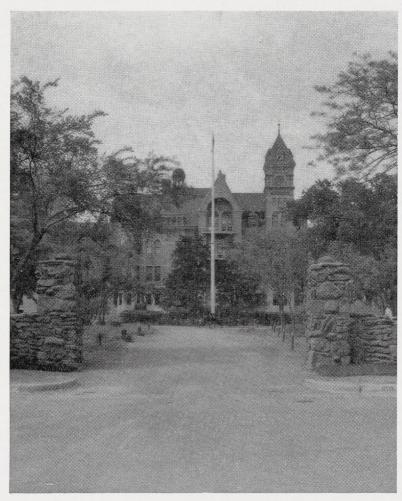
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SATCHELDER, ROBERT C., JR., curate of St. Paul's, New Haven, Conn., will be rector of St. James', Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 24.

of St. James, Lancaster, 1a., Sept. 21.

BELFORD, LEE A., was ordained priest by
Bishop Barnwell of Georgia in St. Paul's
Church, Augusta, Ga., June 25, and is vicar
of St. Andrew's, Douglas, and St. Matthew's Fitzgerald, Ga.

BENNETT, MANNING, for 20 years rector of St. Stephen's, New Hartford, N. Y., will retire from the active ministry Oct. 15, and become rector emeritus.

BENTLEY, JOHN R., was ordained deacon by Bishop Barnwell of Georgia in St. Paul's, Augusta, Ga., June 25.

BRESEE, A. A., will retire from the rectorship of Zion Church, Greene, N. Y., Sept. 30, after 24 years. He becomes rector

CARPENTER JERRY E., JOHN KNOX, RALPH W. REAMSNYDER, FRANK L. SHAFFER and F. E. VAUGHAN were or-dained deacons in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Gambier, Ohio, by Bishop Tucker of Ohio, June 18.

Ohio, June 18.

HASE, JAMES C. (for the Bishop of Central New York), DANIEL K. DAVIS, ROBERT McC. HATCH, GEORGE A. HEALD, GEORGE E. KEITH, WILBUR J. KINGWILL (for the Bishop of Western Michigan), RICHARD E. LYMAN, JR., LAURENCE A. NYBERG, HENRY B. ROBBINS, and REGINALD G. ROSSON, were or-CHASE, JAMES C.

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# THE HARVEST

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"In the select circle of better-informed Germans and foreigners resident here there is a definite expectation of a new crisis, probably over Poland, in the late summer after the harvest is in..." News dispatch from Berlin.

THERE was a story that came out of the World War about a pair of birds building their nest between the lines. First they gathered the odd yet appropriate material out of which the nest was fashioned. Then with fine cooperation they shared the inactive activity of keeping the eggs warm. When the young had come forth the parents foraged up and down seeking to satisfy those insatiable large mouths and fluttering wings. Fascinated, the soldiers watched. The process of nature, gently unfolding before them, impressed them more fundamentally than the vulgar bombast of the war around them, even as the authentic accents of the Lord came to Elijah in the still, small voice and not in the furious boasting of earthquake and fire.

The nesting of birds and war do not ordinarily go together. Rather is bird life associated with peaceful rural scenes and the lanes of springtime. The serenade of the courting bird calls for the living and friendly silence of the country. The building of nests conjures up pictures of lawns and trellises, familiar bushes and spacious trees. Noman's-land is a poor place to provide a bird for his nest. So if the soldiers were thoughtful at all they must have seen the reproach involved in tendering the birds so poor a place for their living. By recalling the usual accompaniments of bird life, the scene before them showed the soldiers how they had slipped their moorings. It showed them how far from normal war is, what an intruder. Without a word being uttered, the little nesting scene effected a conviction of sin and

of the terrible possibilities concealed in human nature. But there was hope in the drama as well. Some day, it promised, the lanes will be quiet again, hearts will be light and nature will tremble with spring's excess of life. Some day.

Again in this present time we have an unwonted intermingling of nature and history. We are told that the aggressor stays his hand till the harvest. When all is safely gathered in, there will be new intolerable tensions, fearful clashes or yet more unspeakable yieldings. Meanwhile men stand quietly beside their guns and the planes are idle. They do not keep their eyes fastened on the hands of a watch. Instead men's gaze is riveted on the grain fields, their upward thrust, their deepening hue. So the very grain fields become a kind of monstrous clock whose striking will ring the death of men, the spoiling of order.

THE grain field, like the birds' nesting, reminds us of the ways and uses of peace. Grain is the foundation of human life and as such is the substructure of all things excellent. We do not generally connect war and grain fields. The more usual connotations are a dusty road shimmering in the sunlight, the mature fruitfulness of summer, the joy of harvest, singing and dancing, and over all—peace.

Thus a grain field symbolizes the best in man. It manifests his fair and intelligent dealing with nature and publishes his industriousness and order. It is the basis and promise of all his culture. In all this, man is the blessing of nature and nature comes to a new significance in the works of man

Yet the foregoing is only a part of the evidence, for here we have a warrior nation waiting for the harvest as a signal for that nation to strike. Consequently nature symbolizes unsuspected deeps of

evil in man as well as summits of virtue. Nature shows up the dark destructiveness that is part of man. Man uses the resources of nature for aggression as well as for the amiable uses of culture. The good things of nature become goals of struggle and occasions of strife. The very structure of human society takes its form from a false attitude to nature, in which the domination of nature has become an end in itself, in which man attempts to live by bread alone. So man is the curse of nature as well as nature's blessing.

Nature, however, is eloquent of Another as well as of man. Nature is His instrument as well as man's; indeed it was His long before it was man's. His use of nature is decisive. Though men destroy nature and themselves through nature, His judgments outrun the fury of men. So if the havoc in nature means the evil of men, it means much more profoundly the faithfulness of God in judgment. The last word through nature is a word of hope. For the unfailing recurrence of seed-time and harvest are a testimony to the unwearied power of God in creation and His even more gracious might in redemption.

Lord, we are thy field and we praise thee for the patience which lets both wheat and tares grow till the harvest. Grant that we may endure the separation of the chaff and finally be found as good grain in thy garner.

# An Appreciation

### BISHOP JOHNSON

THE late Bishop of Kansas, James Wise, was to I me a son in the faith and a happy warrior in the service of his Master. When first I knew him he was a Scotch boy of sixteen whose parents were strict Presbyterians and not at all pleased with their son's adherence to the Episcopal Church, but in spite of parental disapproval he persisted in his love for the Church and his parents lived to rejoice in his ministry.

He became a lay helper in the Associate Mission in Omaha and was encouraged to enter the ministry by the clergy thereof. He was a lovable youth of a very sunny nature. Upon his completion of his studies he succeeded me in the charge of St. Martin's Church, South Omaha, where he ministered faithfully to all sorts and conditions of people such as one meets in a packing house town. After a memorable ministry there he was called to the rectorship of the Church of the Holy Com-

munion in St. Louis, where he left an indelible

He was elected as coadjutor bishop of Texas but declined on the ground that he felt that his ministry would be more effective in the territory which he served. Shortly after he was elected as coadjutor to Bishop Millspaugh, accepted, and was consecrated during General Convention in 1916 in his own parish church. As Bishop of Kansas (for he succeeded very shortly to that office) he gave of himself unstintedly to the work in that diocese and endeared himself to all by his sunny disposition and untiring industry.

He had the rare combination of strong convictions and fervent charity, loving his clergy and his people with ardent zeal. He will be sadly missed by those who knew him. May the Good Lord grant to him perpetual light.

# Prayer Book Inter-Leaves

LIGHT FROM THE WEST

IN ALMOST every American town of any size there stands a large church for which "St. Obsoletus" would be a fitting name. It was built in the prosperous years of the last century, in what was then an excellent residential section. Now the tides of population have turned elsewhere. On a Sunday morning there are few worshippers. Things are kept going by the devotion of a few of the older people, and by an endowment. The great structure is something worse than an anachronism, it is a grave problem for the parish, the rector, and the diocese.

But St. Obsoletus is not simply the by-product of economic conditions which could not have been foreseen. It was a mistake from the beginning. Psycho-analysis might have revealed the fact that some of the many thousands of dollars which went into its stone and mortar, stained-glass windows, expensive brass fixtures, and the carved reredos were given less for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom than for parish self-glorification. And the building committee was the victim of that nineteenth century delusion which prevailed throughout the Anglican world churches to be truly Christian (and in accordance with the Prayer Book), had to be done in the Gothic style.

But is not Gothic the Christian architecture par excellence? Certainly, as it was practised in the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth centuries. A medieval Gothic cathedral is a great creative achievement in which we Christians may well glory as we do in a Ravenna mosaic, a Giotto madonna, or a Bach chorale. But nineteenth century Gothic was something fundamentally different. It was not a creation but a copy. It did not express the soul of either the thirteenth century or the nineteenth century. It was only make-believe. In England it was almost a "racket." If anyone thinks this is over-severe let him read such a book as Kenneth Clark's "Gothic Revival."

Well, the mass delusion which gave us the Gothic St. Obsoletus is understandable. But what is hard to understand, and is tragic in the extreme, is that we American Episcopalians should still want to go on spending our good money in putting up Gothic churches and cathedrals. In spite of demonstrations such as that of Kenneth Clark, in spite of the fact that thousands of beautiful churches, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, are being built in the modern style on the continent of Europe and even in the Church of England, we continue happy under the rule and shadow of this dead hand.

But lo! from the west comes a ray of sunlight. People from Missouri want to be shown, so we say. Now they are showing us, to judge by the Church of St. Mark, St. Louis, pictured in THE WITNESS of June 1. Perhaps we are at last coming to an era of common sense in church architecture.

A church like St. Mark's has many advantages, 1. It is modern. It seems to say that the Church has a message for today. 2. It is simple, straightforward, honest. Those are Christian virtues; they can be expressed in stones as well as in sermons. 3. It does not waste money. Gothic is notoriously a money-absorbing style. 4. It will wear well—as practical, plain things are apt to do. Not in a long time will St. Mark's have to be renamed St. Obsoletus.

This column, which appears every other week, is written by Dean W. P. Ladd of Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, to whom questions and communications can be sent.

### Let's Know

By
BISHOP WILSON
POLAND

THE storm center of international affairs at the present moment is the country of Poland. This is not surprising when one remembers the violent and turbulent history of the country.

Nothing like reliable history begins until the middle of the tenth century when King Miesko was having trouble with the neighboring Germans. Christianity entered the country about that time, introduced by Orthodox missionaries.

Basically the Poles are a Slavic people but there have been strong intermixtures of Lithuanians, Ruthenians, Tartars and Jews. Latin Christianity came in by way of Germany and gradually suppressed the earlier Orthodox faith. Like other nations of eastern Europe, Poland was constantly at war. This condition was accentuated among the Poles because their land was without natural protection and also because of internal divisions which produced endless civil war as well as conflict with others. The crown of Poland was not hereditary. Kings were elected by the nobility. Hence there was always a disturbance whenever a new king was to be chosen.

In the twelfth century a king named Boleslav III decided to change this by retaining the sovereignty in his own family. He divided the country into four principalities for his four sons and they, in turn, further subdivided it among their sons. In the end there were thirty small principalities set against one another and the internal strife became worse than ever.

In the fourteenth century Vladislav the Short determined to amalgamate these divisions and assume sole rule over the entire country. After a long civil war he succeeded in his plan but the actual consolidation was carried out by Casimir the Great who followed him.

The political aspects of the Reformation found a ready response in Poland. Different parties espoused different sides in the religious controversy and factionalism again became violent. In 1573 a new king was to be elected and all parties joined in a demand for religious freedom. Henry of Valois, brother of the king of France, was finally selected on condition that he would promise religious freedom. At the time of his coronation he Whereupon the crown-marshal snatched the crown from his hands, saying, "If thou wilt not swear, thou shalt not reign." Henry took the oath but almost immediately afterwards ran home to France to take the crown of that country left vacant by his brother's death.

The counter-Reformation, led by the Jesuits, fell heavily on Poland. After ten years of warfare the Jesuits gained control and vigorously supressed all reformed movements. The constant turmoil irritated the surrounding nations. Toward the end of the eighteenth century the rulers of Austria, Prussia, and Russia plotted the dismemberment of the country. They encouraged internal strife in order to create an "occasion." In 1772 they made a joint intervention and appropriated to themselves about a third of Polish territory. Patriotic Poles stirred up more trouble and a second partition occurred in 1793. Two

years later the remnant of the country was seized—and there was no more Poland. When Napoleon was conquering Europe he set up a Duchy of Warsaw as the beginning of a renewed Polish national life but this plan was submerged with the battle of Waterloo. From that time until the end of the World War there was no such country as Poland but Polish nationalism never died out. The present conflict is just one more chapter in the story of a thousand years of struggle for national integrity.

# As Visiting Preacher

I WAS invited to preach in another parish. Out of the barrel came a sermon—one which had my approval at the time I last delivered it. A preacher feels that way about a sermon, he approves or disapproves of it after he has finished.

This particular one was on "sin," not general, rather specific. It had had the effect of making quite a few people very nervous, with the feeling that the preacher knew something about them they supposed no one knew. It also set up a reaction, which later reached the study. "He is entirely too familiar with such things for a man in his position." Any way I felt it was too good not to be used again, if the opportunity presented.

Now, with the opportunity, came the feeling of futility. I did not know a person in that congregation, nor any of its parochial problems. I had only a slight acquaintance with the rector, and no opportunity of conversation, since I must arrive a few minutes before the service.

Could I talk intimately and rather pointedly to such a congregation—I knew the sermon was good for any congregation—but could I deliver it—make it forceful, or would it fall flat? Would I find when I got into the pulpit that I did not feel anything, and that there was nothing for me to do but read the manuscript?

With hesitancy and doubt I mounted the steps and looked into the faces of the congregation. It was a good congregation as evening congregations go, or rather don't go. There was rather more of anticipation and expectancy on the faces before me, than was usual in my own church. Congregations like visiting preachers, not knowing what to expect, surprise and curiosity add to their interest.

After assuring them—"that their sins would find them out," I settled down to a rather casual introduction, when suddenly something happened. I forgot where I was, I no longer saw strangers in front of me, but people I knew or had known. There was Mr. "A" who never came to church except when there was a visiting preacher,—he did not like the rector's preaching.

Mrs. "B" who never missed a service, sang lustily, and always managed to pass on some nasty gossip every time she got in a group. Church was about the only group that tolerated her anymore.

Mr. "C" looking very bored—as if it was the preacher's fault—when I knew he was there because his wife had made him come—despite the bluff he made about being the boss in his own house.

Mr. and Mrs. "D" looking very happy and "model American family" like. A bride and groom of three months. I knew the husband was betting on the races, and that she would stop coming when her trousseau ran out.

Mrs. "E" sitting well up front, with a "cat that ate the canary" look. She was usually in the choir, but stayed out this time just to show the congregation how much they missed her, when the choir-master gave a solo to Mrs. "F."

Mrs. "F" much puffed up with her triumph, kept whispering in the choir, annoying the congregation, though the preacher was immune.

Mrs. "G" sitting well back with two children. You could not make her hear because she was busy correcting the children, who would have been all right if she had left them alone.

There too was sweet, young Miss "H." She may have had sins like the rest of us, but the sad look on her face was due not to the seriousness of the preacher's words, but to the fact that a couple of hasty glances had failed to reveal the presence of Mr. "I."

Two callow youths—"J and K," in green suits and bright ties, on the back seat, certainly did not have sins on their minds. Obviously they were merely present to wait for "L and M" in the choir.

The preacher turned around and glanced at the choir.

"L and M" were looking blankly innocent while they pondered the possibility of whether "J and K" might have the use of a car, money for ice cream or a visit to a "juke joint."

There was Mrs. "N" in the alto section trying to converse with Mr. "O" in the tenor section by the lip reading method. Neither of them had the anthem ready, and would make a mad scramble to find it, when and if the preacher quit.

Then Mr. "P" in the bass section was certainly untouched by any sermon on "sin." If he had any they were wiped out by forty years of singing bass and listening to sermons.

The preacher faced west again and looked full into the interested eyes of Mrs. "Q." He knew he

was in for it. She had a supply of questions, long, silly irrelevant ones; she would catch him shortly after the last Amen had been sung off key, and he would be lucky if he escaped in half an hour.

Scattered all over the church were the "R's." The regulars who were interested in the sermon, to whom the subject of "sin" had more than an academic appeal. They were the backbone of the congregation, the envelope users, the missionary givers. These are they who make the Church possible, who profit by its worship and keep up its organizations.

"Thank you for that sermon, you certainly preached as if you knew this congregation," said the rector after the service.

"I know the alphabet," I replied, in my preoccupation, and the rector is still wondering what I meant.—The Poor Parson.

# Where Do You Belong?

By GEORGE I. HILLER

PERHAPS the most difficult task in the work of a clergyman is to keep even a semi-accurate record of Church people. This is not surprising when you realize that a great number of people cannot answer this question.

Are you a member of the Church? If you reply that you are a member of the Episcopal Church, but of some other parish than this—I ask you, are you sure? If you are not known to have made a communion within the year, the rector of that parish may have retired your name to an inactive list.

It is on this account that the practice of registering Easter and Christmas communicants began. The process failed because it was only voluntary, and in many cases indifferent. We have for the last three years made a positive effort, though of course we did not secure a complete registration of communicants, since there are always some people who will not cooperate.

It was appreciated elsewhere, and I believe that it is a form of pastoral care which shows great results and takes only a little effort. We sent the registration of the communicant to the parish he or she claimed as "home." This year that took 169 letters. This was a form letter addressed to the rector, requiring no reply, and merely stating that the slips were sent for information. We did, however, receive 59 replies. Here are a few quotations from them.

"These folks have been inactive for some time, though members of the family attend here."

"This gentleman lived here for a short while, was never transferred to this parish. I do not know his home parish if he has one."

"Mr. and Mrs. —— are greatly missed here, they are permanent residents of your city. I congratulate you on your system."

"I enclose Letters of Transfer for the ——Family. I should have sent these before now."

"Mr. and Mrs. —— were devoted to my predecessor, and refused to transfer though he advised it. I had no knowledge of their whereabouts —will write them."

"I am ashamed to say these people have been away so long I had forgotten them."

"Your Easter check up must be thorough these names are on our list but they have been away from here since before I became rector, ten years ago."

"I do not know the persons who signed Easter cards in your church as members of this parish. Perhaps they were transient and only thought themselves members. Thanks for your letter all the same." (There were 15 of similar import).

"You had three of my regular and devoted communicants at your Easter service, they were pleased when they knew I had been informed of their attendance. I have appealed for such registration here—but get a very poor response."

"I should like to add a word of commendation of this splendid practice. Your letter and registration blank brought much happiness to this lad's mother, from whom he has been estranged. Please follow this up."

So it goes—but it all proves one thing. The Canon Law of the Church is unknown or ignored. Your membership in the Church should be valuable enough to you, to make you want to keep it, and keep it straight.

### **Pretenders**

WHEN Churchmouse has seen theological students and, sometimes, young clergymen, who were just "Pretenders," actuated by worldly ambition and possessing small conception of the spiritual values which they were supposed to teach, he has trembled for the fate of the Church. Then, years after, when he has seen the same men, developed into unselfish, consecrated Priests of God, he has wondered. Perhaps the Almighty has His own way of polishing the instruments He uses.—The Churchmouse.

### NEWS NOTES OF THE CHURCH IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

Edited by EDWARD J. MOHR

Presiding Bishop Tucker has issued the official call for the annual meeting of the House of Bishops, to meet in St. Louis November 8 and 9. Among other things the house will consider resignations of bishops and vacancies in missionary districts. Salina is the only district now vacant. The resignations of Bishop Fox of Montana and Bishop Page of Michigan will be considered. Bishop Page has just presented his resignation to Bishop Tucker, giving age as the reason. He is 73, and became bishop of Spokane in 1915 and bishop of Michigan nine years later. Since 1925 he has been chairman of the joint commission on marriage and divorce. Bishop Creighton, the coadjutor of Michigan, will succeed Bishop Page.

### Chinese College in New Establishment

The faculty and students of Central China College are settling down at Hsichow in western Yunnan, where they have taken refuge after evacuating Wuchang before the Japanese entered. August will be used to make up laboratory work lost through moving and inadequate quarters. The new term will begin at the regular time in September.

# Many Attend New Conference

With an attendance of 59, the first young people's summer conference in the diocese of Los Angeles, sponsored by the Young Churchmen, was held at Arrow-bear, Calif., from July 3 to 13. The faculty and staff included the Rev. Messrs. S. C. Clark, Jr., John Krumm, W. Don Brown, John P. Craine, Gordon Cross and Dennis Delicate; Margaret Norway, Gertrude True, and Mrs. Delicate. The Rev. George W. Marshfield, student worker at Pasadena, spoke on Sunday observance, this subject then being taken up in panel discussion.

### Church Leaders Condemn Aggression

Declaring that religious people must give humanitarian aid to the victims of oppression and aggression, more than 200 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders said in a statement issued on July 12 that "to furnish the sinews of war to aggressor states is a grave injustice, not only to the immediate victim of aggression, but to all peoples, because such aid encourages new aggressions and the spread of war." The declaration was issued by Bishop Oldham of Albany, president of the World Al-

### Front Page Churchman



Maury Maverick, Episcopalian of San Antonio, Texas, was a leader in Congress until the political machine moved him out because he was too liberal. He first planned to wait a couple of years and then run again for Congress. "But why wait?", he told a reporter for The Witness. "I'm going up against that machine again by running for mayor of San Antonio." He was elected this spring and is now a real power again in Texas politics. He is a staunch liberal and a militant defender of civil liberties, as you will discover if you read his recent book "Blood and Ink." This picture was taken while he was "telling 'em" in the recent campaign. He is a member of the Church League for Industrial Democracy.

liance for International Friendship through the Churches. The leaders stressed the need to oppose injustice to nations and groups within nations, holding that injustice is directly or indirectly the major cause of war. The claims of individual states must be settled on the basis of needs, and not on the basis of power, the statement said. To further these ends the religious leaders endorse the foreign policy advocating opposition to aggression, promotion of justice between nations, and the development of adequate peace machinery. Among those signing were Bishops Abbott, Budlong, Brown of Harrisburg, Brewster, Capers, Casady, Clingman, Coley, Cross, Dandridge, Davis, Essex, Freeman, Gilbert, Green, Hobson, Ingley, Keeler, Longley, Ludlow, Mann, Moulton, Quin, Roberts of South Dakota, Remington, Sherrill, Spencer, Stewart, Stires, Ward, Washburn, Wise, Bartlett, Gooden, Jenkins, Mitchell and Seaman. Roman Catholic bishops signing included Bishops Griffin of Springfield, Ledvina of Corpus Christi, Swint of Wheeling, and Jeannard of Lafayette. Other signers were Dean W. P. Ladd, Archbishop Antony Bashir of the Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church, Bishop Bohdan of the Greek Orthodox Church, Msgr.. John A. Ryan, and the Rev. H. C. Robbins.

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### Hospital Increases Services

St. Luke's Hospital, New York, increased its services in nearly all branches last year, it is shown in the 80th annual report. This was particularly the case in the services rendered to subscribers to the Associated Hospital Service Plan. A record attendance of 119,000 was noted for the out-patient department. Extensive improvement and alterations were made during the year in the older portions of the plant, and new services and equipment were installed. Modernization of the ward operating rooms is to be completed in the fall at a cost of over \$225,-000. Out of the yearly budget of \$1,000,000, only \$500,000 is received from patients, the remainder being provided from endowments and contributions.

### Unit Pledges Given To Divinity School

Of the 800 unit subscriptions needed for the support of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif., 400 have already been pledged to date, Dean Henry H. Shires has reported. Each unit represents a pledge of \$10 a year for five years. In addition substantial gifts have been made for a fund for the erection of additional dormitories and a library. The large encollment of the last few years makes the larger space necessary. Eight students from five dioceses will enter the school in the fall.

# \* \* \* Cathedral Guide Service Enlarged

Due in part to the New York World's Fair the number of visitors to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York has increased so greatly in the past few months that it has been necessary to enlarge the organized guide service. Visitors come from 7:30 in the morning until 6 in the evening, and during those hours the official guides point out to them the architecture, decorations and windows of the great edifice. Members of all churches and non-members are represented among the visitors, which include a large number of young people. Much interest is aroused at present by the construction for the completion of the sanctuary and

choir, which will make possible the opening of the whole length of the interior.

### Arms Sale Condemned In South Carolina

Having become "painfully aware of the fact that professed Christians, including communicant members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, have taken and are taking overt or unthinking part in aiding and promoting warfare waged by aggressor nations" through the sale of war commodities and materials for munitions, the department of Christian social service of the diocese of South Carolina has issued a statement condemning such actions as un-Christian. Persons participating in such actions are held "offenders against Christ's laws of life, love and truth," and are asked "to cease from this offense, now having the knowledge of it, and in repentance turn to God, the Father of all races, asking forgiveness and the will and strength to make amends through works of love and peace." The statement is signed by the chairman, the Rev. William W. Lumpkin, McGowan Holmes, Rev. T. Porter Ball, Dr. W. Burns Jones, Fannie B. Duvall, Rev. C. M. Hobart, Mrs. Everett Hall, and the Rev. H. L. Hoover.

### St. John's Military School in Salina

Founded through the efforts of Bishop Elisha Smith Thomas, St. John's Military School, Salina, Kansas, has had a long record since its establishment as a Church school in 1887. The present campus consists of six square blocks with an adjoining seventeen acre area named Thomas Park in honor of the founder. Its buildings provide quarters for an upper and junior school. It has been the constant endeavor of those in charge of St. John's to maintain a private school of high academic standards and conservative educational policy. The school has maintained high standards in its selection of students, and has never knowingly admitted a boy whose presence might detract from its standards. It is felt that the services rendered in the field of religious training fill a vital need, and through these the school makes a definite contribution to the development of Christian manhood.

The military system of St. John's is patterned after that prescribed for the government of the United States Military Academy. The aim of the military department is to develop habits of orderliness, neatness, promptness, courtesy, obedience, and respect for authority, and in no way to stimulate a spirit of militarism. It has been found to be the best plan

### Off-Moment Department



The Rev. Joseph Fletcher is usually busy teaching at the Graduate School of Applied Religion, Cincinnati, where he is the Director. But this caught him in an Off-Moment stretched out on the lawn of the institution. With him are the two little Fletchers. The purpose of the Graduate School, as you know, is to teach young theologs the technique of social service and action. There are now twenty-six men from our various seminaries taking an intensive eight weeks course at the summer school.

under which the students obtain an opportunity to assume responsibility and duties after they have shown sufficient mastery of themselves to direct the lives of others. The faculty of the school are trained specialists representing colleges and universities in various sections of the country. Each member brings a different talent and distinct appeal to boys, so that every boy in the school can be reached and guided by at least one man on the staff.

St. John's has no desire to become a large school, its present concern being to enlarge and improve its present services. It is felt that beyond a certain number of students size is a deterent to proper training rather than an aid. Since the resignation of Bishop Mize of Salina Bishop Spencer of West Missouri has been acting rector. The superintendent is Major R. L. Clem; the commandant, Lt. George L. Evans; and the chaplain, the Rev. John F. Moore.

# \* \* \* Los Angeles Cathedral Celebrates

Under the motto, "The Oldest Protestant Church in Los Angeles— The House of Prayer for all People", St. Paul's Cathedral in the city of the Angels celebrated its 74th anniversary on July 16. Old associates and former members attended the service, at which Dean Eric Bloy preached and Mayor Bowron Fletcher of Los Angeles read the lessons. A luncheon and reception were given in the cathedral house following the service, with the dean, the mayor, and the wardens making short addresses. St. Paul's Church became the cathedral in 1896, when Bishop Johnson was elected the first bishop of the diocese.

### Retreat for Women Planned

Bishop Gray of Northern Indiana will conduct a retreat for women which is to be held at St. Katharine's School, Davenport, Iowa, September 13 to 15. The arrangements are being made by the Sister Superior of St. Katharine's.

### Missionary Conference At Adelynrood

Bishop McKinstry of Delaware gave meditations and others discussed various missionary fields at a conference held at Adelynrood in Massachusetts July 7 to 9. The conference was held under the auspices of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross.

### Western Massachusetts Offered a House

The Rev. Otis R. Rice, rector of St. Barnabas, Irvington, N. Y., has offered his family home in Springfield to the diocese of Western Massachusetts for use as a diocesan house or other purposes. The standing committee has the offer under consideration.

### Vacation Worship Urged

Pointing out that God never takes a vacation, the Rev. Canon H. Adye Prichard, rector of St. Mark's, Mt. Kisco, N. Y., urged people on vacations to attend local churches, in a radio address on July 23.

### Butler Urges Drive For Democracy

Nicholas Murray Butler, Churchman and president of Columbia University, New York, urged the democratic nations to use their educational methods to train their youth to believe in democracy, when he returned from Europe recently. Declaring that the fear of war hangs over Europe, Dr. Butler said that "it is the substantially unanimous judgment of all those leaders of opinion in half a dozen different countries whom I have had the pleasure of meeting during the past three weeks that President Roosevelt's message of April 14 to the heads of the governments of Germany and Italy certainly postponed another great world war, and may have done even more than that.

That message caused the heads of those two governments to stop and think, and the longer they think the more clear will become the stupendous dangers to themselves which are involved in going farther forward with the policies which they have been pursuing for four years past." Dr. Butler said that it is well known that Hitler constantly consults with astrologers, and that they have informed him that the stars indicate that the climax in Hitler's career will come early in September.

### Extension of Rural Work Asked

A plea for Church work with the "untouchables in America" was made at the national Episcopal conference on rural Church work, held at Madison, Wis., for a 10 day session ending July 7. The conference referred to people living in rural areas, saying that "burdened with poverty, lack of opportunity, and racial differences, they lie outside the fold." The conference was arranged by the Rev. Almon R. Pepper, National Council secretary for Christian social relations, others participating in the program being Prof. Roy J. Colbert of the University of Wisconsin, the Rev. Rex Wilkes, the Rev. Francis J. Bloodgood, and Margaret I. Marston. The Rural Workers' Fellowship held its annual meeting during the conference, electing Bishop Fenner of Kansas honorary president, and the Rev. Henry H. Heard president.

### Completes 50 Years Work With Seamen

Mrs. Janet Roper, housemother at the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, observed the completion of fifty years of work with seamen on July 12. She has been with the New York institution since 1915, and since 1920 has been head of the missing seamen's bureau, through which she has found 5,605 seamen. Mrs. Roper is the widow of the Rev. Daniel Roper, whom she met when she began volunteer work with seamen in Bos-





ton. Congratulations on the anniversary were extended to Mrs. Roper by the institute board of managers, of which President Roosevelt is a member, the Rev. Harold H. Kelley, the superintendent, and the 200 employees of the institute, who presented her with a cake with 50 candles.

### Girls' School Visits Old Residence

Bishop Gardner of New Jersey gave a tea for the diocesan summer school for women and girls at Riverside, Burlington, N. J., in the course of sessions which ended July 9. The old residence, built by George Washington Doane, second bishop of New Jersey, is being restored by Bishop Gardner for use as an episcopal residence for the diocese.

### Church Life Insurance Has Large Increase

An increase of 29.98% in the volume of ordinary life insurance production during the first six months of this year as against the corresponding period in 1938 was reported in a statement issued July 17 by Bradford B. Locke, executive vicepresident of the Church Life Insurance Corporation. Annuity contracts issued during the first half of the year show an increase over the first half of 1938 of more than 60%; while contracts now in force obligate the corporation to pay to the clergy and other annuitants more than \$370,000 each year. The statement further shows that "a number of churches and other ecclesiastical organizations throughout the country have arranged for the pensioning of their lay employees, who do not come within the scope of the Social Security Act, through the medium of the Employees Retirement Plan that the corporation has developed".

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### Jobs in Mission Fields Open

Nurses are wanted in Anvik, Alaska, and in Anking, and workers in religious education, physiotherapy, kindergarten training, teaching and nursing are needed in other fields. The National Council department of foreign missions seeks to get in touch with young men and women who feel called to missionary service.

### Murder Held Unsolved

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mon's Island, Georgia, remains unsolved, according to the view of a correspondent in Georgia. The accusations were brought by a woman convict, who was promised freedom for her testimony. The white men involved are to be tried in September, also on the basis of the woman's testimony. The Negro told five different stories, under oath. "To my mind justice has not been served as yet nor any real progress made in solving the case," says the correspondent.

### Refugee Committee Aids Work

The Episcopal Committee for German Refugees has furnished a waiting room for the American Committee for Christian German Refugees in New York, in its current activity to enable German professionals and others to establish themselves here. The waiting room used heretofore was small and bare. The room now used is large and attractive.

### Missionary Payments Meet Expectations

Payments to the National Council on expectations for the Church's missionary program on July 1 amounted to 102% of the amount then due, according to the announcement of Lewis B. Franklin, National Council treasurer. Out of a total of 99 dioceses and missionary districts 70 have paid in full on their expectations to date.

### Missionary Conference Held

The Missionary Education Movement Conference held its annual meeting at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Calif., July 16 to 21, with Dean James Muilenburg of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., as chap-lain and Mrs. R. W. Blosser as leader for the woman's course. The Rev. W. R. H. Hodgkin, former archdeacon of California, was chairman of the conference, which dealt chiefly with the Madras conference.

### Bishop Wise of Kansas Dies

With Bishop Spencer of West Missouri delivering the funeral address, services were held for Bishop James Wise of Kansas in Grace Cathedral, Topeka, on July 11. Bishop Wise died in Wichita on July 8 after a long illness from stomach ulcers. He was

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born in 1875, in Scotland, and came to the United States in 1888. He is succeeded in Kansas by Bishop Coadjutor Fenner.

### Delegates Sail for Amsterdam

Accompanied by a large number of official visitors and advisers, delegates to the World Conference of Christian Youth, meeting in Amsterdam July 26 to August 3, sailed from New York on July 13. Leading the group was the Rev. Ernest E. Piper. of Detroit, who presided at a dinner held in New York to celebrate the

departure. Official delegates from the Episcopal Church are Peter Boes. Berkeley, Calif.; William Davidson, Bozeman, Mont.; Peter Day, Milwaukee; Florence C. Lerch, Charlotte, N. C.; Frank Rowley, Wheeling, W. Va.; Mary Sharpe, Port Arthur, Tex.; Rev. Charles W. Lowry, Jr., Alexandria, Va. The Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa represents the Church in Japan: Annie Yui the Church in China; and Paul Laus the Church in the Philippines. Among the advisers and visitors are the Rev. John Page Williams of Groton School; the Carel J. Hulsewe, Carmel,



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Church For Deaf Has Paper

A new parish magazine, called "Ephphatha Herald", is being issued by the Ephphatha Mission for the Deaf of Detroit. Adolph N. Struck, a speaking deaf man, is lay reader of the mission, which meets in St. John's Church, and also editor of the paper.

Wife of A. M. Sherman Killed in Crash

Meeting with a head-on automobile collision, the wife of the Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, of the Forward Movement staff, was killed and he and his son were injured, though not critically, on July 15. Mr. Sherman and his family were on their way to Hendersonville, N. C., when the crash occured in Staunton Va. The car burned after the collision.

Nazi Ideology or The Christian Religion

The current issue of the Schwarze Korps, organ of the Nazi special guard, demands the exclusive use of the Nazi catechism in the schools on these grounds: "If you permit the Nazi ideology to be taught at the same time as the Christian religion, the children will be learning in one

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Communion in One Kind a Perversion

the schools."

Commenting on a bishop's discussion of "Communion in one Kind," Bishop Jenkins of Nevada makes these observations in the current Desert Churchman: "I am reminded of what Bishop Gailor once wrote: 'The Reservation in one kind is kin to, and suggested by the communion in one kind, which is the most daring perversion of Scripture and Catholic Order in the history of Christianity. It was condemned as a heresy by Leo the Great; forbidden as sacrilegious in the Canon Law (Decretals Grat. II, 12); forbidden in the 11th century by two western Popes, Urban II and The Council of Con-Paschall II. stance, 1567, though authorizing it,

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frankly admitted that it was departing from primitive Catholic practice.' I stand by the Scriptures, the Canons, the Popes, the Council, Bishop Gailor and the Book of Common Prayer."

New York Rector to Be Dean in Hawaii

The Rev. Edward M. Pennell, Jr., for some years rector of All Saints' Church, Brooklyn, New York, has been appointed dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu. He succeeds Dean William Ault, who is retiring. Mr. Pennell will take up his new charge in the fall, after a motor trip to California.

Trinity Rector Calls For Amalgamation

Relocation and amalgamation of city parishes must be given serious and planned consideration, the Rev. Frederic S. Fleming, rector of Trinity Church, New York, says in his

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statement in the 166-page 1938 yearbook of the parish, issued this week. Discussing at length the population changes in Manhattan, one of the five boroughs of New York City, the Trinity rector advocated the establishment of a board of strategy representing all the parishes, through which changes might be planned. He said that it is unwise to allow congregations to move into new areas solely on their own initiative, and pointed out that there is a moral responsibility on any congregation which remains in an area where there is no justification for its continuance. He cited as an example the policy in the diocese of London, where old churches in the center of the city were sold, the proceeds being used to finance new structures in outlying regions. The rector's statement also indicated that the changes in urban living affect the "We also hours of church services. must be alert to the growing necessity of making some alteration in the present hours of services which are still regarded as sacrosanct," he "No church, in any city, has said. a right to exist whose doors are not open every day of the week and where services of the Church are not maintained without interruption each succeeding day. The time table of modern city living has altered its face completely. It is simply futile to think that we can continue to schedule services at hours which were arranged to suit the indolence of a Victorian era. In this same category we shall do well to put aside the fetish of large services. Mass production in religion is just as vicious and unlovely as it has shown itself to be in other walks of life." There are seven chapels in the parish in addition to Trinity Church, extending from Trinity at the southern end of Manhattan to the Chapel of the Intercession about ten miles north, and including a chapel at Governor's Island. Since these are all in Manhattan the rector's study of population trends to the boroughs of Queens, Brooklyn and Bronx is of vital concern to the parish.



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dained deacons by Bishop Sherrill of Massachusetts in St. John's Memorial Chapel, Cambridge, Mass., June 14.

COX, JAMES S., now at Chatham, Va., is to be rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Burlington, N. C., Sept. 1.

DAVIS, WALTON W., was ordained deacon by Bishop Barnwell (for the Bishop of Atlanta) in St. John's Church, Savannah, Ga., July 2, and will be vicar of Christ Memorial, El Reno, Okla.

FLETCHER, CUSTIS, JR., was ordained deacon by Bishop Clingman of Kentucky in Grace Church, Paducah, Ky., on June 28.

FOX, DANIEL H. E., was ordained priest by Bishop Brewster of Maine in Bowdoin Chapel, Brunswick, Maine, on June 29, and is in charge of Emmanuel Church Ashland, Maine.

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GRAINGER, JOHN C., formerly in charge of St. Luke's and St. Paul's, Lincolnton, N. C., and other churches, is rector of St. Stephen's Goldsboro, N. C.

HAMILTON, JONES S., rector of Trinity, Hattiesburg, Miss.. will be rector of St. Paul's, Columbus, Miss., Sept. 1.

HUBBARD, JAMES DeWOLF, formerly assistant at Trinity Church, New Haven, Conn., is vicar of the Brookfield Area, Western Massachusetts.

MIDDLETON, RICHARD T., was ordained priest by Bishop Green of Mississippi in St. James' Methodist Episcopal Church, Columbus, Miss., on July 10. He will be rector of St. Thomas', Columbus.

PARSLEY, HENRY NUTT, formerly at Amherst, Mass., is assistant at St. Philip's, Durham, N. C., and in charge of St. Joseph's, West Durham.

PARSONS, GEORGE W., rector of St. James', Long Beach, N. Y., will be vicar of St. Andrew's Chapel, College Park, Md., and student chaplain at the University of Maryland, Sept. 10.

PENDLETON, WILLIAM G., rector of Trinity, Covington, Ky., is to be rector of South Farnham parish, Tappahannock, Va. Sept. 1.

PERRY, JULIAN C., rector of St. Mark's, Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 1.

PRICE, WILLIAM P., is in charge of Good Shepherd, Ashboro, and Christ Church, Albemarle, N. C.

SANBORN FRANCIS A., formerly vicar of Grace Chapel, New York. is vicar of Emmanuel. Shelburne Falls, and St. John's, Ashfield, Mass.

TURNER, WILLIAM D., rector of Good Shepherd Sumter S. C. will be rector of Shelberd Sumter S. C. wil

manuel. Shelburne Falls, and St. John's, Ashfield, Mass.
TURNER, WILLIAM D., rector of Good Shepherd, Sumter. S. C., will be rector of St. Stephen's. Savannah, Ga., Sept. 1.
WEDEL. THEODORE O., director of studies at College of Preachers, Washington, D. C., has been appointed also canon chancellor of Washington Cathedral, to assist in the sureryision of cathedral, to assist in the sureryision of cathedral schools.
WESSINGER. PAUL, was ordained deacon by Bishop Dagwell of Oregon in St. Stephen's Cathedral. Portland, Orc., June 14.
WHITE, ROBB, formerly at Robertsdale, Ala., is rector of St. Paul's, Springhill, Ala.

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### TESTIMONY

THE National Labor Relations Act, now administered, implements "the right of employees to organize and to bargain collectively," a principle affirmed for many years by the Episcopal Church and many other church bodies and should therefore be continued without amendments, declared the Rev. William B. Spofford, secretary of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, before committees of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives at hearings held on July 11th, to consider proposed amendments to the Act.

"Under the Act as administered so ably by the National Labor Board," said Mr. Spofford, "labor for the first time in our history is being protected from the overwhelming power of employers to defeat organization efforts by discharge, by the employment of spies, by the subsidizing of rival organizations, by blacklisting, by using the so-called yellow dog contract, by propaganda against labor leaders. Hampered in numerous ways by their opponents, the Board has nevertheless an enviable record in handling thousands of cases, with over half of them settled by agreement. Hundreds of threatened strikes have been averted and law and order established to an increasing degree, whereas strife, bitterness and violence was the outstanding characteristic of industrial relations before the enactment of this law."

The CLID secretary then declared that the proposed amendments to the Act, offered on behalf of manufacturers, were offered to destroy collective bargaining and the right of workers to organize, principles for which the Church officially stands. Amendments to the act sponsored by the American Federation of Labor were due to the "ideological controversy" between the C.I.O. and the A.F. of L. with each group accusing the Board of "bias" whenever a decision went against them. The witness then presented figures to show that nobody has adequate grounds for stating that the Act has been unfairly administered. "I believe that the Board has dealt admirably with a most difficult situation and has administered the Act in a way most conducive to effective collecting bargaining. It is

also significant that organizations of the A. F. of L., representing onethird of its entire membership, have gone on record as being opposed to any amendments, whereas, as far as I can learn, not a single A. F. of L. union has supported Mr. William Green, it's president, in his demand for amendments."

Mr. Spofford concluded his testimony by telling of his own experience as a labor manager in the Chicago clothing industry twenty years ago. A labor agreement was signed following a bitter strike, with impartial machinery established to care for disputes as they arose. "Employers hated the agreement . . . it had been forced on them by a bitter strike. They violated the agreement ruthlessly. Foremen, encouraged by their higher-ups, framed the workers. Machinery was tampered with in order to get more work for less pay, contrary to the agreement. workers, long trained to believe that stopping work alone could win for them what they considered to be their just due, pulled off stoppages one after another, contrary to the agree-But gradually both sides ment. learned that complaints could be fairly dealt with under the terms of the agreement, and that direct action on the part of either group was unnecessary. After a number of years the elaborate and expensive impartial machinery, of which I was a part, became unnecessary. The employer and the employee, through their chosen representatives, learned to adjust their own disputes. There was peace in the clothing industry; without a strike since that first agreement was signed in 1919. Nobody in that industry would think of going back to the old days of industrial conflict. I am confident that the same thing will happen under the National Labor Relations Act, which does nationally, under law, very much the same thing that the clothing industry has been doing voluntarily for twenty years. The Board will in time work itself out of a job as thought patterns change and employers and employees alike adjust themselves to the new day. They will learn, through a process of gradual education which already has brought about marked changes in attitudes, that the Act is a tremendous aid to them, bringing peace

and order out of the chaos of industrial conflict. Employers will welcome collective bargaining and the fighting machines of labor organizations will become negotiating bodies. But this will take place only if the Act as it now stands, and as it is being so ably administered by the Board, is given the fair chance that it deserves."

"The National Labor Relations Act," concluded Mr. Spofford, "has already, in a few short years under the most trying conditions, proved to be an effective instrument in establishing collective bargaining which is officially endorsed by practically all of the Churches of the United States. As a Churchman I therefore urge its continuance as originally established, confident that it will eventually be heartily endorsed by employers and employees alike as they adjust themselves to an order of industrial society that is based upon understanding and peace rather than upon conflict and coercion."

Others to testify against the proposed amendments at the same hearing were Msgr. John A. Ryan, professor at Catholic University; Louis Boudine, attorney representing the Lawyers' Guild and Professor Harry Shulman of the faculty of the Yale Law School.

### YOUTH

ORGANIZED as a Congress of Youth, the annual convention of the American Youth Congress was held in New York City July 1-5. Approximately 800 delegates from more than 500 youth organizations of every size and kind came from all parts of the country, representing about 5,000,000 young people. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was speaker at the mass meeting. The Rev. Elmore M. McKee of St. George's Church, New York City, delivered the invocation at the opening joint session of Senate and House.

Eight panels considered how the American Youth Congress and other youth organizations can prepare youth for citizenship in our democracy by promoting participation in politics and government; opportunities for education; recreation, sports and cultural activities; opportunity and security for urban youth; opportunity and security for rural youth; peace action; public health and pre-

paration for marriage; and interfaith and interracial understanding.

Among the speakers in the lastnamed was the Rev. Guy Emery Shipler, editor of The Churchman, and a member of the Executive Committee of the CLID. As part of its findings this panel presented a resolution, which was adopted by the Congress, vigorously opposing antisemitism and all forms of racial discrimination.

William W. Hinckley, a young Churchman and a member of the CLID, retired as chairman at the close of his third term of office. Jack McMichael of the National Intercollegiate Christian Council was elected

in his place.

The Congress adopted a legislative program, a constitution, and a program of activities; declared its stand on national issues and problems; and provided the delegates with policies, source material, suggestions and methods for carrying on activities in national and local youth organizations. As a statement of the principles upon which youth should base their participation in American democracy this Creed of the American Youth Congress was adopted:

I will dedicate myself to the service of my country and mankind.

I will uphold the American ideal which is the democratic way of life. I will help assure its bounty to all races, creeds and colors.

I will maintain my country, founded by men and women who sought a land where they could worship God in their own way, as a haven of the free conscience and the

free religious spirit.

I will safeguard the heritage of industrial development, technical skill, national resource and culture which has made my country the inspiration for the youth of all lands, and I will use whatever talents I have to add to that heritage.

I will be a social pioneer helping to forge new tools for the fullest development of all individuals, for an era in which education, the chance to make a decent living, the opportunity for health, recreation and culture will assure the fullest develop-

ment to all.

I will respect and defend the Constitution, keystone of American liberties. I will seek progress only within the framework of the American system of government which is founded on the principle that all political power is inherent in the people, and I will oppose all undemocratic tendencies and all forms of dictator-

I will help make the United States a force for peace and pledge that my patriotism will not be at the expense of other peoples and nations, but one that will contribute to the brotherhood of man.

I will not permit race prejudice, religious intolerance, or class hatred to divide me from other young people. I will work for the unity of my generation and place that united strength at the service of my country, which I will defend against all enemies.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

HEADQUARTERS

MOST of the time of the executive secretary during July has been devoted to the summer conferences of the Church. As usual a course was offered at the Wellesley Conference, the lectures the second week being given by the Rev. James Myers, industrial secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, thus enabling Mr. Spofford to attend other confer-The Rev. Norman Nash of ences. the CLID executive committee was the dean of the School of Christian Social Ethics at Wellesley and taught a course. There were also a number of lively round table conferences, and two meetings with the entire conference membership. Mr. Robert Neumann, recently released from a Nazi concentration camp, was the speaker at one and on the evening of Independence Day the speaker was the Rev. Mr. Myers. Members of the League and their friends held a meeting at the Gambier Conference the afternoon of July 5th at which plans were made for a regional CLID in Ohio next October. That evening the executive secretary addressed the entire conference on the work of the League. The following day he visited the summer school of the Graduate School of Applied Religion, at the invitation of the Rev. Joseph Fletcher, director, and led a two-hour conference with the twenty-six seminarians that evening. This was followed by a visit to the general conference at Sweet Briar, Virginia, where he also met with CLID members and friends in the afternoon and addressed the whole conference membership in the evening. The following week the executive secretary went to Washington to testify at the hearings on the Wagner Act, as reported elsewhere. The final summer conference at which the secretary spoke was the one of the Epsworth League, young people's organization of the Methodist Church, which met at Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey.

INTERCESSIONS

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, send thy blessing upon the children of all nations, and especially upon those living under oppression. Unite our work to theirs; help us to be more loyal in thy service, doing more, giving more, loving more. Hasten the time when all the world shall know thy Son and do His will. Amen.

HEAVENLY FATHER, make us truly merciful toward the needy, the friendless and the suffering. Forgive our indifference. Grant that we may minister to them in thy name in such a loving way that they may find in us the comfort and the help they seek, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone givest wisdom and understanding; inspire with thy Holy Spirit all to whom thou hast committed the power of government. Give them the vision of truth that by their counsels the nations may live together in true brotherhood, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROTEST

MEMBERS of the Morningside Heights Chapter of the CLID joined in the picketing of the American Steel and Scrap Iron Institute, New York, which is responsible for the shipment of scrap iron to Japan. The demonstration, sponsored by the American Friends of the Chinese People, was carried on for three days in July. The signs carried by CLID members read: "American Steel and Scrap Iron Institute sells scrap iron to Japan to kill women and children. We object. Church League for Industrial Democracy, 135 Liberty Street, New York City."

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