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STATIC OR ERRATIC

An Editorial by
BISHOP JOHNSON

THERE were two groups of Jews who were not acceptable to our Lord but quite confident of their own rectitude. Christ never identified himself with either group. He was rejected by the Pharisees who were the champions of traditional orthodoxy and by the Sadducees who were the liberal modernists of that day.

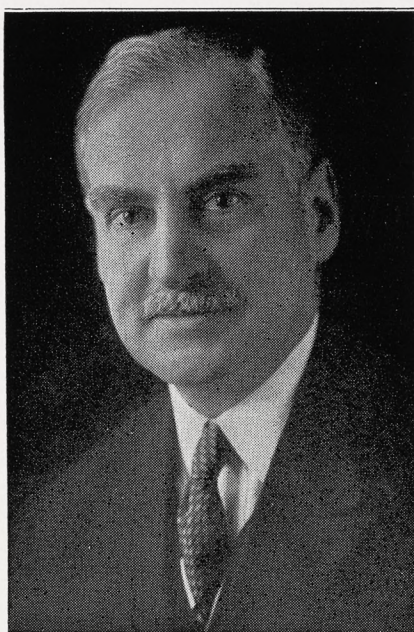
The former were static, unwilling to receive any new truth; the latter were erratic, ready to accept any theory providing it was not orthodox. The former had good foundations but a poor superstructure. "The Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Whatsoever they bid you that observe and do, but do not you after their works," said the Master. The Sadducees had modern viewpoints but their building was built upon the sands of academic theory.

If the Master were to visit us now, He would find the same groups with different names. He would find the stiff and unyielding Catholic whose sole concern is for the foundations, and He would find the cocksure Modernist who despises tradition and looks only for immediate results. He would also find innumerable sects, cults and groups, each with its panacea for human ills, each sending Him literature to win His support.

The appeals to join this society and to support that legislation pile up on a bishop's desk until in utter helplessness he consigns the whole pile to the waste paper basket or else becomes a whirling dervish, spinning around from one point of the compass to the other.

I believe that the Catholics sit in the apostles' seat and whatsoever they bid you it is well to do, but that does not mean that you have to have their repellant attitude toward those who differ from them.

Conviction and charity are not synonymous. They each represent a distinct feature of religious life.



GEORGE WHARTON PEPPER
Discards His Manuscript

The one deals with foundations, the other with adapting the structure to modern uses.

"Other foundations can no man lay than that which is laid," and it is better according to St. Paul to build with stubble on an adequate foundation than with precious stones on the shifting sands. It is a curious theory but Modernists want to use the Church because it has stability but they want to reject the foundation upon which the Church is built.

There are three attitudes that one can take in this matter of foundations and superstructure. First one can take the position that the form of the foundations demand that the building shall follow the original plan, adapting itself to various modern improvements which do not affect the foundations. This is the position

of the man who respects both tradition and modern knowledge. He believes that Christ had a plan as the architect of the future fortunes of His gospel. One cannot assume that a wise leader would ignore the institution which was to embody His gospel. One would expect Him to outline the general plan.

It was this conviction which caused St. Paul to stress the fact that "Other foundations can no man lay but that which is laid" and which causes the Church to affirm that the building is erected upon the foundation "of Christ and the Apostles, Christ Himself being the chief corner stone," and further that the rock upon which the Church survives the storms which have assailed it, is a belief in the divinity of Our Lord. As an historic fact the Church has preserved its continuity upon this conviction.

Second, one can dig up these foundations and substitute others. This is what happened at the Reformation which was really a revolution in that the foundations were altered, resulting in such disintegration that the unity of the building was destroyed and the effectiveness of the Church in society was weakened.

Today we see Protestantism in the hapless predicament of protesting against itself but unable to find the unity which it has found to be desirable. The structures are ghost buildings in which the spirits of the founders are wandering about in hopeless fashion. I can visualize Calvin's ghost or Wesley's ghost having a hard time in the present structures which they so confidently helped to put up.

Third, we can eliminate all foundations and dwell in tents as wandering Arabs, despising all foundations because they are not needed in our migratory lives.

One wonders whether our boasted modern civilization is not going back to a tribal state with big chiefs who

are more autocratic than Czars and more arbitrary than Almighty God Himself.

Mussolini and Hitler have so invaded the seats of the mighty that their names are as sacrosanct in their constituencies as was Jehovah to the ancient Jew. He never pronounced the sacred name nor is it safe to use the names of these mortals in Italy or Germany today.

In each case the foundations have been torn up; academic theories have been eliminated and in the end violence has prevailed to institute a new order in which personal liberty has been sacrificed to expediency. "Art thou a King, then?" said Pilate to Christ. Jesus answered, "Thou sayest that I am a King. To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

Pilate sayeth unto Him, "What is truth?" Many cynics have been ask-

ing this question ever since. Christ's answer to it was, "I am the truth"; a truly preposterous statement unless it were true, and if it were true then a most significant one.

Which attitude one chooses determines which architecture one accepts. Christ's Kingdom is not of this world and so no political government is His creation, but when I compare those systems which recognize his claims with those that substitute academic theories, I am convinced that the more His ethics pervade society, the more the Kingdoms of this world are realms in which men can enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of their ideals.

I believe that the best results occur when men combine reverence for the traditions of the past with a charitable attitude to the needs of the present.

This generation lives upon the wisdom of the past. In the sciences, in the arts and in religion, the accumulated wisdom of the past is the

basis of the achievements of the present. When we assume that wisdom was born with us, and so tear up the foundations, we shall be doomed to dwell in tents which require no foundation, for the civilization that dwells in tents is one in which there is no structure needed except that suitable for savages. And the curious thing is that when you uproot the past the savage in all his feuds and brutality and violence rises up to take the place of well-laid foundations.

One does not have to be either static or erratic to find love, joy and peace, and truth after all is a personal thing. There would be no truth if there were no mind any more than there would be sound without an ear.

Christ is the truth because He embodies supreme wisdom, appreciates true beauty and fulfills all righteousness. He is the truth upon which decent civilization is founded.

THE NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Edited by

WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

The executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches has issued a timely statement on the suppression of freedom. After pointing to the loss of civil liberties in European countries the statement goes on to say:

"In our own country there is disquieting evidence of influences moving toward a similar denial of freedom and a temper of violence. The menace of communism to both religious and civil liberty has been frequently and rightly pointed out. Not enough attention, however, has been given to the more imminent danger of repressive tendencies of another sort. We observe, for example, a sinister intolerance which brands as communistic even those constructive proposals for orderly social progress which are the best defense against communism. Suspicion is engendered against thoughtful and patriotic citizens who oppose the present hysteria for military preparedness or stand for the right of labor to organize for better standards of living. Even the churches are labeled as 'subversive' for pointing out economic injustices and evils, which can be corrected within our present system if there is the will to do so, and for emphasizing the necessity of bringing Christ's spirit and teaching more fully to bear upon our industrial and international life. Gag laws which are unworthy of a free people are being introduced into Congress and have been passed by several state legisla-

tures. Teachers are compelled to take oaths which degrade their professional standing and are contrary to the free spirit of our educational institutions. Lynching is still rampant. Groups of vigilantes take the law into their hands and perpetrate brutal outrages such as that which recently disgraced the City of Tampa. There are even signs of a whispering anti-Semitic agitation such as, unrestrained, has left an indelible stain upon the German government.

"The direction in which these happenings are tending is brought out in the shocking revelations of the operations of the Black Legion in Michigan. These disclose the extreme of cruelty and social danger to which a red-baiting, anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, anti-Catholic organization easily goes. Its use of the name of God Almighty in its oath is blasphemous and its description of itself as Protestant is unjustifiable and shameful."

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Death Takes Former Church Pension Head

Mr. Monell Sayre, executive head of the Church Pension Fund from its inception until 1933, died on June 15th of a cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Sayre was sixty years of age. He began work at an unusually early age, receiving an appointment as page boy in the House of Representatives at Washington when he was nine years old. He continued his school work and saved enough money

to pay for most of his education at Harvard, where he studied from 1895 to 1898.

He was employed as a pension expert by the Carnegie Foundation from 1905 to 1913, when he left to begin the organization of the Church Pension Fund, which he served as secretary and as executive vice-president. He held offices and directorships in numerous corporations and served as pension adviser to the Federal Reserve System from 1920 to 1927.

Under his direction and that of Mr. Bradford Locke, his successor, the Church Pension Fund developed such strength that additional benefits are now given the clergy on retirement or their families in case of death. Mr. Sayre was also instrumental in organizing the subsidiaries of the Fund, the Church Life Insurance Corporation and the Church Fire Insurance Corporation. Mr. Sayre was a delegate to the General Convention that met in Denver as a deputy from the diocese of New York. His home was in Princeton, N. J., though in recent years he has been living mostly in Washington, D. C.

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Kenyon College President Resigns

The Rev. William F. Peirce, president of Kenyon College, announced at the commencement this year that he would retire as head of the institution on February 3rd, 1938. He has been the president of Kenyon for

forty years and will be seventy-two years of age at the time of retirement. He will make the third president of Church colleges to retire within a short period; the Rev. Murray Bartlett from Hobart; Dr. Benjamin Finney from Sewanee and Dr. Peirce from Kenyon.

Bishop Sherrill Speaks at Trinity College

Bishop Sherrill of Massachusetts received the degree of doctor of divinity from Trinity College at the commencement held last week. Ninety students received degrees in course.

Harper Sibley in Chicago

Mr. Harper Sibley, Churchman head of the United States chamber of commerce, was the speaker at the Chicago Evening Club on Sunday last.

Groups to Form American Church Union

Transitional steps are now being taken to merge into one national society within the Episcopal church the several congresses, fellowships and institutes which have grown up since the session of the Priests' convention in Philadelphia in 1924. The new society will be called the American Church Union, and until new officers are elected in its first convention, to be held next September, the executive secretary will be Rev. C. C. Kennedy of New Haven, Conn. The American movement will be operated similarly to the English Church Union, which has for many years played an important role in the life of Anglican Christianity.

Ordinations in Connecticut

Bishop Budlong of Connecticut ordained three deacons and one priest at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, Conn., on June 9th. The Rev. Francis Belden of Thompsonville, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Louis I. Belden of Hartford, was ordained priest. Rev. Elmer Jay Cook of the Hartford Seminary, formerly a Congregationalist and later a Methodist minister, was one of those to be ordained deacon. He is one of the associated editors of the Standard Bible Dictionary and is an instructor at the Hartford Seminary. The others were Thomas Van B. Barrett of Westport and John Thompson Wilson of New Haven.

Choir Festival at Ansonia

A choir festival was held on a recent Sunday at Christ Church, Ansonia, Connecticut; "the first annual" for it was such a success that it is bound to be repeated each year. The large church was crowded and about seventy old choir boys

joined in the procession around the church. The choir at this parish, incidentally, was established when Bishop Woodcock, retired bishop of Kentucky, was the rector.

Poet's Widow Buried at Church Shrine

Mrs. Julia S. C. Field, widow of Eugene Field, the children's poet, was buried in the poet's shrine at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth, Illinois, on June 12th. The poet is also buried there.

Youth Convention in Michigan

Rediscovery is to be the general theme of a convention of young men of the fifth province, to meet the last of August near Muskegon, Michigan. Among the leaders will be Bishop Gray of Northern Indiana; Dean DuBois of Fond du Lac; the Rev. Irwin C. Johnson of Detroit; the Rev. Herman R. Page of Dayton, Ohio, and the Rev. George Ridgway of Rockford, Illinois.

Ordinations at New Jersey Cathedral

Bishop Matthews of New Jersey ordained three men at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, on June 11th; Norman Pittenger of Princeton was ordained deacon and the Rev. Norman Stockett, Jr., and the Rev. Charles S. Straw were advanced to the priesthood. Bishop Wallace J. Gardner preached.

Young Rector for Bloomfield Parish

The Rev. John J. Kirkpatrick, assistant, has been named as rector of Christ Church, Bloomfield and Glen Ridge, N. J., succeeding the Rev. George P. Dougherty who resigned in January and died in April. The new rector is but 28 years of age. The parish is one of the largest in the New York metropolitan area, having about 2,200 members.

Churchwoman Honored by Boston University

Mrs. Mary Simkhovitch, New York Churchwoman, the director of Greenwich House and an officer of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, received the honorary degree of doctor of humanities at the commencement of Boston University last week.

Mr. Pepper and the Students

The younger generation rather upset Mr. George Wharton Pepper, Pennsylvania Churchman and former Republican Senator, at the commencement at Williams College last week. Putting aside his manuscript he launched forth in a defense of Republicanism, following addresses by two honor students who had rather pooh-

poohed what the gentlemen had done in Cleveland. Said he:

"We have placed our faith in the Supreme Court, which finally decides whether the President and Congress have transcended the limits of their authority. Before you join the outcry that the attempted interpretations of the Supreme Court are placing shackles on the people, remember the Constitution has been amended from time to time."

The ex-Senator's remarks followed addresses by two graduates, Pierce Wood, of Dayton, Ohio, and Edward A. Hoyt, of New York. Mr. Hoyt, whose oration was entitled "Heil, Windrip," taken from Sinclair Lewis' novel, "It Can't Happen Here," charged that the industrialists were warring on labor and that this was a trend toward Fascism. He cited as examples of this trend the free use of martial law in Indiana counties and the recent slaying of Joseph Shoemaker, labor organizer, at Tampa, Fla.

Mr. Wood saw the Republican relief plank as a proposal designed to curtail aid to the needy. This policy, Mr. Wood claimed, resembled that of the National Manufacturers' Association and would even nourish "such dangerous movements as Share the Wealth and the Townsend plan."

Referring to the Constitution, Mr. Hoyt, who won the commencement prize for excellency in oratory, emphasized a need for revision of the Constitution to meet modern economic and political requirements. The Constitution, Mr. Hoyt said, was "framed in 1787 to meet the nation's needs at that time, not for the specific purpose of invalidating the A. A. A." He ridiculed the conservatives who thought that the "back-to-the-Constitution" movement would be effective as a recovery and reform measure.

Laymen's Conference at Kanuga Lake

Laymen from a half dozen dioceses are to meet in conference from July 10th through the 12th at Kanuga Lake, the Church conference center in North Carolina. Bishop Darst of East Carolina and the Rev. Arthur M. Sherman are to be the leaders. What does the ordinary man think about God? Is he interested in religion? How is Christianity faring in the world today? What is the Church for? What is it to be a Christian? These are some of the questions to be considered.

Running a Bus for the Church

At Norwood, N. Y., where the Rev. Leon F. Haley is in charge, a bus makes the rounds of the countryside on Sunday morning and

picks up about thirty people who otherwise would be unable to get to church.

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An Enthusiast for Braille

Under the leadership of the Rev. William Heilman, rector of St. John's, Erie, Pa., who has been a Braille enthusiast for a number of years, a Boy Scout troop has learned the system sufficiently well to correspond with the members of a troop at a school for the blind in Watertown, Mass.

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Seattle Rector Resigns

The Rev. Sidney H. Morgan, rector of St. Paul's, Seattle, Washington, for thirty-one years has resigned, effective October 31.

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Alumni Reunion at DuBose School

Bishop Gribbin of Western North Carolina is to be the commencement speaker at DuBose School, Mont-eagle, Tennessee, August 4-7. It is to be the occasion for an alumni reunion and conference.

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Archdeacon Patterson Honored by Kenyon

Archdeacon G. F. Patterson of Ohio received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity from Kenyon College on June 15th.

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News Notes from Massachusetts

The Rev. H. Robert Smith, rector of St. Paul's, Malden, has accepted the rectorship of Grace, Newton. . . . The Rev. Oliver L. Loring, rector of the Epiphany, Dorchester, has accepted the rectorship of Grace Church, New Bedford. . . . Al Schacht, whistling coach of the Boston Red Sox, was the guest speaker at a men's club meeting of St. Stephen's, Cohasset. . . . Rev. Alfred F. Ferguson, assistant at Brockton, has taken charge of Calvary, Danvers. . . . The Rev. David B. Matthews of Brockton recently ended a strike in the community by acting as mediator. . . . Mrs. William L. Clark, wife of the rector of St. Paul's, Brookline, has accepted a position on the staff of Emmanuel, Boston. . . . The Rev. John W. Suter observed the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 7th at his former parish in Winchester. His son, John W. Jr., was the preacher.

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Presiding Bishop Preaches in Paris

Presiding Bishop Perry was the preacher at Holy Trinity, Paris, France, on Trinity Sunday. The Metropolitan Eulogius, archbishop of

the Russian Church in Western Europe, gave his blessing at the end of the service.

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Ordinations in Upper New York

Kenneth E. Arnold, General graduate, and Frederick W. Kates, Alexandria graduate, were ordained deacons last week by Bishop Ferris of Rochester. Henry B. Lee, in charge of St. Philip's, Syracuse, was ordained priest on June 11th by Bishop Coley. In the diocese of Albany on June 14 Bishop Oldham ordained as deacons William L. Bailey and Schuyler D. Jenkins.

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Albany Dean Resigns

The Very Rev. C. S. Lewis has resigned as dean of All Saints Cathedral, Albany, N. Y., effective October 1st. He plans to devote himself to literary work.

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Libel Judgment Against Churchman Sustained

The appeal in the libel case of Gabriel L. Hess, general attorney for The Motion Picture Producers & Distributors of America, Inc., against *The Churchman* and Mr. Shieler, its editor, was heard May 26, 1936. In a decision handed down June 12 by the appellate division of the supreme court of New York, the judgment was sustained. The attorneys of Mr. Hess a few months ago offered a settlement of the case for \$5,100. This, however, involved signing a stipulation which the editor of *The Churchman* refused to sign. It was returned with the statement that "under no circumstances am I prepared to give serious attention to a document which, with my signature, would signify that *The Churchman* had deliberately committed a deed unworthy of its reputation, when, as a matter of plain fact, *The Churchman* made a mistake without malice or intention." In expressing his thanks to people of all churches—and synagogues—for their help in the matter, Mr. Shieler announces that \$2,500 is still needed to clear up the matter.

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Diocese of Chicago Floats a Loan

Action unique in the 100 years' history of the Church in Illinois and probably with few precedents in the entire American church was taken by the diocese of Chicago last week when a \$400,000 bond issue was offered the public. The issue, put out in the name of the Bishop as Corporation Sole, was sold out within forty-eight hours after being put on the market. The action and the result are looked upon as of far-reaching significance. Only once before

in the Chicago market has a similar bond issue been floated. The other was for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Chicago. The Episcopal Bishop of Chicago is constituted a Corporation Sole by act of the State Legislature in 1853. Proceeds of the issue will be used for the refunding of certain obligations of the Bishop which fall due this year. Several of these items are upon parishes and missions. The trust indenture under which the notes are issued is initially secured by conveyances to the trustee creating first mortgage liens on properties owned by five parishes and on others belonging to the Corporation Sole and used in the operation of nine missions. Also by assignments to the trustee of the amounts payable to the Corporation Sole and to certain of its parishes and missions by the Centenary Fund.

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Laymen's League Holds Annual Service

The Laymen's missionary league of the diocese of Pittsburgh held its annual service at Trinity Cathedral, June 14th, with the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton as preacher. Lay evangelists and lay readers were presented to Bishop Mann for his blessing and for their licenses to function.

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More on the Sewanee Commencement

We had a bit to say last week about the reorganization of the University of the South (Sewanee)—Bishop Bratton elected chancellor; Benjamin Finney to retire as vice-chancellor in 1937, and elaborate plans for the raising of three million dollars. A plan of reorganization was also put through, though it will have to be acted upon favorably next year to become effective. Under the plan the trustees, representing the owner-dioceses, reserve to itself the election of the chancellor, vice-chancellor and chaplain, but the administration will be turned over to a board of regents, elected by the trustees, consisting of three bishops, three priests and six laymen, none of whom need be members of the board of trustees. Bishop Bratton, having recently turned over the jurisdiction of the diocese of Mississippi to Bishop Green, it is hoped will take up residence at Sewanee in the two-fold office of chancellor and head of the newly organized public relations department, the purpose of which is to make the university known throughout the country and particularly among the 22 "Sewanee" dioceses, particularly as a part of the drive for funds with which to expand.

Bishop Rogers of Ohio preached the commencement sermon, with eleven bishops in the colorful process-

sion before the service. Judge Edgar E. Pomeroy of Atlanta, chancellor of the diocese of Atlanta, gave the commencement address. Honorary degrees were conferred upon Bishop Rogers; the Rev. C. B. K. Weed of New Orleans; the Rev. C. W. Sheerin of Chattanooga; Admiral Cary Grayson of Washington; the Rev. Albert Lucas, rector of St. Alban's School.

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Ordinations in Michigan

Bishop Page ordained E. Thomas Rodda and William S. Hill to the diaconate on June 18th at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit. Rodda is a graduate of Bexley, and Hill just finished his work at the Virginia Seminary after first attending Cambridge. Both men are to work in the diocese.

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Retiring Rector Is Honored

A dinner was given last week to the Rev. W. H. B. Allen, who is retiring as rector of St. Peter's, Narragansett, Rhode Island, after a rectorship of 37 years. The Rev. Thom Williamson of Pawtucket is to have charge of the parish during the summer.

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Preaches on Campaign Issues

So far as maintenance of sufficient commodities for normal demands is concerned, both "the old deal" and the New Deal were at fault, the Rev. L. Bradford Young said at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, of which he is associate minister.

"The boll of cotton is the symbol of God's good news to this generation," he declared. "There are three words concerning it. God made it. God made plenty of it. And He wants men to use it to clothe His children.

"The boll of cotton stands also for God's plentiful provision of wheat, coal, oil, building materials, man power and technical skills. Even idle men, idle fields, idle factories are signs not only of an immediate social disorder but also of the possibility of an ultimate well-being of plenty for all, in which poverty, as we have known it, is to be abolished.

"God's blessing of plenty we have turned into a curse. In the prosperous years our system did not distribute sufficient purchasing power to buy what was made. There followed the familiar story. Prices fell, profits stopped. And when profits stop under the present system, production stops, even though human need has not stopped. The result is unemployment, artificial scarcity and deepening misery.

"The New Deal had rejected God's

gifts by paying the farmer for not growing things. The old deal did the same thing by evicting them so they could not grow things. The message of the boll of cotton should be the chief issue of the political campaign.

"It is the business of the church to preach the good news of plenty and the doom of all who reject it and so create faith in the possibility of God's economy of abundance."

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Canon Prichard Endorses Birth Control

"There is nothing in the Christian religion which is in any sense antagonistic toward what we call birth control," declared the Rev. H. Adye Prichard, rector at Mt. Kisco, N. Y., and canon of the cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. He was speaking at a dinner held in Hartford, Conn., sponsored by the Maternal Health Center. Canon Prichard, long a supporter of birth control, championed the movement on the grounds of health and economics. Terming "absurd" the limitations imposed by laws, he asserted that the jails and "lunatic asylums" are being filled each year because it is impossible to curb reproduction by incompetents. He took to task church conferences, which, he said, have "sidetracked the issue," and doctors, of whom he said, "If there are any better pastmasters at passing the buck than the doctors, I don't know them."

Birth control, he asserted, is a fact and not a theory and is as old as the world. Discussing the religious attitude towards it, he declared he can find nothing in the Bible which objects to birth control and can see no basis on which it may be called immoral. The argument of critics that birth control constitutes murder he refuted by saying that murder means "destruction of the human personality on earth" and that birth control "cannot be murder because the personality never had a chance to come into being."

Urging the group not to be afraid of being pioneers, Canon Prichard predicted that the movement is coming universally. "And I think God is on your side," he concluded.

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Christian Pacifists Pray in England

Thousands of Christian pacifists, led by the Rev. Dick Sheppard, marched to the Albert Hall, London, the other evening and there prayed for peace. There were no speeches. Canon Raven, Anglican, invited everyone to pray for the peace of the world, and pointed out that similar meetings were being held throughout the country. These folks are not looked upon favorably by the Bishop of London who is reported to have

stated recently that "the extreme pacifism which prevents young men from joining the territorials, holds back recruits from the army, and even discourages clergy from acting as territorial chaplains, is absolutely hastening war."

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Holderness School to Build

Holderness, New Hampshire diocesan school, was full to capacity this past academic year and is now planning to construct a temporary dormitory this summer to accommodate the increasing number of entrants expected in the fall.

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Ordinations in Harrisburg

Kenneth M. Gearhart and Albert O. Judd were ordained deacons by Bishop Brown of Harrisburg on June 9th. Judd was presented by his father, the Rev. Archibald M. Judd.

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Ordination at Seawane

Bishop Juhan of Florida ordained the Rev. Fred G. Yerkes to the priesthood in St. Luke's Chapel, Seawane, Tennessee, on June 11th. Mr. Yerkes is in charge of chapels in the diocese of Florida. Norman Francis Kinzie, who is to be placed in charge of the vacant parish at Pensacola, Fla., during the summer, was ordained deacon at the same service.

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Hornell Parish Is Rededicated

Christ Church, Hornell, N. Y., was Rededicated on May 31st by Bishop Ferris. The church had been completely renovated at a cost of \$20,000. The rector of the parish, the Rev. John G. Spencer, was honored with a doctorate at the commencement of Alfred College this month.

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Prayer Cards at Old Trinity

Eight Prayer Cards are in use in Trinity Parish, New York. They are described as follows in a recent Sunday bulletin:—No. 1 is a daily intercession "for my Parish"; No. 2—"S. Richard's Prayer"; S. Richard of Wyche, Bishop of Chichester, 1245-1253; No. 3—prayers mindful of one's Baptism and Confirmation, for the Christian Soldier and the Christian Knight; No. 4—a card of "Acts"; of Faith, Hope, Love, Contrition, Dedication, Thanksgiving, Worship; No. 5—"In the Hands of God", a number of brief ejaculations, mostly from the Psalms, for use upon rising and going to bed, and for praise and recollection during the day; No. 6—some prayers for noonday, giving expression to the mean-

ing of Christmas, Good Friday and Easter, and Pentecost as we "perceive within ourselves" their life-giving fruits; No. 7—"To Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament", and in thankful appreciation of Saint Thomas Aquinas; No. 8—"The Motorist's Prayer", gratefully borrowed from the London Church Times and reprinted as Old Trinity's contribution to the crusade for taming the motor car, and its driver, into the friend of God and Man.

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Death Takes Prominent Churchwoman

Mrs. John W. Potter Sr., prominent Churchwoman of Rock Island, Illinois, died on June 6th at the age of seventy. Bishop-elect William Essex of Quincy, officiated at the funeral. An active business woman and the manager of the Rock Island Argus since the death of her husband in 1898, Mrs. Potter nevertheless had time for the ordinary affairs and societies of her parish.

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Blind Churchman on Sight-Seeking Trip

Defying the handicap of total blindness, Donald Morgan, young Lake Forest, Illinois, churchman, will sail June 27th for a tour of the English countryside in company with the Rev. Herbert W. Prince, rector at Lake Forest. The tour is under auspices of the Church Club of Chicago. Unusual preparations are being made to enable Morgan to fully appreciate the cathedrals and other historic points which he will visit. A map of England has been prepared in braille. He is studying this together with other braille books describing such places as the Shakespeare country, Oxford University, the Dickens country and cathedrals.

Young Morgan is a teacher at Perkins Institute for the Blind. He was blinded in a Fourth of July accident when he was seventeen years of age. He graduated from Cornell University with honors.

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Young People to Meet at Winslow

The tenth annual young people's conference of the province of the southwest is to meet July 6th to 18th at Winslow, Arkansas, with Bishop Spencer of West Missouri as the director. Others on the faculty are Miss Dorothy May Fischer, national secretary of young people's work; the Rev. Gardiner M. Day of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Miss Alice Rex, field secretary of the Church League for Industrial Democracy; the Rev. Thomas Carruthers of Houston, Texas; Miss Helen Lyles, director of religious education in the district of North Texas.

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Nothing Like a Little Boost

The Rev. Quinter Kephart, rector of St. Paul's, La Salle, Illinois, sends along a little boost in these words: "THE WITNESS is good because it is constantly growing better. It witnesses to something definite. It

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Extensive alterations and additions have been made in the three-manual organ at the Church of the Transfiguration (Little Church Around the Corner), New York. The work was done by the A. P. Moller company, now the largest makers of pipe organs in the world. The organ now has 1353 new pipes and is supplied with 65 speaking stops as well as harp and chimes. Special care has been given to secure the finest tone ensemble possible in relation to the acoustics of the Little Church, to avoid tone pockets due to the comparatively low roof of the choir and nave. The instrument has been tonally reconstructed to be similar to the organs in the English Cathedrals. Mr. R. O. Whitelegg, formerly of London, who handled the tonal finishing of the great organ in Liverpool Cathedral, has given his personal attention to the work. The type of tone is known as the "classical" and gives a maximum of clarity and smooth blending. The voicing of the pipes and the scaling are also of the classical type. The reconstruction

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Elected President of Student Council

George E. Nichols of Utica, N. Y., has been elected president of the student council at the General Seminary for 1936-37.

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Social Worker Resigns

Miss Bertha L. Moore has resigned as the head of The House of Happiness, diocesan settlement in Chicago, to take a position in settlement work in Ithica, N. Y.

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Addresses Presbyterians

Bishop Paul Jones was the speaker last Sunday at a Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Ohio, relating his experiences during the world war.

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School of Liturgical Prayer

A Priest's School of Liturgical Prayer is to be held at Kent, Connecticut, September 7-11. The Rev. William P. McCune of St. Ignatius, New York, is to give a course on Practical Liturgics; the Rev. V. A. Peterson offers a course of Liturgical

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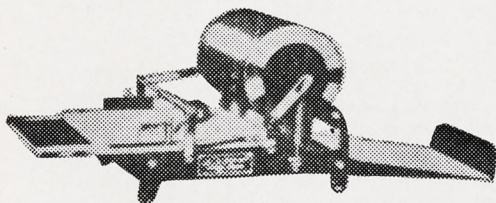


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