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ABBITT, R., was ordained deacon by Bishop Helfenstein of Maryland, in Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, on September 18th. He will soon sail for the Philippine Islands to take up his work at Upi.

BALLARD, L. F., is now curate in Christ Church, Greenwich, Connecticut.

BOLLES, DeF. B., is now rector of Christ Church, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

COTTON, C. E., formerly canon of the Cathedral of St. John, Spokane, Washington, is now rector of St. Stephen's parish, Longview, Washington.

DEVLIN, T. P., rector of the Church of the Nativity, Union, South Carolina, has accepted a call to be rector of St. Mary's Church, El Dorado, Kansas, effective Oct. 15.

FAY, R. W., rector of St. Paul's Church, Overland, Missouri, has accepted a call to become rector of Christ Church, Warren, Ohio, effective October 15.

LEFFLER, J. C., for the past eleven years rector of St. John's Church, Ross, California, has resigned to become rector of St. Luke's Church, San Francisco, effective December 1.

MILLER, H. G., of Fort Scott, Kansas, has recently come to Annapolis to take up his duties as assistant in St. Anne's Church.

MORRELL, G. R., formerly rector of St. Mary's Church, Gowanda, New York, has been called as rector of Christ Church, Guilford, Connecticut.

MOWERS, E. B., formerly priest-in-charge of St. Peter's Church, Huntington, West Virginia, has accepted the call to St. Luke's Parish, Welch and Gary, West Virginia, and not the Rev. R. O. Moehle.

NIVER, E. B., died at his home in Baltimore, Maryland, on September 9th.

OTIS, C. P., of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, died suddenly in his office in the Monastery of St. Mary and St. John, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on September 12 at the age of 55.

PAULSEN, M. C., has been called as rector of Calvary Church, Stonington, Connecticut.

SECCOMBE, A. B., of the University of Virginia, has been called as chaplain of Yale University and will assume his duties December 1.

STINETTE, C. R. JR., is now curate in Trinity Church, Hartford, Connecticut.

STRETCH, R. N., formerly curate at St. Luke's Church, Evanston, Illinois, is now assistant to the director of clinical training at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

WRIGHT, W. G., rector of Trinity Church, Wethersfield, Connecticut, has accepted a call to become assistant rector of St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, effective October 15.

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ECCLESIASTICAL WPA

By

CHARLES G. HAMILTON

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IT IS widely alleged that some WPA projects exist rather to keep certain people employed than to accomplish anything definite. It is often charged that some WPA activities are merely rackets in which the less energetic rest.

These statements may be entirely incorrect as to the governmental WPA. But most churches maintain unconsciously, a similar WPA, under the sanctimonious disguise of Home Missions. Home Missions sounds like a determined effort to Christianize America. Actually it expends its money mainly on keeping alive ecclesiastical anachronisms and overindulged congregations. In advertising Home Missions, work among foreigners, Negroes, Indians, Mountaineers, is stressed. Actually, little of any denomination's Home Mission expenditures goes for these. And much that does go for such work, in spite of many heroic pastors, is mere denominational aggrandizement. Its aim is to take Eastern Orthodox or Latin Catholic members, or to borrow Baptists from the normal Negro church, or to drag the Mountaineer from his virile faith to urban platitudes and statistical rolls.

Most churches that eke out a precarious spiritual existence in small towns are maintained in competition with churches already filling the religious needs of the community. This is particularly true of the Congregational, Episcopal, and Presbyterian class churches who usually feel their superiority to the "lesser breeds without the law." But these same supercilious "better class" people do not think enough of their religious arrogance to pay for it. Instead they expect the missionary Budget of the National Church to sustain them. Having once gotten on relief, they never get off. There are churches that have been on this ecclesiastical WPA for a century. And those churches

who have once gotten on the dole, take it as a natural right. In my early ministry in Alberta I tried to get a church off the dole. I soon learned better.

HERE are sample churches from several denominations which show some of the results of the ecclesiastical WPA. A. is a small suburban field of a few small churches. They have not gained in membership in the twenty years they have had the present minister. Their falsified statistics have increased but their attendance and giving have declined. They have cost the general denomination over \$30,000 during this pastorate. The \$30,000 has really been a dole given this minister (who bitterly resents federal relief for the poor) for being a complacent lackey. The denomination has gained absolutely nothing in membership or finances or churchliness or reputation from his work, although he has widely publicized it. The next man there will find it worse than twenty years ago.

B. is a group of churches in a county. This denomination poured \$2,000 a year for twelve years into a county that did not want its ministrations. Many small churches have been organized, none strong. For the thousands of dollars expended, there are a few hundred on the rolls who would otherwise have been Baptists.

C. is a town whose members want a full time minister, and are willing to pay five to fifteen dollars a month for one. The dozen active members are well-to-do, including a judge about to be impeached but still getting several thousand a year. A transient town, every pastor receives scores, and they move away. No minister has ever seen any future to the church. Even professional sheepstealers give up hope. The counties surrounding have no organization of this variety, and

there are no old residents in the town who belong. But thousands of dollars have been spent and several young ministers reduced to bitterness and poverty by the stubborn insistence of executives on running it.

D. was a county without a church of a certain brand. So a young minister was sent in to build it up. Four churches were organized. One was the only church in a new town. This made excellent propaganda and a building and special gifts were given it. Before long other churches moved in and all but a dozen returned to their former loyalties. Then the dozen quit going. Finally the church burned. Two of the other churches evaporated, and the fourth, after years without a pastor, has a once-a-month supply. Fifteen thousand dollars of home mission money was sunk in that county without a trace.

One wealthy town insists on a \$1,000 a year subsidy that they may have a full time minister. Two others receive the same dole, with an average attendance of six out of the hundred alleged members. In another \$8,000 has been poured into a field to keep a minister there whom the people will not pay. A field where there are not ten members of the denomination within two hundred miles is used as a continual exhortation to put a

full time proselyter there. Here is a college work where thirty years have not produced a single town member, and not one college student can be counted on every Sunday. Here is a group of old churches slowly starving a minister unwilling to live in the same town with his churches. Here is a church where not one member gave a dollar in a year but due to parsonage rent they can give the minister what is left after other expenses. The National Church built the parsonage. Here is a young, alert minister wasting his life because an ambitious society matron insisted on service every Sunday.

Does the Church owe doles to local congregations unwilling to support themselves? Is not some of the decline in home mission giving due to disgust at the pauperizing of this ecclesiastical WPA?

Impact

By

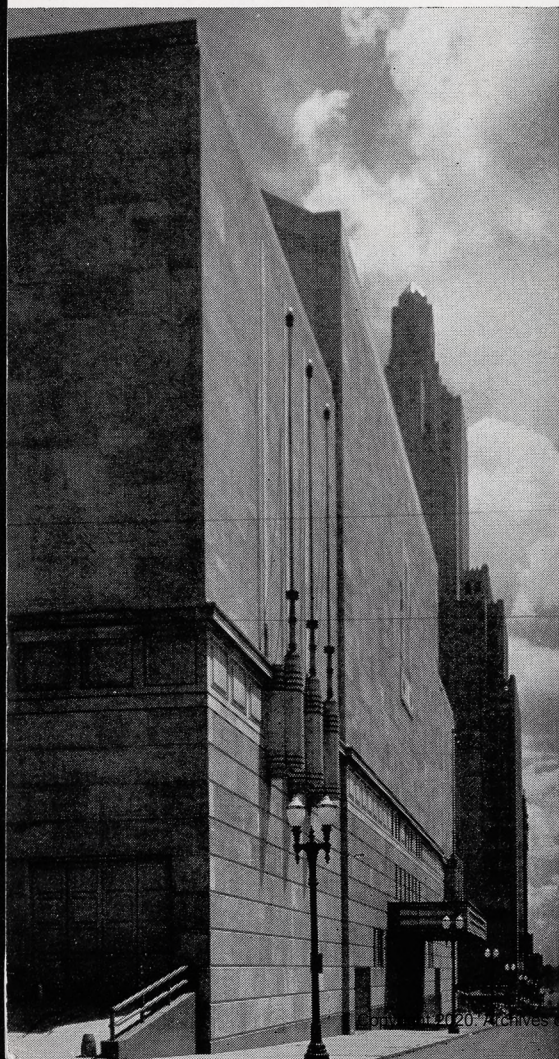
EARL GREENWOOD

National Director of Church Army

IMpact is a word used by Bishops of the Episcopal Church in a recent statement describing the work of the members of the Church Army. "Impact" may mean the "collision or forcible contact of a moving body with another body which is stationary." According to this definition it is a perfect word with which to picture the Church Army in action.

Of course the "moving body" in attempting to move the "stationary body" may be smashed to pieces in the effort! Foolish, isn't it? Yet they are "fools for Christ's sake." Yes, in every day language they are fools rushing in where angels fear to tread.

The "stationary body" may be some civic problem such as hundreds of undernourished children and families in a congested area of some American city. Foolish, for one little group to try to collide with this overwhelming situation! Yet they rushed in and as a result a seventy-three acre farm has been secured. An old barn has been transformed by many hours of hard labor into a rustic bunk-house for thirty persons. The farm house is painted white and green and the remodelling included the extension of the porch the length of the house to make an attractive dining-room in which almost four thousand meals were served this summer during ten weeks of camp life. One hundred forty children from a con-



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jested city section where the heat is almost unbearable in the summer months enjoyed games on the two level playing fields made over from unused ploughed land full of holes and ruts. Ten families from a city mission, itself a miracle of new life because of Church Army work, enjoyed week-ends together in the country. Eight other youth organizations used the camp facilities. Ask Captain and Mrs. Laurence Hall, the five Church Army Students, the people and friends of St. Barnabas' Mission, Cincinnati, Ohio, about the "impact" which has been made!

Another great "stationary body" is the social problem caused by the migrant worker system of employment. Church Army has little opportunity to spend months in an economic-social survey and analysis of this tremendous problem but the Church Army wanted to have that problem feel the "impact" of the Gospel of Christ. Therefore, this "moving body" equipped and partially supported three workers to co-operate with the Women's Council for Home Missions this season. The Church Army workers learned much in this "collision." A Sister wrote: "Five out of seven mornings I get up at five o'clock, cook my own breakfast, walk over a mile to the center, work all day and return about seven o'clock in the evening." (Most Episcopalians were on vacation while this was going on.)

In another part of the country which is said to be the fastest growing industrial section of the United States, a group of six Church Army workers under the direction of a keen-minded bishop are helping to survey, establish or extend the work of the Church. One of these workers reported: "My visits from house to house up this little 'holler' have been a revelation of the lives and conditions of these people. Without exception I was cordially received and welcomed into the homes. I was impressed most of all by the rather wistful concern of the parents for the welfare and training of their children. Many of the women expressed a longing for their children to get some 'teachin' about God.'" Surely the Episcopal Church through these lay-workers will make an "impact" in that area!

These members of the Church Army are recruited from the various youth organizations within the Episcopal Church. They must be over twenty years of age and willing to place themselves under certain discipline. A two year training course is provided with the students attending classes at the Training Center in New York. The quota of young women has been filled for this year but keen young men of the Episcopal Church

willing to adventure in churchly evangelism for the Master may obtain information by writing to The Church Army, 414 East 14th St., New York, N. Y.

Let's Know

By
BISHOP WILSON
HISTORICAL

HOW many of our readers know that there is such a publication as the Church Historical Magazine? It has been going on now for nine years with a small but appreciative list of subscribers. General Convention makes a very small appropriation toward the cost which with a little advertising and the subscriptions allows the magazine to pay its modest way. Even this is possible only because of the devoted and unre-munerated efforts of the Rev. E. C. Chorley and the Rev. Walter H. Stowe to whom the Church owes a large debt of gratitude. Contributors to the quarterly issues are, of course, paid nothing for the many hours of study and research which lie back of every article.

I was once asked to address a meeting of school teachers on the subject "The Contribution of Re-



A CAR LOAD OFF TO CAMP JOY

ligion to American Life." As I got into the ramifications of the subject I was surprised myself at the large part played by the Episcopal Church in the whole field of American progress. Historians are only just beginning to awaken to the fact that the Churches have exerted enormous influence on the course of events in this country, not the least being that of the Episcopal Church. These historians are now asking for information, seeking for records, hunting for documentary sources from which they can reconstruct the part played by the American Church in the past three centuries.

We have been careless and shiftless about it long enough. Valuable historical documents have been neglected and undoubtedly some of them have been irretrievably lost because there was no authorized agency to conserve them and no place to keep them in safety. Thirty years ago a small group of laymen in Philadelphia incorporated the Church Historical Society and began in a tentative way to gather records and assemble them in a depository as far as their resources

would permit. This Society has made an excellent beginning. It ought to have official recognition by the Church and the Historical Magazine should be made its regular organ. It is really amazing to think that the Episcopal Church has no place that begins to be adequate for housing its growing collection of records. The National Council has not even sufficient room for handling its own records, to say nothing of those of dioceses and Church institutions which comprise the living stream of Church progress.

Things are happening every year in the work of the Episcopal Church which are worthy of permanent record. Future historians will be gnashing their teeth over their inability to gain access to numberless documents which will be moldering in some forgotten attic. There should be an official depository with a competent librarian in charge who can catalog the material and keep it available for future generations. We have been criminally neglectful of this important phase of our Church life. The Historical Magazine has already proved the need for it. How can any historian write a decent history of the United States without including the role of the Church in its achievements? And how can it be done if the records are unattainable?

Every respectable library in the country ought to carry the issues of the Church Historical Magazine on its shelves. Our clergy and laymen must be educated to preserve and deposit records of important Church developments in some central place. As matters now stand nobody knows where to send such important information and there is no proper provision for caring for them. Let's do something about it.



ZeBARNEY PHILLIPS

The rector of the Epiphany, Washington, and chaplain of the United States Senate where he was recently described by Vice-President Garner as "a good pray-er." As president of the House of Deputies he will keep things moving at a fast pace.

Talking It Over

By

WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

THOSE WOMEN are at it again. This time they have sent a letter to all General Convention delegates protesting against the Church League for Industrial Democracy sponsoring open forum meetings at Kansas City. The speakers, so they say, are "communists" and the Episcopal Church is a sucker to allow the Convention to be used as a sounding board. The charge is made by the same group of Park Avenue dowagers who earlier in the summer sent a flock of fancy literature to parsons throughout the country to "prove" that the Federal Council of Churches was communist controlled. They did so by pointing out

that on Federal Council committees were such "Reds" as the Rev. W. Russell Bowie, Bishop Gilbert, Miss Vida Scudder, Bishop McConnell, Dean Henry P. Van Dusen of Union Seminary, Miss Mary E. Wooley, the Rev. Henry Smith Lieper and scores of others of equal prominence in church affairs, several of whom are speakers at official meetings at this General Convention. All that the blast got for the hundreds of dollars spent were good belly laughs and protests from other distinguished churchmen who were a bit angered because they were not included on the honor list. The present letter about the CLID meetings in Kansas City will receive the same treatment. At all recent General Conventions the CLID has sponsored forum meetings, receiving not only the fullest sort of cooperation from the Convention but thanks as well, since these meetings have come to be one of the most interesting of the side-shows. They will be this year since they give the thousands of people visiting the Convention an opportunity to hear outstanding leaders of American thought. Delegates to the General Convention—many, and perhaps most of them—will not agree with what Mr. John L. Lewis has to say. But our Convention is composed of people of a high degree of intelligence who know that what Mr. Lewis says is important, whether they agree with him or not.

WHAT can be said of Mr. Lewis can be said equally of the others on the program. All of them are outstanding leaders whose opinions on current problems are influencing the minds of millions. Roger Baldwin is the director of the American Civil Liberties Union, a vitally important organization in American life. Carey McWilliams, the director of Immigration and Housing in California, is generally recognized as the leading authority on migrant workers and sharecroppers. Jack McMichael is the president of the American Youth Congress which has an enrollment of several million young Americans. Mr. Lewis is the president of the C.I.O. with a membership of several million. Max Yergen is the president of the National Negro Congress and is the recognized leader of the millions of Colored citizens who belong to that organization. Josephine Roche is an employer of labor and was formerly the assistant secretary of the United States treasury. She has been, and I think still is, the chairman of the White House conference on child welfare. Jack Foster, one of our own missionaries, is to represent Free China and surely all attending the Convention are interested in the

struggle of that country for freedom and independence.

As a member of the committee that selected these speakers I am rather proud of the job. There are others we would have liked also. We asked Mr. Green, president of the A.F.L., but he found it impossible to accept. Likewise we had hoped to have Mayor LaGuardia of New York and Mayor Maverick of San Antonio, both Episcopalians, and we did considerable urging as my files testify. But they were unable definitely to say yes in July, and since the Convention program committee was pressing us for our list of speakers we had to forego the honor of having them. It can be said however that the CLID is giving the General Convention an opportunity to hear outstanding people, and I am sure that the leaders of the Church, as at former Conventions, will give them the hearing they deserve and will be grateful to the CLID for making it possible.

Let me close by thanking these New York women for advertising the meetings by their protest. It saves the CLID both time and money. I was beginning to fear we would have to do the job ourselves.

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WOMEN OF CHURCH WILL PLAN FOR THE YEARS AHEAD

Women of the Church have a great Convention of their own meeting at the same time and place as the Church's General Convention which will open in Kansas City, October 9. Their Convention is called "The Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary,"—"The Triennial," for short. It is made up of five delegates from each diocese and missionary district of the Church, a total of more than 500 women actively engaged in the work of the meeting, with thousands of women visitors who are not delegates, but are active in Church work.

The purpose of the Triennial is to develop in broad outline a plan for women's work in the Church for the next three years.

The delegates determine how the United Thank Offering of the women of the Church is to be used. This Offering, collected in little blue boxes into which thousands of women place money in thanksgiving for special blessings, and which has reached the million dollar mark at some previous Triennials, is normally used for salaries of women missionaries; their retirement fund; training of present and prospective workers; erection of new buildings in mission fields.

Two events of special interest to the women are the United Thank Offering gatherings Thursday, October 10. First is the Corporate Communion of Churchwomen, at which the United Thank Offering is presented at the altar on a 24-inch golden alms basin; the other is the meeting at night when the amount of the Offering is announced. After presentation in the morning, the Offering is rushed in a closely guarded armored car to a local bank, where it is counted, and the total kept a secret until announcement at the evening public meeting.

The general theme of this year's meeting is "Witnesses to the Power of God," and speakers include Dr. William A. Eddy, president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva,



Carey McWilliams, the director of housing and immigration of the state of California who is to speak at the CLID meeting on October 11th.

Below is a picture of the Music Hall in the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium where many General Convention meetings will be held.

N. Y.; Dr. Walter Van Kirk, New York, of the National Peace Conference; Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, New York, of the Universal Christian Council; Miss Edith M. Lowry, N. Y., of the Council of Women for Home Missions; Miss Florence G. Tyler, N. Y., of the Foreign Missions Conference; Dr. Lewis B. Franklin, New York, Treasurer of the National Council; Mrs. James R. Cain, Columbia, S. C., member of the National Council of the Church, and others.

An important moment is the occasion when the Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, will speak to the assembled Church women.

The Triennial elects its presiding officer at its first session. Mrs. Allen Stebbins of Rochester, N. Y., has been nominated by the National Executive Board of the Woman's

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MASS MEETINGS WILL DRAMATIZE WORK OF CHURCH

The pulse of the Church around the world and highlights of Christian problems in the midst of war will be caught in a series of five great meetings during General Convention under sponsorship of the National Council and its various divisions.

The keynote to the series will be sounded by the United Thank Offering meeting the evening of October 10 in the Municipal Auditorium arena. "The Church Marches On" is the theme. Through a commentator coming to the audience in radio fashion; through motion pictures on a huge screen dropped before the Convention altar; through missionaries from far-flung fields, will come the story of the persistent march forward of the Church in these troublesome times. John W. Wood, so well known as a missionary speaker, will give the message of the evening and the Presiding Bishop will say a word. The announcement of the 1940 United Thank Offering will climax the program. Arrangements for this meeting have been made by a committee of the Woman's Auxiliary executive board of which Mrs. Clinton Quin of Houston, is chairman, and a Kansas City committee headed by Mrs. Henry Burr.

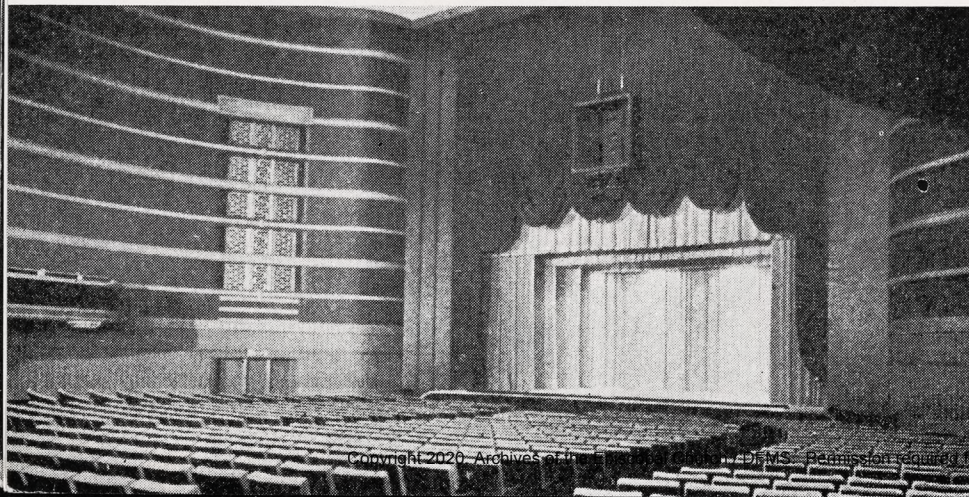
Another picture of the Church's world-wide mission will be provided Sunday evening, October 13 when, in the Music Hall, Bishop Thomas of Brazil, Bishop Roberts of China and Bishop Nichols of Japan, will speak. The formal presentation of the children's Lenten Offering will be made at this meeting.

Something of a patriotic theme will be sounded Tuesday evening, October 15 at the third of the series in Music Hall. "America for Christ" will be the subject, with Bishop Freeman of Washington; Bishop Bartlett of Idaho; the Hon. William A. Merrill, superintendent of schools, Des Moines, and Daniel A. McGregor as speakers.

The Church's work with a great race—the Negro—will come in for attention Thursday evening, October 17, in a program under direction of the American Church Institute for Negroes. A huge massed choir of voices from Negro churches in Kansas City will sing.

The grave plight of missions throughout the Anglican Communion caused by the war will be brought to the attention of Convention in compelling terms Sunday evening, October 20. A personal representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury is expected to speak at that time.

Bands from Kansas City high schools will provide the musical setting for two of the meetings.



NEWS NOTES OF THE CHURCH IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

Edited By GERARD TEASDALE

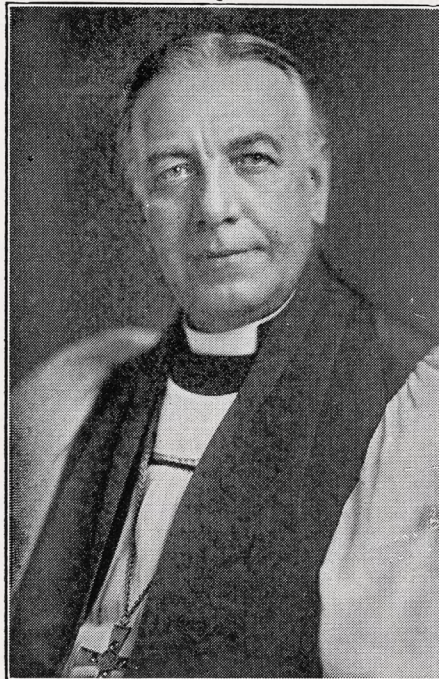
Over one hundred thousand dollars for missionary work of the Church of England and other European Christian bodies, urgently needed because of the war, will be recommended by the National Council to General Convention when it meets in Kansas City, October 9-24. The recommendation is contained in the Council's report to Convention which has been sent to the bishops and clerical and lay deputies. If the Convention adopts the recommendation, this will be the first time that the American Church has assisted financially the mother Church to such a substantial degree in the 300 years since the Episcopal Church was planted on American shores. At the present time, the Church contributes to the support of joint work in India and Jerusalem but only to a comparatively small degree. The Presiding Bishop is hopeful that the Archbishop of Canterbury will send a personal representative to Kansas City to tell of the English missions situation. Recommending that "for 1941 the appropriations for the existing work of our own missionary society be kept at a minimum, and as large a sum as possible inserted in the budget as aid to the missionary work of the European societies," the statement suggests a total budget for 1941 of \$2,350,000 of which \$117,471 is specifically designated for the "relief of missionary work of non-Roman Churches of Great Britain and continental Europe."

With reference to the recent government regulation in Japan which may result in the discontinuance of foreign support to missions in that country, the statement says that it is impossible as yet to determine how the new law will affect financial relations with the Church in Japan. Specifically noted are such institutions as St. Luke's International Medical Center, St. Paul's University, St. Agnes' and St. Margaret's Schools and St. Barnabas' Hospital. "If American missionaries are forced to leave Japan," the report says, "there will be added expense for travel and salaries must continue until these men and women find appointments elsewhere." Under such conditions the Convention will be asked to retain in the budget for 1941 the normal appropriations for Japan amounting to some \$226,000.

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Chicago Fails To Elect

The diocese of Chicago failed to elect a successor to Bishop Stewart



BISHOP JAMES FREEMAN
To Speak at Convention Meeting

after seventeen ballots at a special convention held on September 24th. Another convention for the purpose of electing will be held on October 25th, unless a late adjournment of General Convention makes it necessary to postpone it. Four men led throughout the balloting, the Rev. Dudley S. Stark, rector of St. Chrysostom's, Chicago; Bishop Spence Burton of Haiti; Rev. Harold I. Bowen, rector of St. Mark's, Evanston, and Suffragan Bishop E. J. Randall. However it was abundantly clear at the end of the day that nobody could be elected so the convention adjourned.

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CMH to Share in Institute

The Church Mission of Help will share actively in the Institute sponsored by the department of education of the National Council and the Forward Movement, to be held at General Convention. They are also to take part in the seminar on family life.

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Many Exhibits at General Convention

The vast exhibit hall in the municipal auditorium in Kansas City will open on October 9th with sixty booths showing the work and activities of agencies of the Church. Half of them will be taken by the various agencies of the National Council. Others to exhibit their work are the American Mission to Lepers; the St. Andrew's Craft Shop, Puerto Rico; True Light Industrial Work, China; the trailer chapel of California; the Church League for Industrial Democ-

racy; Church work among Indians in various parts of the country; the American Bible Society; Church Army; Church secondary schools; college work and others.

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Honorary Degrees at Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Divinity School conferred three doctorates at a special convocation on September 27th. The degree of Doctor of Divinity went to the Rev. Franklin J. Clark, secretary of the National Council and secretary of the House of Deputies and to Dean Benedict of Haiti. The degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology went to two members of the seminary faculty, the Rev. W. Arthur Warner and the Rev. R. L. Howe.

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Japanese Religious Law Summarized

The background of new regulations issued by the Japanese government in connection with missionaries and missionary funds is provided in a statement summarizing the Japanese religious law, prepared by the Rev. James Thayer Addison, vice-president of the National Council. The religious bodies bill, it is pointed out, did not spring full armed out of the present emergency situation in the Far East. It has been under consideration for some years. The present law was passed by the House of Peers of the Japanese parliament in 1939 and by the lower house a month later. It became effective April 1, 1940. The law is the first recognition of Christianity by name in Japanese religious law. Heretofore only Buddhist temples have been recognized as juristic persons in Japan. Under the new law, Shinto sects, denominations and churches also may be juristic persons providing they meet the requirements of the law. Shinto is the name of a Japanese cult, consisting primarily of those who worship the spirits of tribal ancestors and of dead heroes. It is now possible for such bodies to hold property in their own names. Heretofore Church property has been registered usually in the name of a missionary corporation called the shaden. Episcopal Church property almost without exception has been held thus. Each church body, under the new law, must have a responsible head known as the torisha who shall manage and represent it in governmental dealings. It is specifically required that the torisha be a Japanese. The new law provides that the responsible head of each parish unit shall actually manage and represent it and that such head may be assisted by a committee of three or more persons. This corresponds to the vestry. Management of temple and church lands and buildings, and changes of boundaries of temple and

church compounds, must be regulated by proper governmental authorities.

The government has the right to limit or prohibit entirely the preaching of doctrines or conduct of ceremonies considered as disturbing to peace and order or counter to the duties of the people. Reports to the government are required and investigation of religious bodies may be carried on by the government if considered necessary. Temple and church grounds, except those earning rent, are free from land tax. Priests, missionaries or preachers may be sentenced to prison, with or without hard labor, when they violate a governmental order to suspend or stop their work.

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Congressman Asks President to Set Church Example

Representative Bruce Barton, Republican, New York, asserting he believed in a "five day week for politics and politicians," delivered what he termed a "layman's sermon" recently instead of a speech. "Five days a week is enough for business, war and politics," he said. "Most of us were taught in our youth that Sunday is the day to go to church and 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord.' The average political speech is not a joyful noise." Declaring "faith is our greatest need," Mr. Barton said the best service the President of the United States, who is an Episcopalian, could render would be to set the American people an example by attending church regularly on Sunday. He said this applied with equal force to Presidential candidate, Willkie, also an Episcopalian.

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Triennial Meeting of Deaf Churchmen October 18-20

Conference of Church workers among the deaf will hold their triennial meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, October 18-20. On October 16th the conference members consisting of all the deaf clergy will hold a special meeting in Kansas City. An exhibit is being arranged. The Rev. Arthur O. Steindemann of St. Louis will be the host to the members and their wives and other visitors who may be present. Since the ordination of the first deaf man in the eighties, a total of 28 deaf men have been ordained. Of this number only fifteen are living.

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Cable on Japanese Church Conditions Received Here

A cable described as a tentative report on present conditions in Japan affecting the Christian Churches has been received by the National Council. No date has been fixed for the resignation of the foreign bishops. It is not yet clear whether foreign clergy can usefully remain in Japan and the cable contains no definite infor-

OFF-MOMENTS



Two of the younger bishops confer on the State of the Church in preparation for General Convention. Wearing the hat and looking rather serious about the whole business is Bishop Arthur McKinstry of Delaware, while the hatless one with the not-so-sure look is Bishop Malcolm Peabody of Central New York. This is the first Convention for both as Bishops though both served several Conventions as Deputies.

mation on the status of foreign lay workers. The faith and courage of Japanese leaders in the Nippon Sei Ko Kwai are reported to be highly commendable.

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Clergyman Raises Money for 18 British Ambulances

The Rev. W. B. Lusk, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield, Connecticut, heads a committee which has raised the money to buy eighteen ambulances for Great Britain. His own personal efforts in Ridgefield were responsible for sending five ambulances to England.

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West Virginia Clergy Conference Held

"The Church cannot tie with earthly systems. She must take her stand on high ground and preach Her message to all men," said Bishop Strider, of West Virginia, in his opening lecture to the second diocesan clergy conference, September 18-20. Other leaders were the Rev. A. T. Mollegen, Bishop Colmore of Puerto Rico and the Rev. Kenneth Cameron.

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World Council of Churches Action to Be Asked at Convention

Final action will be asked of the General Convention whereby the Episcopal Church will become a constituent member of the World Council of Churches. Already 63 Christian Churches have officially accepted the invitation to join, these including the Church of England and four other Churches of the Anglican Commu-

ion. Invitation to become a member of the World Council will be presented to the Convention by a commission on the World Conference on Faith and Order with a statement that constitution of the Council defines it as "fellowship of Churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour." The functions of the World Council are stated to be: "To carry on the work of the two world movements for faith and order and for life and work; to facilitate common action by the Churches; to promote cooperation in study; to promote the growth of ecumenical consciousness in the members of all Churches; to establish relations with denominational federations of worldwide scope and with other ecumenical movements; to call world conferences on specific subjects as occasion may require, the conferences being empowered to publish their own findings.

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Alden Drew Kelley Joins Student Movement Committee

The Student Volunteer Movement announces the appointment of the Rev. Alden Drew Kelley as a member of its executive committee. The new appointee is head of the division of college work in the National Council. The Rev. Artley B. Parson, associate secretary of the department of foreign missions, has been a member of the committee for several years.

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Time and Place for College Work Luncheons

Four college work luncheons at Hotel Philips, Kansas City, have been announced as part of the college work program at General Convention. On October 10, 15, 17, 22, the speakers respectively will be: Dr. William A. Eddy, president of Hobart College, Geneva, New York; Professor Louis More of the University of Cincinnati; Dr. Gordon K. Chalmers, president of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and Professor Clark Kuebler of Northwestern University.

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Women's Leadership Conference to Be Held October 7-8

A conference on the preparation of women for professional Church leadership will be held October 7 and 8, at the Hotel President, Kansas City, just before Convention opening. Needs of the field will be discussed by Miss Ellen Gammack, Dean Ethel Springer and others. Prof. Adelaide Case of Columbia University will lead all the group discussions assisted by the Rev. Daniel McGregor of the National Council. It promises to be a good session if two of the questions to be discussed are indicative. One is "Are we fearless enough to try something new?" the other "Are we developing the kind of people who

are imaginatively alive to meet changing needs caused by local needs and by large social changes?"

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A Caution From Don Frank Fenn

A caution from the Rev. Don Frank Fenn, against a family named Amos who are obtaining money in the east and south on the basis of their membership in the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Baltimore, has just been issued.

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Young People Meet In New York

The League for a Christian Society, young people's group of the Church which is affiliated with the CLID, are to hold a conference starting tomorrow evening, October 4th, and running through Saturday afternoon. The conference will be at Christ Church, Bronxville, N. Y., with Mrs. Reinhold Niebuhr and the Rev. Paul V. K. Thompson featured on the program.

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South Carolina Diocese Sponsors Social Case Worker

Arthur Peabody West of Madison, Wisconsin, has recently assumed his duties in Beaufort, South Carolina and adjacent islands as a social case worker under the direction of the diocese of South Carolina. The development of social religion in the diocese with the cooperation of the bishop has made this new work possible. Mr. West is a graduate of Kenyon College. He will not only do case work in isolated sections but hold services as a licensed layreader. It is an interesting experiment and represents the first penetration into the rural populations of South Carolina by the Episcopal Church.

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Cut Out Smoking During Sessions Deputy to Ask

One lay deputy to the General Convention will arrive in Kansas City ready to appeal for legislation restricting the use of tobacco during the Convention period. "Smokers," says the complainant, "are so lacking in self control that they cannot remain in their seats a minute after that longing desire strikes them to fill their lungs and throats with vicious poison, and in so doing they create a very disagreeable odor for those not victims of the weed."

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Virginia Seminary Begins 118th Session

The 118th session of the Virginia Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia, began on September 18. The seminary is filled to capacity, with a total of seventy-nine students, all but three of whom have college degrees. They represent over forty colleges and universities and come from twenty-four different states. A number of changes have occurred in the faculty. In suc-

cession to the Rev. Wallace E. Rolins, who retired last commencement, the Rev. Alexander C. Zabriskie is dean. The Rev. Thomas K. Nelson has been succeeded by the Rev. Robert O. Kevin as professor of Old Testament language and literature. The Rev. Robert F. Gibson, Jr., has joined the staff as a teaching fellow in the history department.

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Father Otis Is Dead

The Rev. Charles Pomeroy Otis of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, died suddenly in his office in the Monastery of St. Mary and St. John, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on September 12, at the age of 55. In the nearly twenty years of his life in the Society, Father Otis was at

different times stationed in Boston, New York and San Francisco, and was widely known both in the east and on the west coast. Those who knew and loved him will not soon forget his gentleness and unfailing courtesy, his keen sense of humor and the shining holiness of his life.

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Stabler Gives Up Presidency of Society for College Work

The Rev. W. Brooke Stabler, who will retire as chaplain of the University of Pennsylvania to become Provost of the Avon Old Farm School, Avon, Connecticut, announces his retirement also from the office of president of the Church society for college work. He will continue as vice-president of the society, and the Rev. C. Leslie Glenn, who will be-

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1939	3,169

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come rector of St. John's parish, Washington, this month, has been elected president, to take office immediately.

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75th Anniversary for Washington Church

The 75th anniversary of the consecration of the first church built for St. John's Parish, Olympia, Washington, was held September 1 by Rector Thomas E. Jessett.

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Chapel of Bellevue Hospital Dedicated

The Protestant Chapel of Christ the Consoler of Bellevue Hospital, New York City, was dedicated on September 29. The chapel is maintained by the New York City Mission Society.

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A Caution from Bishop Carpenter

Another caution against misrepresentations of a magazine solicitor has been issued, this time by Bishop Carpenter of Alabama. "Clergy and lay members of the Church are hereby warned against the activities of a man by the name of Henn, who claims to be a postulant from Alabama and solicits subscriptions to magazines. He has no connection with the diocese of Alabama and is unknown to the bishop."

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Parish Has Welcome for All Newcomers

Newcomers to Alexandria, Va., do not have to depend upon the Chamber of Commerce alone to welcome them, for Christ Church, which boasts of having had both George Washington and Robert E. Lee in the congregation, also has found a way of greeting the arrivals.

The parish obtains a list of new residents from the Chamber of Commerce and sends a postcard to invite each family to church services. Cards are sent to both Episcopalians and non-members. From twenty-five to seventy-five such invitations are mailed each week.

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Feminist in a Nebraska Parish

Vestrymen at Trinity Church, Norfolk, Neb., have found it advantageous to combine pleasure with business at their regular meetings. Each meeting is held at the home of one of the vestry. Other members and their wives attend, having supper together and enjoying a social hour until 7:30 p.m. Then the men work in earnest around the dining room table. The wives plan the next meeting and later have an informal discussion, which is more likely than not to center around Church affairs. Twice during a recent vestry meeting one of the men was sent to ask the opinion of the women about some plan that was under discussion.

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Los Angeles Diocese Tid-Bits

Eighty-four laymen of the diocese of Los Angeles took part in the second annual Labor Day week-end conference at Harvard School in North Hollywood under the direction of Bishop Stevens and the Rev. W. E. Craig. The Rev. Messrs. Douglas

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Stuart, John Krumm and Gordon Cross took part also as leaders of conferences. A survey of the numerical strength of the diocese showed that the Church in Southern California had only half as many communicants as it ought to have on the basis of the ratio of communicants to population which prevails elsewhere in the country. . . . Bishop Beal of the Panama Canal Zone visited the diocese early in September, preaching at St. James'-by-the-Sea Church, La Jolla, and attended a reception given in his honor at St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles, where

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Seven Improbabilities

From the summer issue of the Sacramento Missionary, a diocesan paper, this bit is filched.

1. The wardens calling for assistance in carrying the offering because of its bulk or weight.

2. The sexton standing around asking "Isn't there something else for me to do?"

3. A church "sorehead" doubling his subscription to current expenses.

4. A dozen people asking the clergyman on Sunday for some real definite Christian work to do during the week.

5. Everyone in the congregation reaching alert for the hymn book when a number is announced, and singing heartily every stanza.

6. The man who sleeps during the sermon telling everyone how he enjoyed it (the sleep).

7. The preacher telling the truth in some such fashion as this: "I really do not feel like preaching today. I have been so busy rushing hither and thither that I have only been able to spend three hours revising this old sermon. It is rather out of date but I shall make it fit this occasion as best I can."

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United Thank Offering May Reach \$1,000,000

More than 5,000 persons are expected to be present at the mass meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, the night of October 10 when the amount of the United Thank Offer-

ing of the women of the Church is announced. It is hoped the offering will reach \$1,000,000 as it has sometimes in the past.

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A Foul Deed in China

The sleepy old country town of Zangzok, China, where the Rev. Hollis Smith leads a life anything but sleepy experienced its first political murder. Says Mr. Smith, "Done in handsome Shanghai style on a crowded street in broad daylight. The victim was a prominent figure in a near-by Japanese-supported government office. Four guerrillas entered the city and went to his home. He was out but they met him on the street, greeted him politely, shot him dead, and walked away. As soon as the authorities were aware of the shooting the city gates were closed but no gunmen were ever found."

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A Crazy Idea That Worked

Word just received from Zamboanga, P. I., reports that the Moro Settlement School there and its flourishing child, the Chinese School, have an enrolment of over 500 boys and

girls this year. The school year runs from June to March. The Chinese work was started only two years ago, in answer to requests from local Chinese merchants who knew about the Church's Chinese school, St. Stephen's, in Manila.

In 1910 people ridiculed the idea that the conservative hostile Moros would ever permit their daughters to live in a Christian dormitory but now some of those daughters, Churchwomen, are serving the Church in the Islands, and Miss Bartter's 24 years of patience and tact laid the foundations for the present work. Her brother, the Rev. George C.

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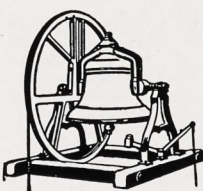
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Do Birds Eat More Than Chinese

This question is asked in all seriousness. Reports from Chinese missions would indicate that any bird can get more food than many Chinese. According to Miss Gertrude Selzer, now in America on furlough, the mission at Wusih recently found an elderly couple who had been without food for four days. An offering of \$3 came from the Church people in Chinkiang in spite of the fact that they are all facing grim poverty, earning at most a few cents a day. They cannot even buy rice.

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Kingdon Would Check Freedom of Speech

President Frank Kingdon of Newark University declared that circumstances called for a check on freedom of speech at the National Conference for Christians and Jews, held in Denver, Colorado, on the Labor Day week-end. Said Dr. Kingdon: "The German propaganda machine is trying to break down communications between groups in this country by the devices of group prejudice. They are trying to destroy the meaning of words such as peace. They are trying to make reasonable argument impossible. They are trying to drive wedges of division into our society. Our nation must recognize this fact. The experiences of Holland, Belgium, Norway and France make me question the rights of communism and nazism in this country to use our freedom to destroy our freedom. To keep democracy in America we must keep America. Perhaps now is the time when we must check freedom for certain groups by democratic methods in order to continue our freedom." The conference at which William Allen White was another speaker was attended by 3,000.

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Monument to Christ in Washington

A monument to Christ, ninety feet high, is to be erected in Washington in front of the building of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

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W. W. Alexander Resigns Government Job

In order to be free to accept the vice-presidency of the Julius Rosenwald fund, Dr. Will W. Alexander, executive director of the Commission on interracial cooperation resigned recently from his post with the Federal Farm Security Administration. He was honored not long ago by the

southern conference on human welfare for having done exceptional work in his field.

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Church Parade Is Huge Success

Six years ago the city of Marshalltown, Iowa, began a church and Bible school community day celebration. A feature of the event this year was a six-mile parade, lasting an hour and a half and having in line

nearly 3,000 people representing 53 central Iowa churches. The address was given by Rev. R. R. Brown of Omaha.

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Evangelical Lutherans Accept World Council

The Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod, at the 81st annual convention at Rock Island, Illinois, voted to join the World Council of Churches because members are convinced that the Council "is a much

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Evangelical and Reform Joins Council of Churches

The general synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church affiliated with the World Council of Churches at the convention held recently at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Synod also renewed affiliation with the Federal Council of Churches.

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Southern Baptists Meet To Aid English Baptists

The Southern Baptist Convention in its recent annual session in Baltimore, appointed a special committee to find methods of assisting the British Baptist Foreign Mission Society. This action was taken in response to an appeal from Great Britain to American Baptists for \$250,000.

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Christian Organizations Still in Geneva

International Christian organizations have decided to keep up their headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, despite the fact that much of their activity has been curtailed.

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Nineteen Jehovah's Witnesses Arrested

Nineteen men and women, identified as Jehovah's Witnesses, were arrested August 24 in Portland, Maine, for violating a city ordinance prohibiting the selling of wares in the streets without a license. A police captain, who led nearly two score patrolmen in the roundup, said the men and women were selling booklets dealing with the religious tenets of their organization.

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Doubtless Generosity

"Do you know of any Chinese girl of about seven or eight who could use a dress or even a sweater," wrote an unemployed Wisconsin girl to the American Church Mission, adding, "I cannot send any money but I would like to help make some little girl happy."

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Vestry Conferences in Kentucky

The diocese of Kentucky, under the auspices of the field department, is running off a series of vestry conferences, September 23 to October 4, with the Rev. Eric Tasman of New Jersey and the Rev. Beverley M.

Boyd of Richmond, Virginia, as leaders. Following General Convention there will be a laymen's conference, October 26-27, followed by a clergy conference at the Otter Creek Reservation, with Bishop Thomas of Southern Brazil and Bishop Ziegler of Wyoming for leaders. Beginning November 1 through the 10th, Bishop Beal of the Panama Canal Zone will hold a series of conferences in the diocese. Under the auspices of the department of Christian education, the annual leadership training school will open November 12th running through December 10th in the cathedral house. Faculty members will be Bishop Clingman, the Rev. Messrs. Haines, Hunter and Myll and Mrs. Haines.

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Either Bishop or Drift Wood

Bishop John B. Bentley, of Alaska, is able to enjoy a joke on himself. On the day before he was due to visit a missionary family on the Yukon, his boat appeared far off in the rainy distance and a little Indian boy ran to the mission house to say, "It might be the bishop or it might be a drift log." The missionary's wife, not quite ready for the bishop, exclaimed, "Well, I hope it's a log." Possible government developments in Alaska and many duties in the field are preventing Bishop Bentley's attendance at General Convention.

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At Kansas City, in addition to the two great meetings and their study of the general theme, the women will elect eight members of the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary and nominate four women to serve as members of the Church's National Council. In addition they will nominate an Executive Secretary to succeed Grace Lindley, Litt. D., who is retiring after more than 30 years of service at Church headquarters in New York.

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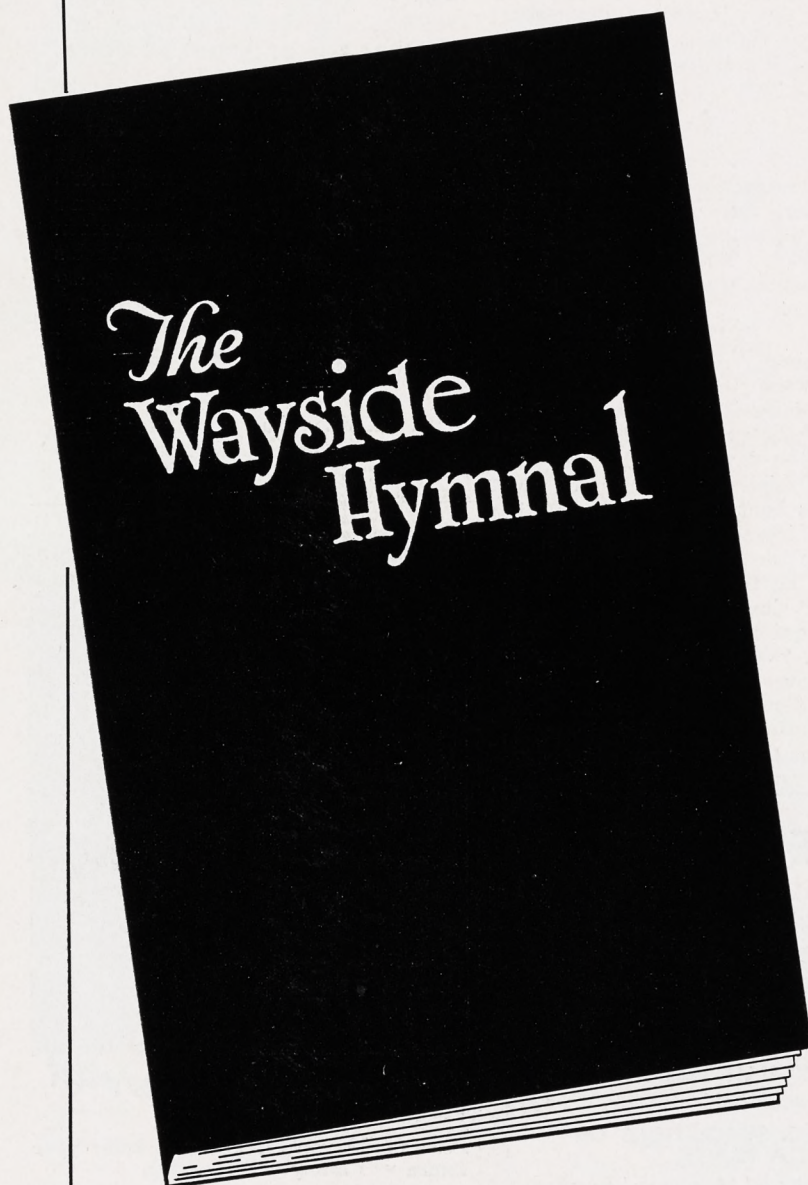
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