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## A BROKEN SPIRIT

*An Editorial by*  
BISHOP JOHNSON

THERE is something about religion that is extremely irritating to academic minds. Perhaps the reason lies in the expression used by the psalmist when he says, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit." The idea of a broken spirit is extremely distasteful to highly cultivated people, and yet there is a profound principle involved which is interesting. We get a glimpse of it in "breaking" a horse or "breaking in" a hunting dog or breaking the wild spirit of a savage.

Let us consider the dog. In his natural state he is kin to a wolf and no companion for man. He is wild and savage and hostile to any friendship with man. It seems a pity to break the spirit of an animal. There is just one excuse for it and that is that when the job has been well done the dog has a finer spirit, shows greater intelligence and becomes man's boon companion. So long as he persists in the wild state the dog has plenty of spirit common to wild animals. When the breaking process is over he develops affection for his master, enters into new experiences and belongs to a higher order of the animal world. The trainer has broken one spirit to develop another one and the process is pain and grief to the dog and yet when broken and trained he would not go back to his old life if he could.

Something like this occurred when civilization was presented to the savage. Most of the tribe rebelled against the civilizing process. Only here and there was an exception and as a result the particular savage who mastered his wild and warlike spirit for the conquests of peace became an object of suspicion to his fellows. The natural savage never has received the offer of culture. It was foolishness to him. He wanted no libraries nor schools nor laboratories. He wanted to hunt and to fight. It was only as the spirit of the wild was



SAMUEL SHOEMAKER  
*Leader at House Party*

broken that the spirit of the sciences was acquired.

The conclusion is that it is the nature of the beast to be so thoroughly satisfied with his present status that any radical change arouses all the revulsion to the new order and all the anger at those who would impose it on him.

IT IS a similar experience which Christ invokes when He calls the natural man from his accustomed pursuits to those which are distasteful to him, so long as his former habits prevail. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit" in very truth but a spirit broken to the old that it may put on the new.

The ordinary man is as shy of any companionship with God as the wild animal is shy of any companionship

with man. So the natural man receiveth not the things of God so long as he is satisfied with his natural state. Naturally they are foolishness unto him until the secular spirit is broken and the new spiritual relationship is established.

We are called to be sons of God and companions of Christ. So long as our hearts are set on earthy things the preferred relationship is vehemently declined. Men do not want to be companions of God any more than wolves aspire to be companions of men.

One gets a reaction to that in the Russian Soviet. It is not enough for them to repudiate religion. They must attack it because it is inimical to their materialistic program. In their savage bigotry they have unconsciously developed a colossal hypocrisy. They claim to love the workingman when their ferocity effectually prevents them from loving anyone and they starve peasants with the same indifference that they execute aristocrats. It is the old wolf pack clothed in sheep's clothing, with the pretense of affection and the determination to devour any who cross their path.

One can admire the noble savage until he tries to dress himself in civilized clothing and manifests all of the vices and none of the virtues of the newborn man. It is true that there isn't much in the past history of Russia to commend itself to God or man. In a sense it has been semi-barbaric with a certain grandeur covering a lot of cruelty. What has been done is merely to take off the tuxedos to put on overalls and to retain all of the vices that it has condemned and put on none of the virtues that it affects.

EXCEPT a man be born again after he has killed the savage within him he cannot enter the Kingdom of love, joy and peace. The



attitude of the radical communist is the same. He violently opposes injustice which he is temperamentally unable to extend. All that he seeks is to lead the pack and the pack that he leads has all the instincts of the wolf. You cannot reason with it any more than you can reason with a tiger. All that he seeks is that he may devour and so may not be devoured. It is bad enough in the raw

but when it is accompanied by the fiendish grin of self righteousness it adds hypocrisy to ferocity, a terrible combination.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit and the sacrifice of a broken spirit is similar to that which a wounded animal receives from the pack. In reading Jack London's description of the pack, watching the struggle between the old leader and

the new aspirant, ready to pounce on the one that was stricken and to devour it, I was vividly reminded of the situation in some European countries in which brute force has won the respect of the pack. There is about as much humane spirit in a soviet or a fascist program as there was in an Indian massacre. It is lust for power disguised in a cloak of philanthropy.

## THE NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*Edited by*

WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

Oxford Groupers (Buchmanites) to the number of 2,500 gathered last week in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, for a national assembly led for the founder of the movement, the Rev. Frank N. D. Buchman, Lutheran minister of Allentown, Pa. Open air meetings were held each afternoon in front of the Stockbridge town hall at which converts related how their lives had been "changed" and there was "witnessing" at "house parties" held in homes at Stockbridge, Lenox and Great Barrington.

Mr. Buchman, always referred to affectionately as "Frank" by his followers, explained the purposes and methods of the movement at the opening meeting. "Quiet time", he said, "is the heart of the Oxford Group. You know that you are in touch with God when God puts thoughts into your mind. It is God control; God direction. During this quiet time if you surrender the direction of your life completely to God He will put into your mind what you are to do."

During this first meeting Mr. Buchman called for a quiet time on three occasions in order that those present might have an opportunity to "listen in to God". He also dictated to his followers phrases which he had received from God and which they jotted down in notebooks carried for the recording of such messages. "I want you to write down these sentences after me so that you get the reason, object, purpose and aim of this national assembly." He then dictated the messages that had come to him from God as follows: "A supernatural network over live wires". "A spiritual radiophone in every home". "Every last man in America, in every last place in America, in every last situation in America, guided by God." The sentences were then read back to him by the assembly as a sort of chant.

There were other headlines—Erle D. Luce, former Brigadier General of the United States army, who related how liquor had him until he joined the Group. He would go on two or three day benders. Then he

told that old yarn of coming home rather worse for wear and tossing a bunch of posies through the door. "If they didn't come flying out, I would go in. Mrs. Luce was kind". She took him to a house party; he heard a British admiral; his life was changed. Now there are no more liquor parties. Instead the General is trying to persuade others to cut out liquor, and having a lot more fun. The story so impressed Mr. Buchman that he called for silence. "Suppose we bow our heads after that. It is a miracle."

S. Loudon Hamilton of Oxford, England, related how his life had been changed by Mr. Buchman so that he gave up teaching and became an unsalaried worker in the movement and got a laugh by pointing out that "it takes God's guidance to make a Scot accept a situation like that."

Devar Surya Sena of Ceylon related how he had always resented being ruled by the British until he joined the Groups. "Now I have discovered that my exalted ego was my worst enemy, not the English." That afforded an excellent spot for some of the British Lords, Generals and Admirals, many of whom were present, to testify that they had not been absolutely honest, absolutely pure, absolutely unselfish and thoroughly loving in imposing British rule on Brother Sena and his fellow countrymen, but if they did have thoughts on the matter they remained silent.

Miss Marion Clayton Anderson, movie actress, who had a part in "Mutiny on the Bounty" said she had received guidance while trying out for the part against others. "I took time out from studying the part to listen to what God had to tell me. All fear of competition disappeared."

Mr. George Light, advertised in the announcements as the former chairman of the Warwickshire unemployed association and a member of the British Labor Party, said that "in industrial disputes we have got to find a new technique. I feel the four standards of the Oxford Group, honesty, purity, unselfishness and

love, should constitute the principles of the new technique which will be built into industrial relations. The work of the Oxford group will be proved by testing it in the everyday affairs of our life."

James Newton, announced as the New York manager of the Firestone Tire Company, related how he was able to settle a litigation regarded as uncompromisable because of "an hour's quiet time in an airplane and a small simple piece of guidance." Mr. Daniel Brigham of Minneapolis related how God had guided him to tell his wife "the truth about myself as an average erring husband", and Mr. J. E. W. Duys, advertised as the parliamentary leader of the socialist party in Holland, publicly declared that "before the Oxford Group I loved only pretty girls, now I love you all."

One of the high spots during the week was the meeting held on Memorial Day, attended by about 5,000 townsfolks and Groupers, at which Brigadier General Winsor of the Prince of Wales Regiment told the crowd that it was a hollow victory won during the world war, with nations now arming with more potent weapons for a new war. "But there is one comradeship that is real. It is the comradeship with God in the Oxford Group. It is the one thing that will ban war from the earth". Mr. Buchman likewise declared a spiritual awakening to be the only thing that would change the national welfare. He made it clear that the movement was spiritual and in no sense political, that it has no creed but welcomes people of all religious faiths and that funds for the work come from people who are "divinely inspired" to give.

The leaflet sent out to advertise this Stockbridge meeting carry a number of quotations from eminent people, indicating what they hope may be accomplished through the movement. Thus Mr. Roger Babson, who tells people how to make money in the stock market, is quoted: "I expect a business revival. But only a spiritual awakening among the



people can make it endure. The Oxford Group is the John the Baptist of such a renaissance". Benjamin H. Brinton, treasurer of the New York stock exchange says, "American business men are realizing that a new spirit of confidence and cooperation is necessary for permanent economic recovery. It is here that I feel the Oxford Group is making a contribution of the first importance to national and international life".

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#### Death Takes Percy Dearmer

The Rev. Percy Dearmer, one of the most notable clergymen of the English Church, died on May 30th in his 69th year. At the time of death he was a canon of Westminster. He was a leading authority on many subjects, including art, music and sociology. He was active with the troops during the war. In 1920 he aided Miss Maude Royden in founding a church settlement in London, and was associated with her in this work for a number of years. A number of years ago he was the visiting lecturer at the Berkeley Divinity School and the unconventional altar hangings now used in the Berkeley chapel show the Dearmer influence. He wrote many books, the most famous perhaps being "The Parson's Handbook".

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#### Woman Graduates From Seminary

Helen W. McHenry, a Germantown girl, was one of those to graduate from the Philadelphia Divinity School last week. She is the daughter of the Rev. H. C. McHenry of Philadelphia and is a volunteer worker at St. Thomas, Whitmarsh, Pa.

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#### Honored by Columbia University

The Rev. Leicester C. Lewis of Philadelphia was honored with a doctorate by Columbia University last week.

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#### News Notes From Maryland

The Rev. Douglass Hoeff, Frederick, Md., died on May 30th after an illness of several weeks. . . . Bishop and Mrs. Helfenstein entertained the clergy of the diocese at a luncheon on June 3rd. There was a paper by the Rev. S. Thorne Sparkman, rector of Christ Church, Baltimore. . . . Bishop Maxon of Tennessee spoke before the Churchman's Club of the diocese at a dinner meeting held recently.

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#### Florence Nightingale Service in Scranton

The annual service for nurses, a memorial to Florence Nightingale, was held last month at St. Luke's, Scranton, Pa., and was attended by

#### FOR SUMMER

AS HAS been our custom for the past few summers, THE WITNESS is to alternate with sixteen and eight page numbers during the summer months, returning to the sixteen page paper each week the first of September. The reason is quite frankly economy. In common with all religious journals we have a difficult time balancing our budget, even by operating with the most stringent economy. This summer plan helps, and we are sure our readers will bear with us. The eight page numbers will carry one feature article and the news; the sixteen page numbers will have the usual features. Plans are now under way for a special series to start in September, announcement of which will be made in due time.

the nursing staffs of the hospitals of the city. The rector of the parish, the Rev. Robert Kreidler, conducted the service and the sermon was by the Rev. W. D. Golightly, Scranton pastor.

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#### Bishop Cook at Minnesota Convention

Bishop Cook, president of the National Council, was a headliner at the convention of the diocese of Minnesota, held at Red Wing, May 26-27. The business was routine.

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#### Virginia Parish Receives Bequest

By the will of the late James Dunn of Petersburg, Virginia, St. Paul's Church in that city is to receive a bequest of \$1,000.

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#### Daily Services After Ascension

Easter is the end of the Church year in all too many parishes. Not so at Menands, N. Y., where the rector, the Rev. W. Hubert Bierck, had daily services as a special observance of the ten days from Ascension to Whitsunday. They led up to a re-consecration service that was held on Whitsunday.

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#### Accurate But Misinterpreted

I was asked the other day to call upon the treasurer of the National Council, Mr. Lewis B. Franklin. He wanted to talk with me about the news story that ran in THE WITNESS of May 7th, reporting the meeting of the National Council, the heading being "Increase Pay of Staff at Church Missions House." He said that a number of inquiries had come in to him about the action from people who apparently misin-

terpreted the story, which he declared to be "100% correct as you wrote it." That is, as the story stated, there was a 5% increase in pay for the office staff at 281 Fourth Avenue, effective July 1st. But the increase goes only to the office staff—again as the story stated—and not to the executive officers. Mr. Franklin explained that salaries of office workers at the Church Missions House were not high (ranging from about \$40 to \$10 a week); that cuts of 20% had been given them in recent years and that he and other officers felt sure that the Church generally would be glad that a sufficiently large sum had come in as a result of the recent drive for \$127,000 to make this slight increase possible. This is an explanation, not an apology, since the story was accurate as it appeared. I have enough back-taking to do when I am really wrong. Which makes me wish sometimes that I could report events about which people would not get so steamed up.

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#### Take Baseball, for Instance

As I have been going over reports of the Oxford Group (Buchmanite) conference, for instance, it struck me, being a little nutty on baseball, how swell it would be to have a manager who was a Grouper. I don't know how many times I have sat in the bleachers at the Yankee Stadium and seen Joe McCarthy pull the pitcher at the wrong time and then put in a dud who promptly blew the game. My hunch, or guidance, invariably seems to be better than his, though I must in absolute honesty admit that there is a bit of second guessing in my calculations. Or take this matter of trading ball players. The other day, running out of work, I amused myself by making up a ball team of Yankee castoffs. Haslett (Brooklyn), first; Lary (Browns), 2nd; Werber (Red Sox), 3rd; Durocher (Cards), ss.; Cooke (Red Sox), Walker (White Sox), Byrd (Reds), outfielders; Dickey (Red Sox), catcher; Hoyt and Weaver (Pirates), DeShong (Senators), Rhodes (A's), Allen (Indians), Van Atta and Andrews (Browns), MacFayden (Bees), pitchers. Now there would be a team, I maintain, that would be in the first division in any league. Yet they are all men the Yankees considered unworthy of a place on their roster. Colonel Rupert, owner of the team, would do well to send his manager to a few house-parties where he could learn a technique which would make such boners impossible.

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#### Clergy Conference at Sewanee

The annual clergy school is to be held at Sewanee, Tennessee (University of the South), July 28-Au-



gust 7th, with a faculty made up of Bishop Mitchell of Arizona, Professor Yerkes of the Theological School at Sewanee, and Miss Mabel Lee Cooper of the Church Missions House. Bishop Morris of Louisiana is director and the Rev. R. Bland Mitchell of Birmingham is the associate director.

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#### **YPF Have Rallies in Albany**

Young people's rallies were held in four centers in the diocese of Albany during May under the leadership of the Rev. Frank L. Titus. Addresses, round table conferences, services and also fun.

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#### **Accepts Call to Lancaster**

The Rev. Heber W. Becker, rector of Christ Church, Danville, Pa., has accepted the rectorship of St. John's, Lancaster, Pa.

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#### **Holy Dove More Than the Eagle**

Church Army continues to call for alert, missionary-hearted men and women under thirty and unmarried, to whom, to quote Captain Mountford, the Holy Dove means more than the Eagle and for whom Calvary's Cross is more to be desired than dollar signs." Classes are now being selected so if you are interested or know of anyone that is, notify top-man Mountford, 414 East 14th Street, New York.

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#### **New York Parish Helps Labor Temple**

The Ascension, New York, where the Rev. Donald Aldrich is rector, recently decided to do a very nice thing—they are putting up the cash to support a social worker at the Labor Temple, nearby on 14th Street, an institution maintained by the Presbyterian Church. An unique institution that, where all sorts of labor and political meetings are held under church auspices. Miss Rose Phelps is the new social worker.

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#### **Ordinations in Long Island**

Bishop Stires ordained the following men on May 25th at the Cathedral in Garden City, Long Island: Frederic F. Bush Jr., presented by his father, who has been placed in charge of Emmanuel, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn; John Malcolm Haight, also presented by his father, who is to be the curate at Trinity, Princeton, N. J.; Henry R. Kupsh, to be in charge of Trinity, Astoria, Long Island; Arnold M. Lewis, who is to continue his studies at Alexandria, and George H. Prendergast of Arizona, about whose work no announcement was made. All were ordained deacons. On June 4th Bishop Creighton ordained Charles

H. Graf to the diaconate. He is in charge of St. James', Ozone Park, Long Island.

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#### **Special Confirmations in Boston**

A special service is being held this week (June 10th) at the cathedral, Boston, at which Bishop Sherrill is confirming any who, because of illness or other good reasons, were not able to be confirmed when he made his regular visitation to their parishes.

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#### **News Notes From Massachusetts**

St. George's, Maynard, recently wiped out its debt—not a big debt, but being a working class parish, the money came hard. The Rev. Burdette Landsdowne is the rector. . . . There is a parish basketball league in Massachusetts, with Trinity, Boston, undefeated in eight starts, carrying off the trophy for the seniors and the Ascension for the juniors. . . . The alumni service at the Cambridge Seminary commencement is to be a memorial to the late Edward Staples Drown, beloved professor for many years, with the Rev. Norman Nash preaching. . . . The Gideons, society that puts those Bibles in hotel rooms, report that it takes 25,000 Bibles each year to replace those stolen. . . . Clarence Watters, director of music at Trinity College, Hartford, recently gave an organ recital at the Advent, Boston . . . large and enthusiastic audience. . . . A bust of Bishop Lawrence has recently been given to Wellesley College by Boston friends. . . . The Rev. Dickinson (Dickie) Miller is conducting meetings for the clergy in Concord and Fall River.

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#### **G.F.S. Week-end Conference**

Miss Alice Rex, field secretary for the Church League for Industrial Democracy, was the leader at a week-end conference of the Girls' Friendly Society of the diocese of Albany, held at Lake George, May 29th-31st. The chaplain was the Rev. A. R. Cowdery. Mrs. Bond Logan, a colored worker in the Y.M.C.A., led a conference on race relations.

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#### **Bishop Ingley in Charge of Wyoming**

Bishop Ingley, coadjutor of Colorado, has been placed in charge of Wyoming until such time as a successor to the late Bishop Schmuck is elected by the House of Bishops.

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#### **Young People's Commission Meets**

The national commission of the federation of Episcopal young people met May 20th-22nd at Rolla, Missouri, with representatives there

from six of the eight provinces. The Rev. Daniel McGregor and Miss Dorothy May Fischer were there representing the Church Missions House. A committee was appointed to solicit, edit and create material to be used by young people in carrying out their fourfold program of worship, study, fellowship and service.

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#### **Calling in the Undertaker**

"The world's largest gas and oil field" is said to center around Borger in north Texas. Here the little Episcopal Church congregation has been holding its services in the only available place, the chapel of an undertaking establishment, "and worshipping quite as cheerfully and hopefully as in the days of the Catacombs," says Bishop Seaman. The group is now ready and eager for its own chapel and hopes to have at least a portable building soon.

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#### **The Clergy on War and Peace**

Participation by the United States in a world economic conference for the purpose of formulating a procedure by which the superior economic advantages now enjoyed by certain nations may be shared more fairly with less fortunate peoples was favored by 11,431 clergymen and opposed by only 638 in a national poll just made public.

A total of 8,890 clergymen replied yes and 2,415 said no to the following question: "In seeking to protect the lives of its citizens in foreign lands and on the high seas, should the United States Government refrain under all circumstances from resort to war and always restrict itself to pacific methods?"

If all obligation to participate in the use of armed sanctions against an aggressor nation were removed from the Covenant, 8,331 of these ministers would favor and 2,883 oppose entrance of the United States into the League of Nations.

Armed action on the part of members of the League of Nations against a nation which the Assembly of the League pronounces guilty of armed invasion of another country, if public opinion, diplomatic pressure and economic embargo prove inadequate as deterrents, was supported by 4,558 clergymen, and opposed by 5,903, with 2,196 in doubt.

Another question was this: "Are you personally prepared to state that it is your present purpose not to sanction any future war or participate as an armed combatant?" To which 7,237 replied affirmatively, 4,010 negatively, with 1,423 registering doubt.

A total of 8,252 favored a nationwide series of religious services in which individuals who have reached a mature decision not to sanction or



participate in any future war may simultaneously proclaim this deep conviction, with 2,439 opposing, and 1,773 in doubt.

The replies came in response to a questionnaire sent out by a committee of thirty religious leaders, including Bishop Brewster of Maine and the Rev. John Nevin Sayre, Episcopalian head of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Replies were received from 878 clergy of the Episcopal Church, and their "Yes" and "No" answers on four major questions were as follows (many, as you see, either gave no answer on some questions or expressed doubt):

In seeking to protect the lives of its citizens in foreign lands and on the high seas, should the United States Government refrain under all circumstances from resorting to war and always restrict itself to pacific methods?

Yes, 490. No, 260.

If all obligation to participate in the use of armed sanctions against an aggressor nation were removed from the Covenant, would you favor membership in the League of Nations by the United States?

Yes, 626. No, 134.

Are you personally prepared to state that it is your present purpose not to sanction any future war or participate as an armed combatant?

Yes, 246. No, 416.

Do you favor participation by the United States in a world economic conference for the purpose of formulating a procedure by which the superior economic advantages now enjoyed by certain nations may be shared more equitably with less fortunate people?

Yes, 808. No, 31.

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#### News Notes from Georgia

Bishop and Mrs. Barnwell are to spend their summer abroad, sailed from New York on June 27th. . . . Bishop Reese observed the 28th anniversary of his consecration quietly at home in Savannah. . . . The Rev. C. C. C. (Chuck) Carpenter was presented a fine vestment case by the children of the parish. He left June 1st to be the rector of the Advent, Birmingham, Alabama. . . . A mother and her child were baptized together on Mother's Day at Pooler, Ga.

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#### News Notes from Chicago

War, so said Bishop Stewart before an assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, represents "arrested development and childishness." He also said that our American radio programs indicate that we are a nation of juveniles. . . . A small meeting of the Church League for Industrial Democracy was held in Chicago in late May. Plans were made for a regional conference there in

the fall. . . . Herbert Brooks, for 48 years the verger of St. Paul's, Riverside, was retired the other day on a pension. He is past eighty. . . . Conference of clergy and laity on the Church's Program is to be held in Chicago October 5th-6th, with Lewis B. Franklin from the Church Missions House as leader. It is a provincial affair, with the Rev. Edwin J. Randall doing the working-up. . . . The annual acolytes' festival was held May 23th at St. Bartholomew's, with 500 acolytes and crucifers from parishes throughout the diocese taking part. . . . Kemper Hall, Church School for girls, announces that \$100,000 has been raised toward a maintenance fund of \$250,000. The campaign is being carried on with the hope of raising the full amount.

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#### Ordination at Colorado Springs

James L. McLane, professor at Harvard and late a teacher at a boys' school, was ordained deacon on May 24th at Grace Church, Colorado Springs, by Bishop Johnson. He was presented by former Rector Paul Roberts, now Dean Roberts of the Cathedral in Denver.

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#### In Charge at Intercession

The Rev. Lewis Nichols of Trinity, New York, has been placed temporarily in charge of the Intercession, New York, by the rector of Trinity Parish, the Rev. Frederic S. Fleming. The former vicar, Wallace Gardner, is now coadjutor bishop of New Jersey.

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#### Condemns Church Rivalry

The rector of St. Thomas, New York, the Rev. Roelof H. Brooks, condemned rivalry between churches and denominations in his sermon last Sunday. "Christian bodies of various kinds are spending more time and effort in winning members one from another than in winning souls from the darkness of heathendom or from the depths of sin. Platforms for Church unity have thus far proved that they are not worth the paper they are written on, save as a hope for the future, because there is no unanimity of spirit."

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#### The Church Unity Octave Council

An interesting document has been received from the Church Unity Octave Council. It is the report of the executive secretary, Mr. Theodore C. Vermilye, presented on April 20th at a meeting of the Council held in New York. You will remember the Church Unity Octave Council as the organization of Episcopalians that caused such a stir several months ago by advocating

that the Protestant Episcopal Church submit to Rome. There were hasty denials at the time that any such submission to Rome was advocated; a number of clergy whose names were signed to the appeal resigned from the Council stating that they had not been consulted on the matter, and there was a great to-do generally. In the light of those events the present report of Mr. Vermilye makes snappy reading. Here are a few quotations: "Our aim is single and fundamental—the Reunion of all Christendom, especially of Anglicanism, with the Holy, Apostolic Roman See, the Mother and Mistress of all Churches, the Head, the Heart and the Center of Catholic Christianity."

After speaking of "the storm of Protestant fury" which broke out as a result of the appeal the Council sent out last December, and "the flight of the weak-hearted from the battle lines," Mr. Vermilye reported as follows on the results of the appeal: "We may hope and pray that they have been many and great, that they will continue to work in the hearts and souls of many, that they will contribute to the hastening of the bright and inevitable day when Ecclesia Anglicana will return to that obedience from which she was torn by the state some four centuries ago, to the communion of the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Roman Church. In terms of mathematics we can measure them only partly and inaccurately. The figures are as follows: our appeal was sent to 1,300 priests of the American Church, as well as to all our bishops, all our Religious Houses and all of the students of the General Theological Seminary. 262 priests, just over 20% of the number addressed, signed and returned cards pledging them to the doctrinal position of the Council and to the keeping of the Octave."

As for the future, the secretary reports that, while many have resigned as members of the Church Unity Octave Council, ("we are especially sorry to lose Fathers Joiner and Joseph and Messrs. Cram and Woodruff") others have joined so that now "our membership is representative not only of all parts of the United States but also of Canada and several extra-continental jurisdictions. We expect soon to be able to add names representative of China, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, the Hawaiian Islands and the British West Indies." Next year it is planned to appeal to all the 6,000 clergy of the Episcopal Church, to at least 1,000 clergy of the Anglican Church in Canada, to all seminarians and bishops, so that there may be "solemn masses and services of Benediction, with sermons setting forth the pressing need and manifest



duty of the return of Ecclesia Anglicana to Catholic Communion." "Not only must we induce priests and people to pray and do penance; we must also arouse in them a desire to study the many problems; scriptural, traditional, historical, dogmatic, practical, which surround an approach to the burning question of Catholic Reunion; we must awaken them to the pressing need for the restoration of Ecclesia Anglicana to her normal and rightful place in the family of Christian Communions, in complete dogmatic agreement and in free sacramental communion with the Vicar of Christ."

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#### Accepts Call to Flushing Parish

The Rev. H. C. Benjamin, formerly the rector at Pueblo, Colorado, has accepted the rectorship of St. John's Church, Flushing, Long Island.

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#### Bishop DuMoulin at French Church

Bishop DuMoulin, former bishop coadjutor of Ohio and now the rector of a Long Island parish, confirmed a class last Sunday at the French Church of Saint Esprit, New York City, acting for Bishop Manning. He conducted the service in French.

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#### Platforms for Peace

For the first time in the history of the major political parties a plat-

form for the maintenance of peace will be presented for adoption to the Republican and Democratic conventions. The platform has received the approval of representatives of thirty-four peace organizations. The platform calls for (1) continuation of the reciprocal trade agreements program; (2) stabilization of currency through international action; (3) active participation in the work of the international labor organization; (4) national defense policy based on defense of our soil from invasion, not for the protection of interests abroad; (5) control of the munitions industry; (6) extension of the neutrality legislation to include an embargo on supplementary war material; (7) settlement of international disputes by pacific means through support of the Kellogg Pact and membership in the World Court; (8) continued cooperation with the League of Nations in its social, economic and humanitarian activities.

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#### Ordination in Indianapolis

Edwin Richmond Fletcher was ordained deacon on May 31st by Bishop Francis of Indianapolis. The service was held at Trinity, Bloomington, where Mr. Fletcher has been a layreader for forty years and where

he will continue to be an honorary assistant.

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#### Notes of the Forward Movement

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lin, national treasurer, was the speaker at the annual meeting of the Auxiliary of Southern Ohio, meeting at Zanesville. He later addressed a large number of vestrymen meeting at Columbus. . . . Regional conferences of the F. M. have been held recently in Southern Ohio, led by the executive secretary of the diocese, the Rev. David R. Covell. . . . The F. M. commission is to meet June 17th-19th at Chattanooga, Tenn., as guests of Mr. Z. C. Patten, for the purpose of discussing future plans. \* \* \*

#### CLID Meets in Philadelphia

The annual meeting of the Philadelphia chapter of the Church League for Industrial Democracy was held on June 3rd, with a large attendance. Prior to this meeting a series of neighborhood meetings had been held in various parts of the diocese. The Rev. William Sharp was the chairman of the meeting; there was the showing of a movie depicting conditions among the sharecroppers and addresses by Miss Alice Rex, field secretary and the executive secretary. \* \* \*

#### New Archdeacons in Harrisburg

The Rev. W. J. Reed of Columbia, and the Rev. A. G. Van Elden of Sunbury, diocese of Harrisburg, were recently elected archdeacons of Harrisburg and Williamsport, respectively. \* \* \*

#### A Contest for Volunteer Choirs

Here's something new—a contest was held last Sunday in Philadelphia for volunteer choirs. It was held under the auspices of the diocesan commission on music, with an idea of encouraging better music at serv-

ices. In the competition, in which a dozen choirs took part, each choir sang under the direction of its own organist and was judged on such points as diction, rhythm, balance, tonal quality, interpretation and accompaniment. \* \* \*

#### Presentation of Missionary Offering

The annual service for the presentation of the missionary offering of the children of the diocese of New York was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on May 23, with representatives from Sunday schools throughout the diocese present at the great service. There were 1,600 children in the choir alone, and there were fifty clergy in the procession. The largest percentage of increase in offering was made by St. Peter's, Peekskill, with an increase of 554 per cent over last year. The largest offering was presented by St. James the Less, Scarsdale, where the Rev. Harry Price is rector, with an offering of \$1,190. Bishop Manning gave the address at the service and the awards were announced by the Rev. H. Adye Prichard of Mt. Kisco. \* \* \*

#### Union Professor at Alexandria

The summer school of the Virginia Seminary, Alexandria, is being held June 8-12, with the Rev. Henry

P. Van Dusen of the Union seminary as guest lecturer. His subject is to be Contemporary Christian Thought. Others to give courses are members of the Alexandria faculty, Dean Rollins, Professor Nelson, Professor Zabriskie, and Professor Lowry. A large enrollment is expected.

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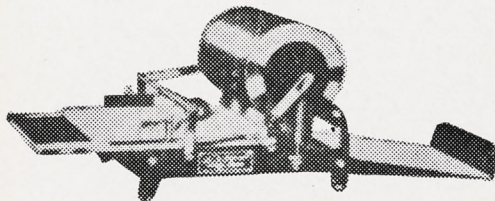


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