistance to the churches and has authorized an appeal for the assistance of the sufferers. Many communicants have suffered heavy losses.

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Both Sides on Mexico Presented

Both sides of the Mexican Church question will be presented at the sessions of the Institute of Human Relations in Williamstown, August 25-30, the National Conference of Jews and Christians has pointed out. In addition to the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons and Michael Williams, the

speakers first announced, both of whom will present the Roman point of view, the Institute has now secured L. R. Beteta, the director of the Mexican government's department of statistics, to take part in the discussion, as well as the investigating commission of the Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities, now in Mexico. The National Conference feels that in this way it is maintaining fairness and balance.

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Interest Shown in Meeting Challenge

Four days' mail received by the finance department of the National Council provided a number of items which make good reading for friends of the Church's missionary work. The letters also show that people have been reading Church papers. For new readers it should perhaps be repeated that the "Emergency Schedule" is the bare time-marking budget for 1935. The "Challenge" is the additional sum needed to bring the 1935 budget up to the amount approved by General Convention. The Challenge would restore some of the cuts which are now almost breaking the backs and the hearts of missionaries. Here are a few items from the four days' mail, in addition to receipts for the Emergency Schedule:

Some of the communications are brief. A check for \$10 is enclosed with a sheet of writing paper on which is written: "Domestic missions, \$5, Foreign missions, \$5." Another slip of paper, with a check for \$250 says, "For missions." A check for \$25 is "For missions, for Bishop

Rowe, to help replace cuts." A check "For work among Indians," comes from the offering at Southern Virginia's annual pilgrimage to the Church shrine at Jamestown, Va. A federal judge whose name is well known sends \$25, "the third quarter of my subscription for the year 1935." A layman who hopes to secure \$5,000 for the Council's funds, sends \$1,500 of that amount and a check for work in India. From a university chaplain's office comes \$16 for the Student Lenten Offering, designated for Dr. Francis Wei of Central China College.

"I was once one of Dean Hudson Stuck's parishioners in Dallas," writes a friend, sending a check for the Hudson Stuck Hospital at Fort Yukon, Alaska. And another writer, designating a check for \$50 for one of the missionary bishops, says, "I wish he knew my years long honor of him and my aching sympathy with him now. Why do not the many with summer vacations, numerous amusements and cars come to his aid? I have none of these but hope many will send him large sums."

With \$10 for the Challenge a note from West Virginia says, "We are just a small band of ten ladies but we manage to keep our guild going."

A check for \$200 comes from a woman in California who says, "Having contributed to the Emergency Schedule through parish and diocese, I send this check to be used for the Challenge, hoping that enough other people do the same and restore the cuts."

The Provincial Conference of New England at Concord, N. H., design-

nates its Sunday offering to the Challenge, for Bishop Roberts' work in South Dakota.

When the Rev. B. H. Reinheimer recently visited the little mission at San Martin in Mexico, they insisted that the offering at his service be sent for the Challenge and the check is now received.

A simple little note on plain paper says, "Here is a check to help meet the Challenge. It does seem too dreadful that the work should go backward because people are not interested." That check is for \$3,000.

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Proceedings on Bishop Burleson's Will

The executors of the will of the late Bishop Hugh L. Burleson, assistant to the Presiding Bishop, have asked the surrogate of New York County, where he lived, to give them specific instructions as to provisions in the will. Bishop Burleson did not make his will with legal advice, with the result that many of the provisions and expressions are vague, leaving the executors a great deal of discretion. The executors, Bishop William Blair Roberts and the Rev. Wilbert D. Swain, want a judicial opinion of the legality and binding force of phrases like "I should wish", "if the estate warrants it", "I wish all necessary help to be given". Under three papers admitted by the court as the will the remainder left, after certain bequests are made, goes to the bishop's son, John E. Burleson. However, in the third paper the bishop makes instructions given in the first two discretionary, depending upon what may seem best at the time of his death. In a fourth paper, which has not yet been admitted as part of the will, the bishop requested that \$2000 be given to the National Council, and \$1,500 to the endowment fund of Calvary Cathedral, Sioux City, South Dakota, the remainder to be shared by the son and the cathedral. The son contends however that this was merely a memorandum, and is not binding as a will. To make all this clear and definite the executors want to have the judgment of the court before proceeding further.

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Pension Fund Assets Increase

Further improvement in the market value of investments of the Church Pension Fund was shown in the mid-year statement issued last week by Bradford B. Locke, executive vice-president. Assets now total \$32,143,873. On June 30 the total market value of the Fund's investments stood at \$30,945,023, compared to a cost of \$30,380,733. On the same day the cash balance was \$1,198,850. Mr. Locke explained that the Fund is not now and has never been involved in the mortgage or real estate

situation. For the first time since 1929 collections of pension assessments for the first half of the year have exceeded those of the similar period in the preceding year. Pension payments to beneficiaries are at their highest in the history of the Fund, being at the rate of \$1,191,669 annually, or \$3,264 a day. The income from investments is slightly lower than the first six months of 1934 due to lower yields and increase in holdings of U. S. Government bonds at a low yield.

Mr. Locke also reported increases in insurance written by the Church Life Insurance Corporation and the Church Fire Insurance Corporation, as well as increases of income from investments and additions to surplus.

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Ordination in Philadelphia

Bishop F. M. Taitt on July 20th advanced the Rev. Nelson W. Rightmyer to the priesthood. Mr. Rightmyer is assistant at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

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Young Colored Worker Dies

Lonnie Genrett of New York, a young colored man who has been on the Church Missions House staff, in the shipping office, for the past six years, died on July 17 after a brief illness. His wife survives him.

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Bishop Perry Ordains

Harold Lawrence Sweet was ordained to the diaconate recently by Bishop James DeWolf Perry, at St. John's Cathedral, Providence. Mr. Sweet will continue as assistant at the Church of the Advent, Pawtucket, R. I.

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Such Is Fame

After the Church papers and the daily papers had poured themselves out for many columns on the sesqui-centennial of Bishop Seabury, ancestor of the present distinguished New York judge, a leading New York paper on July 17 stated that "ancestors of Samuel Seabury helped to found the Presbyterian Church."

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Spokane Holds Summer School

The missionary district of Spokane held its summer school this month at McDonald's Point, Idaho. Courses given were by the Rev. D. A. McGregor, executive secretary of the National Council's department of religious education; the Rev. Malcolm Taylor, director of the National Commission on Evangelism; and the Very Rev. Chas. E. McAllister, dean of St. John's Cathedral. Five young clergymen each took a group of

young people and gave instruction on the ways and teachings of the church, while an equal number of leaders presented the program of the Woman's Auxiliary to the women present. Bishop Edward M. Cross was chaplain of the camp, and the Rev. Donald Glazebrook of Holy Trinity, Spokane, was in charge of its management.

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Raising a Tidy Sum

St. Paul's, Meridian, Miss., set out recently to raise \$2,000 in five weeks. They ended with \$2,600. The method was to ask each member of the comparatively small parish for a gift each week, with successive weekly goals of \$200, \$300, \$400, \$500 and \$600. The total amount received was announced each Sunday. On the second Sunday it was \$269 but before the congregation was out of the church along came another check for \$50. On the fourth Sunday it was \$493, and when this word reached one of the oldest communicants of the parish, an invalid, she had herself propped up in bed long enough to write a check for the missing \$7. The Rev. William G. Christian is the rector.

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Activities in Alabama

Recoveries and progress are being made in Alabama. Vacancies have been accumulating since the depression set in, and many of the financially weaker groups have been going without clergymen. The Rev. Thomas D. Byrne, recent graduate from the General Theological Seminary, has been placed in charge of a group of missions in Baldwin County. These missions have been vacant since the resignation of the Rev. William A. Thompson a year ago. Six of these missions have been organized into "The South Baldwin Parish" and are working toward self support. The Rev. George P. Pardington has taken work as missionary in Mobile County, working under the Rev. Hodge Alves of St. Paul's, Spring Hill. Mr. Pardington is quartered temporarily at the Church Home until permanent lodgings can be found for him. A Bishop's League has been organized in Mobile to take care of the County Missionary and other possible developments. The Mobile County Missions Council, made up of representatives of the missions in that county, is also pushing the development of the Church in rural districts. The Rev. C. Wayne Buchanan was installed as rector of Grace Church, Birmingham, on Sunday, July 7. He also has charge of the Good Shepherd mission at East Lake, a suburb of Birmingham. For the first time in its history, Grace Church is undertaking its entire sup-

port, without any aid from the diocese. Arrangements are being made for a clergyman at Dothan, Ala., and its associate missions. When this place is filled, the Diocese of Alabama will be staffed as adequately as it was before the depression, except that a curate is needed for one of the larger congregations of Birmingham. Capt. Condor of the Church Army is at the House of Happiness, Scottsboro, Alabama, until the first of the year. His chief task is to survey the surrounding territory, looking towards development of Church activities, particularly in the Tennessee Valley. At Anniston, a new mission, Trinity, Mechanicsville, has just been opened. This is the third parochial mission of Grace Church, Anniston, which is extending itself to take the Church into the county and the suburbs of the city.

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Anking Plans Assistant Bishop

The synod of the diocese of Anking at its meeting this year laid plans for the election of an assistant bishop to keep pace with the increase in the work and to assist Bishop D. T. Huntington in making visitations. It was decided to request the Board of Missions to continue the priest's salary of whoever may be elected, and to add to that the income of a \$10,000 fund to be raised. \$2,500 is already at hand for the endowment, and the Chinese members of the synod plan to raise \$5000, while Bishop Huntington will secure the remaining \$2,500. It is planned to complete this in about a year.

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Ordination in Louisiana

The Rev. Julius A. Pratt, Jr., was ordained to the priesthood on July 11 by Bishop James Craik Morris of Louisiana, at St. Matthew's Church, Houma, La. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Gardiner L. Tucker, rector of St. Matthew's, whom Mr. Pratt will assist during the summer.

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Missionary Killed by Thief

The most unrelieved mission tragedy, humanly speaking, in recent weeks must be the death of Frederic Charles Hulett in India. Only a short time on the staff of the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, only twenty-six years old, beloved by every one who knew him, he was murdered in his room at night by a common thief who was hunting for the key to the mission safe. The head of the mission hastened to Barisal where the tragedy took place, and later wrote: "It is not from the human level that we must contem-

plate it. I found a wonderful calmness at Barisal in the mission compound. One had the sense of Jesus Himself in the midst and His 'Peace be unto you' tranquilizing all hearts and banishing fears."

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Noted Church Worker Dies

Mrs. Harriet Howard Johnson, widow of the Rev. John Wesley Johnson, founder of St. Cyprian's Church, New York, died last week after a long illness. She had been living with her son, the Rev. John Howard Johnson, vicar of St. Martin's Chapel, New York. Mrs. Johnson for many years assisted her husband in his work among colored people. She was among those responsible for the founding of the Interurban League and the Y. W. C. A. for Negroes.

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Bishop Stewart Marries Son

Bishop George Craig Stewart of Chicago solemnized the marriage of his son, George Craig Stewart, Jr., and Margaret Ruth Rothacker at the cathedral in Evanston, on July 13th. Only members of the immediate families attended.

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Church Celebrates Anniversary

The Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga, N. Y., celebrated its 50th anniversary on July 13. Bishop G. Ashton Oldham, bishop of the diocese, was the preacher at the anniversary on Sunday evening, July 14. On Tuesday, the 16, the actual anniversary day, the Rev. I. G. Rouillard, rural dean of Troy, made an address at an evening meeting, which was followed by a parish gathering. Social features were a reception to Bishop and Mrs. Oldham following the Church service on Sunday, a garden party for the women of the parish on Monday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Jonathan Moore, Heart's Bay, on Lake George, and a smoker for the men of the congregation in the parish house, Wednesday evening, the 17. Former rectors who attended were the Rev. Joseph E. Ryerson, of Ontario, and the Very Rev. Percy A. Paris, dean of the pro-Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie. The present rector is the Rev. Howard N. Farnsworth. The church was incorporated in the year 1839, its first building was erected in 1871 and was destroyed by fire in 1884. The present building was consecrated by Bishop Doane on July 16, 1885.

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Archbishop Honors His Maid

One day while the Most Rev. William Temple, Archbishop of York, was working in his study his wife said to him: "We are about to lose

our Dorothy; she has fallen in love with George Wilson, and they have asked the Vicar of Bishopthorpe to marry them." Dorothy had been an excellent kitchenmaid at the palace for three years, and George Wilson had often made his Grace's boots and shoes, so the Archbishop said to his wife: "My stars! We can't allow that." "I don't see why. They are very much in love and George makes . . ." "Oh, I have no objection", said the Archbishop, "except to the vicar. I intend to marry them myself".

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Clerical Positions Held Numerous

The Rev. Frederick C. Grant, dean of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, in a report recently issued, holds that positions are plentiful for young clergymen who want to "start at the bottom and work up".

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Church Gets Locomotive Bell

St. Simon's Church, Brooklyn, New York, has a bell for the first time in its history, with a special belfry supporting it. Feeling the need of a bell, the Rev. John E. Large wrote to the Long Island Railroad, which responded by sending a bell formerly used on a locomotive to warn motorists at crossings.

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Rector's Wife Dies

Edith Purton, wife of the Rev. C. C. Purton, rector of Grace Church, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, died on July 9, following a three weeks' illness. She had been in poor health for some time. Surviving are her husband and a son, Kingsley Purton.

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New Curate at Tulsa

The Rev. Judson S. Leeman, a graduate this year of the General Theological Seminary, assumed his duties as curate of Trinity Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, this month. The Rev. James J. H. Reedy, 82 year old curate of Trinity parish and well-known in the hospitals and charitable institutions of the city of Tulsa and of eastern Oklahoma, was incapacitated for further active service early in the Lenten season, and on May 1st became curate emeritus of Trinity Parish.

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Georgia Makes Plans on Forward Movement

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the executive council, a meeting of the field department of the diocese of Georgia was held recently at Camp Reese, St. Simon's Island, to make plans for the Forward Movement in the diocese. Bishop Reese presided. A resolution was adopted to hold a retreat and con-

ference of all the clergy of the diocese on October 8-9-10 at Camp Reese. A special meeting consisting of the Rev. Charles H. Lee, Fredrica, St. Simon's Island; the Rev. Royal K. Tucker, Brunswick, and the Rev. John A. Wright, Augusta, is in charge of making the necessary arrangements. It is hoped to secure a leader from outside the diocese.

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Seamen's Housemother Celebrates

Mrs. Janet Roper recently received congratulations from friends far and wide upon the completion of 20 years as house mother at the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, and the 46th year of work among seamen. A tea in her honor was given, attended by members of the staff and of the board of managers. She has become known to thousands of seamen and has become famous for her ability to trace missing seamen, more than 5,000 of whom have been located by her since she began work at the institute.

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Groups Cooperate on Student Work

Expansion has marked the work of the New England Student Christian Movement since its inception early last year. It was started to overcome the lack of work along religious lines in colleges resulting from the conflicting interests of various religious groups. On January 17, 1934, at Trinity Church rectory in Boston, an informal group of thirty-five men and women, friends of the Student Christian movement in the colleges of New England, met to discuss the possibility of such a united movement. Among the Episcopalians at this meeting were Bishop Dallas, the Rev. Charles Cadigan, the Rev. Leslie Glenn, the Rev. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, the Rev. Charles Noble and the Rev. Gardiner M. Day. The result of this and several subsequent meetings in various parts of New England has been that the New England Field Councils of the Student Division of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., who had up to then been most active in this field, have practically voted themselves out of existence, and the New England Student Christian Movement has come into being. The purpose of the movement is well expressed in the following resolution, which was voted at one of the recent meetings: "That it is the sense of the meeting that we believe the universality of the Christian message can be more adequately expressed by an inclusive Student Christian Movement. We would have Christ as the center of our movement, we would strive to make His life and teachings more effective in our lives. We want a world where

isms are eliminated. We want peace. We want a society that will include both liberty and justice." A united Christian Student Movement is now no longer merely a dream, but an actual fact.

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Parish Increases Summer Attendance

The tendency of congregations to fall in the summer has been reversed in Emmanuel Church and the Church of Our Saviour, Brooklyn, N. Y. The Rev. Paul T. Shultz, Jr., the rector has devised a plan which attracts people to worship, even though the churches are near the ocean, and in a section whose residents spend much time on the beaches in the summer. Under the arrangement now in effect services are held at Emmanuel at 9:30 a. m. and at Our Saviour at 10:30. Each service lasts no more than 45 minutes, with brief instructions substituted for the sermon. As a result of this plan the attendance at Our Saviour has increased 100% over last year and 50% at Emmanuel.

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Patients Get Heat Relief

Few special gifts have gone so quickly into use as the \$400 sent by the Woman's Auxiliary in East Carolina for air-conditioning the operating and delivery rooms in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Shanghai. The humidity and intense heat of a Shanghai summer make hospital work desperately trying both for patients and staff.

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Chinese Cathedral Choir Broadcasts

The Municipal Broadcasting Sta-

tion of Hankow, China, recently asked the choir from St. Paul's Cathedral to broadcast a program. One result was that at the time of the concert the long shopping street of Hankow and another crowded business street, where many shops have loudspeakers, were ringing

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gist, order a 50-cent bottle from the manufacturer, Chattanooga, Tennessee.)

from end to end with "Hallelujah" from Handel's chorus.

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Many Chinese Confirmed

The current Shanghai Newsletter is full of reports from missions about the first visits of the Right Rev. John Nichols as suffragan bishop. Visiting eleven places in the district, he confirmed 241 persons. Bishop Graves also confirmed 38 in Shanghai.

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Church Literature Supplied

The Church Publishing Company of Japan does all it can to increase the scant supply of Church literature for Japanese clergy and lay people. Among the achievements of last year were translations of the Apocrypha, the Rev. Dr. Nairne's "Everyman's History of the Old Testament," and the Rev. Dr. Francis Hall's "Catholic Faith and Modern Scholarship." Among smaller publications a little book on the duties of godparents is meeting a long-felt need. The Society hopes to bring out Bishop Gore's "Belief in God" this year, and also, among other things, some kindergarten stories collected by Miss Bernice Jansen whom many people remember hearing on her last furlough. Suitable kindergarten stories are pitifully scarce. The S. P. C. K. assists the Japanese Church's Publishing Society. It is hoped that the latter may become as well known in Japan as the S. P. C. K. is in England. The Rev. Charles H. Evans of Tokyo is secretary and treasurer of the Japanese society.

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An Exchange of Methods

Auxiliary leaders of eastern dioceses met in conference recently for the purpose of discussing ways of making the program which was outlined at the triennial convention of the Woman's Auxiliary effective in diocese and parish during the next three years. The group included a number of recently appointed officers, young potential leaders in women's work. With general agreement on the principles involved, the conference proved a good opportunity for exchanging advice on methods of work, asking help in special problems and sharing any ideas that have been worked out. Among the subjects emphasized were: the necessity of making a program locally, developing it out of the particular needs of the parish or diocese concerned; the necessity of using many kinds of program material, some very simple, some more advanced, according to the ability of the women who are to use it; the value of adult education in modern terms, not the mere reading of a book but in-

dependent thinking based on study, leading into constructive action. A somewhat discouraged report was quoted from a leader who said her parish study class each year found the same women reiterating the same prejudices, while another leader told of a series of discussions which she felt had been worth while because at the end one woman who had been cherishing a prejudice admitted she was not entitled to it.

Another idea emerging from the conference was that Churchwomen should not only have a concern for social welfare but should know how to secure social action wisely. The educational value of supply work and of the United Thank Offering was emphasized and also, especially, the need for definite teaching and practice of prayer for individuals and groups.

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Evil Spirits Flee

There were only two Christians, a mother and her daughter, six years ago in a little Korean village. They walked five miles to the nearest church for services. The woman's husband was a bad lot and her son not much better, but the woman was a faithful Christian, said her prayers and was also gifted, the missionary says, with common sense and staying power. Her husband and son were converted and some eight or nine young men became interested. At this point, the missionary, the Rev. Lionel Beere, began to send out a catechist every Sunday and later Mr. Beere himself went once a month. Forty people crowded into a room 8x12. After due preparation, thirteen were baptized and confirmed by Bishop Cooper, with a soap box for an altar and another soap box and brass basin for a font. Friends in England helped with a little money and a small chapel was built two years ago. Many more people have since become Christian. The spirit house, supposed to be the home of all the evil spirits of the village, was behind the chapel, so close that all the evil spirits are now reported to have fled.

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Social Insurance and Social Security

A study of social security by Church groups is being urged by the Rev. Rankin Barnes, secretary of the social service department of the National Council.

"Special protection for underprivileged and insecure social groups has ever been one of the particular goals of Christian effort," he writes. "The modern method of meeting the hazards of unemployment, illness, accident, and old age is called social insurance. The goal is referred to as social se-

curity. Yet curiously the whole question of social insurance in this country was regarded as very academic until the President's message to Congress in June, 1934, brought

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the issue before the nation as a whole. Older countries, however, approach the question very differently. Dr. Rene Sand, head of the League of Red Cross Societies, recently stated, 'In Europe we take social insurance as something we must have—like streets in cities'.

"The matter was brought to the specific attention of Churchmen in the 1933 pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops:

"No mere reestablishment of an old economic order will suffice. Christ demands a new order in which there shall be a more equitable distribution of material wealth, more certain assurance of security for the unemployed and aged.

"Then the recent General Convention adopted a very definite affirmation on the subject, 'that social insurance against such modern industrial hazards and economic insecurities as unemployment, illness, accident, and old age is in accord with every principle of Christian brotherhood and is endorsed'. Realizing that this relatively new subject needs above all else the support of an informed public opinion, the Department earnestly commends it to adult discussion groups in the Church, to study classes of the Woman's Auxiliary, and to the Young People's Fellowship."

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Anniversary of a Famous Bishop

Only one of all our American bishops, past and present, has a centenary in 1935 but he was one of the most memorable: Jackson Kemper, generally known as missionary bishop of the Northwest. Elected by General Convention of 1835 and consecrated on September 25 of that year, he was the first of our long line of missionary bishops, the first to be officially sent out by the Episcopal Church to establish the Church's work in what was then a wholly new area. Bishop Wilson of Eau Claire, who is one of about fifteen bishops now occupying the territory to which Bishop Kemper was sent, writes: "His original territory comprised the states of Indiana, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and vague parts of Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. After scratching this enormous field for nineteen years, he settled down in 1854 as the first Bishop of Wisconsin—enough for any man."

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3. The Religious Order for Laymen of the Church is

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4. The Bishop who is taking a hand in the Ethiopia-Italy controversy is

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7. But one of the statements below is correct; check it.

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The diocese of Pennsylvania has more communicants than the diocese of New York.

The province having the fewest number of communicants is the Pacific.

8. But one of the statements below is correct; check it.

There are more communicants in the diocese of New York than in the entire Province of the Pacific.

Connecticut has more communicants than the diocese of Massachusetts.

The diocese in the middlewest having the largest number of communicants is Southern Ohio.

9. The dioceses having three bishops each are:

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10. The largest diocese of the Church having but one bishop is

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