

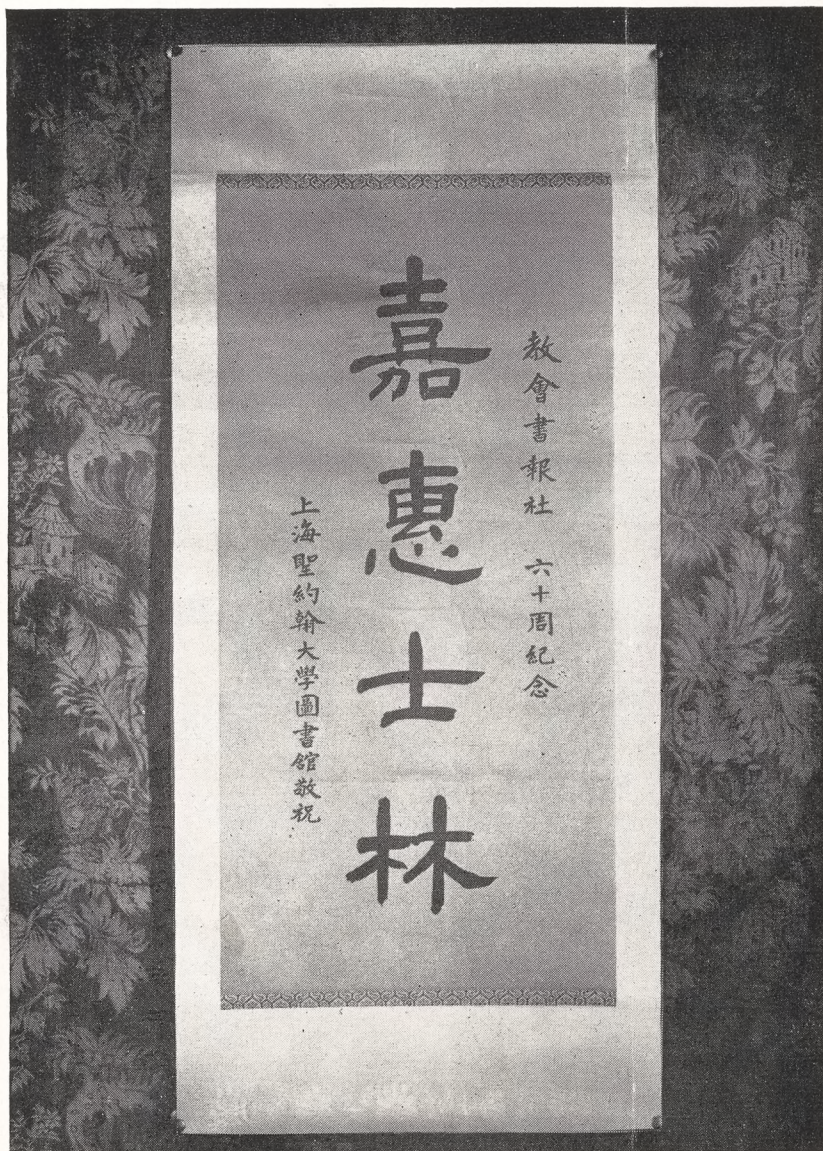
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Clergy Notes

BACHE-WIIG, LARS R., formerly assistant at Holy Apostles', Philadelphia, is now rector of the Holy Sacrament, Upper Darby, Pa.

BALCOM, JOHN M., rector of St. John's, Holbrook, Mass., becomes rector of All Saints', Chelmsford, Mass., April 1.

FURRER, JOHN A., formerly rector of St. John's, Bangor, Me., is now rector of St. Margaret's, Belfast, Me.

GROTON, JOHN M., has resigned from the faculty of the Philadelphia Divinity School because of ill health and will make his home at Westerly, R. I.

HEFFNER, EDWARD A., was recently ordained priest by Bishop Stoney at St. Philip's, Belen, N. M., where he is vicar. A physician, he will also continue medical practice.

PACKARD, A. APPLETON, Order of the Holy Cross, for three years stationed at Bolahun, Liberia, is now at the monastery, West Park, N. Y.

REHKOPF, CHARLES F., rector of St. John's, St. Louis, Mo., is also serving as secretary of the diocese.

RICE, KENNETH L., was ordained deacon on Feb. 1 at St. Clement's, El Paso, Texas, by Bishop Stoney. He is vicar of St. Paul's, Hot Springs, N. M.

SAULS, GEORGE E., rector of St. Andrew's, Panama City, Fla., becomes vicar of All Saints', Morristown, Tenn., April 1.

SNYDER, ROBERT S., executive secretary of New Mexico and Southwest Texas is now also archdeacon for missions in the district.

TURNBULL, JOSEPH, formerly rector of St. Andrew's, Livingston, Mont., is now rector of St. Ambrose, Chicago Heights, Ill.

ZIMMERMAN, MARLAND W., formerly rector of Zion Church, Douglaston, N. Y., is now rector of St. Mark's, Cocoa, Fla.

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The Church Periodical Club Celebrates Anniversary

*Has Given Sixty Years of Notable Service
As It Looks to Greater Usefulness Ahead*

By Phyllis Dettmers

Co-chairman of the CPC Publicity Committee

New York:—The Church Periodical Club is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary this year. Starting in 1888 as one woman's practical solution to a problem, the CPC has grown until it is today one of the cooperating agencies of the National Council, with a director in each diocese, and a secretary in nearly every parish throughout the country.

It so happened that during the eighties, Mrs. Mortimer Fargo, a member of the Church of the Holy Communion in New York, had spent some time in Wisconsin and Michigan and had noted with concern the lack of good reading material available to members of the clergy in the remote sections of these states. Libraries were few; few, too, were the clergy who could afford to buy the books or subscribe to the magazines they desired.

On her return to New York, Mrs. Fargo began forwarding her own church periodicals, and, with the encouragement of her rector, interested a group of women in the parish in doing the same. On January 10, 1888 they met to organize and give a name to their undertaking—and thus the Church Periodical Club came into being.

In 1892 Mrs. Fargo died. By that time, however, her idea had taken healthy root and spread beyond her own parish and diocese until, when the CPC was incorporated that same year, there were 42 branches, sending out nearly 5,000 magazines regularly.

As the idea of the CPC became known, appeals for reading matter began to come in increasing numbers. Soon the different branches found themselves collecting and sending out not only church magazines, but periodicals and books of

all sorts, children's games and toys, music, pictures, scrapbooks—all sorts of educational and recreational materials. Nor were the clergy the only recipients; before long the CPC was sending to schools, hospitals, prisons—to missionaries, social service workers, teachers, librarians, doctors and nurses, at home and abroad, wherever there were minds to be taught and guided and no other means of obtaining the needed tools.

The early growth of the CPC was greatly helped by the Woman's Auxiliary, which, because of its well developed organization in the mission field, became a logical channel for the distribution of CPC magazines and books. This spirit of close cooperation has continued over the years, and in some sections of the country today the Auxiliary is the instrument through which the CPC carries on its work.

Increased activity naturally brought the need for a businesslike—as well as enthusiastic—organization. The early work had been carried on entirely by voluntary gifts. Incorporation in 1892 was the first step toward providing for permanent financial support. Soon afterward an endowment fund was made possible through a substantial gift of Mr. Fargo, in memory of his wife. Other funds have been set up from time to time, one of them in honor of Miss Mary E. Thomas, for many years executive secretary of the Club. A special books fund, which provides new books for the libraries of Church institutions and for Church workers, was established as the corporate offering of parishes and dioceses throughout the country.

A most important step was taken in 1919 when the National Council was established, and the CPC desig-

nated as one of the cooperating agencies, with an annual budget for its administrative work. By this time the CPC had proved so helpful in the field of rural and foreign missions, and in its close cooperation with chaplains of the armed forces in World War I, that its service was recognized as an integral part of the Church. This steady growth was in no small measure due to the devoted work of Miss Thomas. During this period Mrs. Otto Heinigke, one of the original members, served as national president from 1908 until her death in 1937.

The setting up of a national office in New York (made possible by the National Council grant) provided a means for coordinating the activities of parish and diocesan groups. This office is the clearing-house through which those who wish to share their current magazines are given the names of individuals who have requested such publications. Decisions on over-all policy and administration of the general funds are the responsibility of a national board, the members of which represent all sections of the country.

In each parish and diocese, the work is self-supporting, each group choosing its own means of raising the necessary funds for local work and for contributions to the general work, such as the books fund and

PLEASE USE THE FORM

***Articles to appear in THE WITNESS following the series for Lent will be one on his impressions of the Episcopal Church by the Rev. Alec Vidler, noted English theologian and editor; *The Task of a Bishop* by Bishop Lawrence of Western Massachusetts; *Question Marks* by Bishop Robert Gooden, in which he deals with some of the vital issues now facing our world and *More Travels of a Gargoyle* by Thomas V. Barrett. Those getting THE WITNESS during Lent at their church are urged to mail the form on page thirteen so that the magazine may be delivered each week for a year to their home. In addition to unusual and timely articles you will get the full reports of the Lambeth Conference, now being discussed in the articles for Lent, and also the reports of the first assembly of the World Council of Churches meeting in Amsterdam.

the Tokyo project (both described in other articles of this issue.) A secretary, appointed or approved by the rector, is in charge of each parish, and is the first point of contact for members.

The diocesan director, appointed by the bishop, guides and integrates the work of the parishes under her, and serves as middle-man between them and the national office. Following the general Church pattern, the dioceses are grouped into provinces, each having a representative who attends the semi-annual national board meetings to report on the accomplishments and needs of her section of the country.

During World War II, as in 1917-1919, the CPC was able to supply uncounted tons of reading matter for the armed forces—recreational reading for troop transports, training camps, recreation centers, for navy, merchant marine and coast guard ships; and, working closely with chaplains—Bibles, Prayer Books, hymnals and other religious publications for the spiritual encouragement of our men and women in uniform.

With the end of the war and the re-opening of communications, the CPC, along with the entire Church, is confronted by a tremendous task to be attempted in China, Japan and the Philippines; and always at home the need continues to supply our remote missions, schools and hospitals with necessary books. Only by the steady development of a new generation of ethical, democratic leaders all over the world can we hope that mankind will cease its warring. The role of fine books and magazines in this great educational work needs no elaboration. The CPC starts its second sixty years with a greater need to fill than at any time in its history.

THE PICTURE ON THE COVER

New York:—The Church Periodical Club recently received an expression of congratulations and best wishes from St. John's University, Shanghai, China. The beautiful scroll, pictured on the cover, states in the large center characters "Praiseworthy things given to the forest of scholars." The translation of the characters at the left is "Greetings from the St. John's University Library, Shanghai" while those at the right state: "To the Church Periodical Club on the occasion of its 60th anniversary."

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A letter from Librarian Vi-Lien Wong accompanied the gift in which he writes of the great help the C.P.C. has been in building up the university library. "From April 1922 to June 1941, a total of 2,480 books and 296 subscriptions to periodicals was donated to St. John's," he writes. "Though the needed support was interrupted by the war, it was soon renewed at the beginning of 1946 so that a continued gift of 162 books and 56 subscriptions has been received from the Club. It is appropriate on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Church Periodical Club to express our appreciation and admiration of



St. Luke's Hospital, Manila, lost the greater part of its medical library during the war. Bishop Binsted appealed to the Church Periodical Club and already 800 books have been sent, with more to follow. The story is told by Mrs. Edwin Gibbs elsewhere in this number

this useful organization. We take this opportunity to thank all the good people who are making it possible for the Club to donate books and periodicals. We send out hearty congratulations and best wishes."

TELLS OF LIFE IN MANILA

By BERNICE JANSEN
Teacher at St. Stephen's
Chinese School

Manila:—I don't believe that anyone or anything could have prepared me for the frightful devastation of Manila or the countryside. Nothing is more depressing than broken shells of buildings and homes. One sees twisted bits of once beautiful Spanish grill work on the old houses. Now squatters have moved into these derelict houses, making them look even worse with patchworks of rusty iron sheets. And there are al-

ways those horrible piles of garbage and tin cans that no one seems to have moved away. Everywhere there are huge bomb crater holes not yet filled in, to say nothing of the sidewalks that are dangerous to walk on because of broken-off lamp post stubs and the huge piles of garbage.

We live in the slum section of town. . . . Pigs and goats and mangy dogs wander about in search of food in the garbage piles, while huge flies swarm over everything. This isn't a pleasant picture, but it's just as well that you know it and not think of the Orient as a place where "they are making a swift recovery."

Our section wasn't burned nor de-

stroyed during the war, and therefore thousands moved over here for safety and have stayed ever since. The children who were taught to steal from the Japanese have found it so easy and lucrative that they continue to take our sewer pipes, rain spouts, playground equipment and anything else they can lay their hands on. These hoodlums are a pathetic group, for they are judged too old to start in the first grade of the already overcrowded schools. They tear around the streets carrying toy guns, sling shots and sticks for fighting, and they squat at the corners of the buildings to gamble.

Constance Bolderson, our principal, and Miss Schaeffer and I teach at St. Stephen's School. There are over 900 children in the school built for 500. In spite of being packed to the doors, we manage to have quite a high standard of teaching

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The Books Committee of CPC Serves a Great Need

Many Thousands of Books Have Been Sent To All Parts of the World in Recent Years

By Anne C. Gibbs

Chairman of CPC Books Committee

New York:—Soon after Mrs. Eliot Moody became president of the national Church Periodical Club, she appointed a books committee, consisting of a chairman and three members, to receive and consider all appeals for reading matter which were sent to the national office. This committee holds regular monthly meetings except during July and August when urgent appeals are referred to a member. The funds used to purchase books and for magazine subscriptions are derived from money set aside for this purpose in the annual budget of the national CPC, from contributions from interested friends, and from interest received from several memorial funds. Recently special funds have been set up to be used for gifts of books and subscriptions to be sent to China, Puerto Rico and Brazil for use in the theological seminaries.

It is a matter of regret to the committee that in order to make a fair distribution of the funds at our disposal, it is not possible to grant more of the requests received. All appeals are carefully discussed at the meetings and the immediate need of the applicant is considered. Many of the lists sent to us are very lengthy and must be cut; others certain titles of books long out of print, and are refused as the committee does not have the facilities for locating and obtaining such books. Applicants often ask for books to be used in establishing personal libraries. Such requests are refused except in the cases of clergymen or students who require certain books for their work or studies.

Since its inception in 1943, the books committee has distributed over 7000 books and given several hundred of magazine subscriptions, not including many renewals. All books given were not new. Often it is possible

to fill out a list of books requested from dealers in used books and from gifts of books offered to our office. No book is ever sent out unless it is in very good condition, that is, clean and no pages missing.

Appeals for reading matter come to us from all over the world as well as from the United States. They come from bishops and other clergy, students, missionaries, hospitals, church and mission schools, and individuals in China, Japan, Siberia, Trans-Jordan, South America, Australia, Nicaragua, Alaska, Canal Zone, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Virgin Islands, and lately from Jerusalem.

The books requested cover a wide range of subjects, among which are the following: theology, religion, education, social and racial problems, medicine, surgery, nursing, therapeutics, art, music, history, biography, architecture, and agriculture. Schools ask for encyclopedias and dictionaries in several languages, text books for all grades of school children, and books of supplementary reading for younger children. During the war, many chaplains were supplied with Bibles, Prayer books, hymnals and religious tracts, and we now have a constant demand for used Bibles, Prayer Books and hymnals with and without music and children's books.

Fiction, new and old, is in great demand. It is interesting to note that new fiction requested is always of

fairly recent date, while old fiction desired is for books no longer in active circulation, and generally difficult to procure.

The committee has been able to aid expatriated missionaries whose books were either lost or destroyed during the war. The Church Missions House asked for help from the Church Periodical Club in the task of supplying, with books necessary to their work, these persons who were returning to their stations abroad.

Negro and Indian mission schools have been encouraged by gifts of books and pictures. A Church Army worker was delighted with, and so grateful for, a subscription to a New York Sunday newspaper. At Christmas, parochial branches of the Church Periodical Club sent long desired books to clergymen whose names are kept on file in this office.

Soon after the close of hostilities in the East, Bishop Binsted of the Philippine Islands wrote that the greater part of the medical library of St. Luke's Hospital, Manila, had been lost or destroyed and asked if the Church Periodical Club could help to restore it. Realizing that such a gift would require more money than the committee had at its disposal, it was decided to write each diocesan director explaining the urgent need of St. Luke's and asking for contributions. The committee was not too optimistic of an enthusiastic response, but almost immediately checks began to arrive at the office. Even the smallest of our dioceses were eager to have a share in this project. The appeal was sent out in June, and by September, three months later, over \$3000 had been received. Before the end of September, 300 medical books on all subjects necessary for the work of doctors and nurses had been purchased, packed and sent on their way to

That "New Look" is not so new. This picture is one of the earliest in the archives of the sixty-year-old Church Periodical Club and shows a number of well-dressed ladies packing books and magazines for the Club at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York

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Manila. In all, 800 books have been sent to St. Luke's and there is still a balance in the fund which will be used to purchase new books, to replace old ones, and to renew subscriptions for medical magazines. The committee was greatly assisted in the difficult task of selecting these books by the interested cooperation of the publishing firms, and also by the librarians of several hospitals in New York who were most helpful in furnishing lists of the books in their medical libraries.

Many grateful letters are received and a few excerpts may help to an understanding of the importance of the work of the Church Periodical Club in the distribution of reading matter to those who otherwise might be unable to obtain it.

From a Negro Bishop: "I am interested in religious books and books of fiction which deal with inter-racial and inter-national matters, as I appear before groups concerned in social justice, human brotherhood, cooperation and relations, also of a new world social order now in the making. I am not only thankful but grateful for the books received from the Church Periodical Club."

From Alaska: "The recent package of books which you sent to St. Mark's School arrived in good condition. It was a very nice selection, and the staff and children will enjoy them. I personally will pass them on to someone else who shares my fondness for mystery stories."

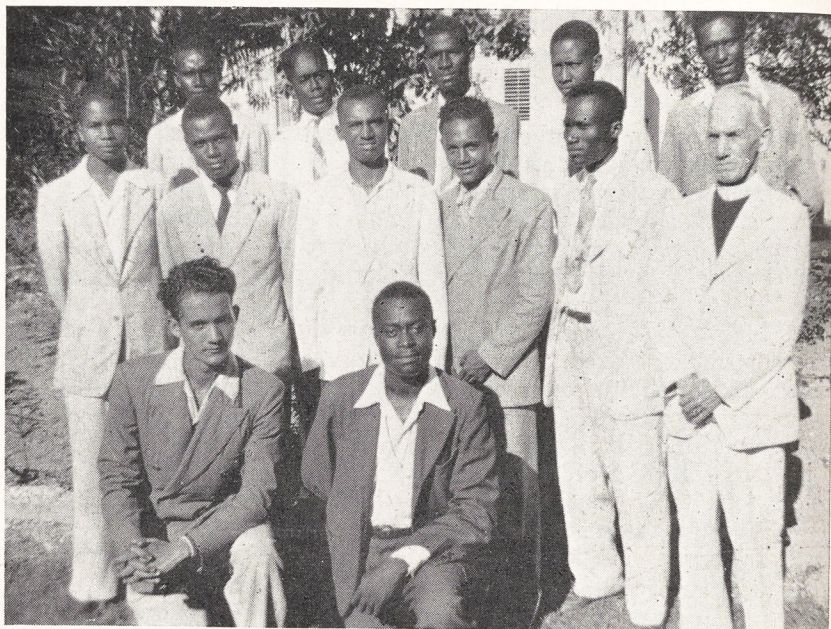
A hospital in Puerto Rico: "You know that when you are working in a hospital where you have many problems, it is the greatest aid imaginable to have the most recent discoveries concerning diseases and operations. Medications are also suggested in these books and magazines and so the doctors like to have them at hand in the hospital library."

From British Honduras: "The books and magazines do lighten our leisure hours and provide relaxation. After I am through with them I pass them on to the people living on our coral isle and up our creeks and rivers on condition they pass them on to others and in this way a great many people profit by your kindness."

An Indian mission worker: "St. Luke's is a field mission—chapel, vicarage and community center of the San Juan Mission. The San Juan Mission has its headquarters at Farmington, New Mexico, and is the headquarters of all work—medical, spiritual, social service and evangeli-

cal—of the Episcopal Church among the Navajo Indians in New Mexico. I am grateful for your interest in us and hope that the work we are doing among the Navajos justifies the kindnesses of our many friends."

These are typical of the many letters received from Church workers at home and abroad, one of whom recently described the Church Periodical Club as "amazingly like the mythical fairy Godmother who produced an answer to every need by waving her wand."



Dean P. D. Locke and twelve seminary students in the District of Puerto Rico. Bishop Charles Boynton writes of them: "They have fine minds and figuratively eat up the commentaries and other books sent to us by the Church Periodical Club"

OVER A MILLION WAS RAISED

New York:—The Presiding Bishop issued the following statement on March 10, announcing returns on the February 29th offering for world relief up to that time: "With deep gratitude to hundreds of thousands of donors, we have now passed the minimum goal of one million dollars. However it should be borne in mind that the need is so great that every additional gift will bring relief to many sufferers throughout the world."

Donations are still coming in, with some dioceses not having yet reported at all, so that the total offering will be considerably more than the million. Officers at 281 state that the entire sum raised will be turned over at once to Church World Service who have the sole responsibility of distributing every penny donated.

The largest amount received from a single parish, up to March 10, was

\$15,569 "with more to come" from Trinity Church, Boston, where the Rev. Theodore P. Ferris is the rector. It is thought unlikely that any parish will surpass this figure.

CPC AIDS THE WORK IN PUERTO RICO

By CHARLES F. BOYNTON
Bishop of Puerto Rico

San Juan, P. R.:—There is probably nothing more expensive or difficult to compile, in the book line,

than an adequate theological library. After the National Council had generously made it possible for Puerto Rico to open a local seminary, we were still faced with the problem of both finding and purchasing the basic books required.

A letter, with but a 5-cent air mail stamp, written to the CPC, brought forth an immediate response. Five hundred dollars was voted for this specific purpose; and little by little the volumes began to come to us—volumes from England and volumes from the States, new volumes and used volumes of classics now out of print and almost impossible to find. It was like an extended Christmas. And the little seminary of San Miguel in San Juan, Puerto Rico, now has a fundamental theological library of which it is far from ashamed.

The little West Indians in the American Virgin Islands are very poor. But in spite of their poverty,

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EDITORIALS

Church Periodical Club

WHO is a member of the Church Periodical Club? Whoever wants to share his magazines or books with his neighbor in some isolated spot where these are lacking. Joining the CPC is as simple as putting a plain wrapper around your already-read magazine and mailing it to your CPC friend in Arizona or Kentucky or Maine—in Alaska, Puerto Rico or Liberia.

This sending of current magazines from one individual to another is the foundation on which the CPC is built. But its activity is by no means limited to this. The work may be as extensive and varied as the imagination, energy and time of its members. It may be coordinated with other hobbies and interests, with other Church groups and programs.

Do you collect victrola records or reproductions of fine paintings? Do you teach—languages, history, science, Sunday school, handicrafts, or whatever? Does raising a family and making an attractive home take all your waking hours? Do you subscribe to magazines on world affairs, education, health, sports, interior decorating, stamp collecting, or some other specialized interest? Do you work with the deaf, the blind, or other handicapped people? Whatever hobby or serious interest is close to your heart, probably its printed literature is one of the materials with which CPC works. Sharing your own periodicals is the first and most personal step, out of which many a warm and enduring friendship-by-mail has developed, to enrich the lives of both donor and recipient.

Next comes the parish group — the interested members who gather to work out their own projects. A happy social evening may grow out of making scrap-books or rehabilitating toys for a children's hospital—out of creating new Christmas cards from old for a mission where there is no gift shop. A party or dance may raise contributions for the national Books Fund, to buy needed technical volumes and classics for Church workers. A group of young mothers may want to gather together their children's outgrown books for a mission school where the youngsters cannot get enough

stories and pictures. Or several parishes may decide to band together to "adopt" a mission.

Those of us who live in cities or suburbs, or can drive to a good-sized town, take our books for granted. More often than not, the only problem is to find sufficient leisure to read what we choose from the tremendous bulk of available literature. When one is hurrying to get through the tasks of a crowded day, it takes a little thought to realize that many ill or isolated people, with no access to books, music or hobbies, count the slow minutes one by one. It is not easy, in the midst of accepted comforts, to imagine the many hospitals, missions and schools, devastated by war, now struggling to resume their work of teaching and healing, without the necessary textbooks, without the inspirational books that help give inner strength in the face of great obstacles.

Don't let your current magazines or recent books gather dust, once you have read them. Find out from your parish secretary how to go about sharing them with someone who would look forward with joy to their regular arrival. Or, should your parish be temporarily without a secretary, write to the national office of the CPC at 120 East 22nd Street, New York 10, N.Y. for information.

Sacrificial Suffering

PALM Sunday, in its collect, states "that all mankind should follow the example of his (Christ's) great humility." The great act of humility referred to is the patient suffering of not just a man, Jesus, but the passion and crucifixion of the Son of God. St. Paul insisted that the cross of Christ was a stumbling block to the Jew, for the Jew could not accept the fact that the kingdom could only be established by the sacrificial death of the king. To the Greek, the cross was foolishness because God, who was pure spirit, could not appear in flesh and die as a common criminal. For many, the significance of Holy Week is still both a stumbling block and foolishness. It is difficult to become completely convinced that sacrifice is the only way that leads to real life.

God has shown us on Calvary that such is the

"QUOTES"

THE Church Periodical Club offers recreation, knowledge of the outside world, refreshment, education and comfort to our many missionaries, including our twenty-five native clergy who are engrossed in the difficult task of ministering to over sixty-five missions. So we take the opportunity of this sixtieth anniversary of the C.P.C. to express our deepest and sincerest thanks for helping to do the Church's work in Creole-French-speaking Haiti where most of our clergy and all of our seminarians read, write and speak English.

—C. Alfred Voegeli
The Bishop of Haiti

truth. In the Gospel he was forever speaking of taking up the cross. But we would like to avoid it. In almost every phase of Church life, where above all, the principle of sacrifice for the good of all ought to prevail, there are signs of seeking to forget it. We are called upon to give money that we may "bear one another's burdens," but if we even give, we stop short of the point where it hurts, or requires any sacrifice.

We are often convinced that certain actions in the community would lead to more justice for others, but we do not take them because it might make the powers that be withdraw support from

the church. We know that we ought to work with other Christians, and become more united with them, but we do not want to give up one cherished form or practice of our own that we may do so.

Clergyman still the prophetic urge for fear that they will get a "bad name," and thus they proclaim the "foolishness of the cross." We cannot expect the world to go forward into the kingdom until we ourselves set an example of sacrifice, "losing our lives" for his sake and the gospel's. We need conviction from the cross that sacrificial suffering is God's will for his children.

A Joy of Arctic Life

by William J. Gordon Jr.

The Bishop-Elect of Alaska

IN THE summer of 1943, our marriage vows one day old, Shirley and I started our journey from Seward, Alaska to Pt. Hope, my new charge on the Arctic Coast. We stopped in Nenana a few days for my ordination to the priesthood, and then proceeded to our new work on the extreme northwestern tip of the Alaskan mainland—a little Eskimo village of two hundred and sixty-eight people inside the Arctic Circle by a hundred and sixty-seven miles.

We found ourselves in a new world. The only other white resident was a school teacher, and he left us his work added to that of the mission when he was transferred a few months later. During the late war years there was a temporary army weather station with a small personnel in the village. I found I had a parish of five Eskimo villages extending over four hundred miles and containing almost six hundred baptized Eskimos. The chief mode of travel was, and is, by dog team, and four arctic winters have now taken me almost six thousand miles with team and sled.

One of our first thoughts was of the eight-month arctic winter, characterized by week-long gales and long dark winter days (as I am writing this the wind is blowing outside at exactly fifty miles an



The wife of the Bishop-elect of Alaska, Mrs. William J. Gordon Jr., starts on an eighty mile dog-sled trip with her husband. Like all missionaries those in Alaska depend upon the Church Periodical Club

hour!). A friend told me of the work of the Church Periodical Club; so I wrote the New York office and sent a list of several magazines and books, hoping to get one or two of each. Much to my surprise in our next mail, once a month, I was told that all of my requests had been assigned to various parish groups and was even asked if there was anything else that I needed!

Soon the magazines and books began coming, and now, five years later, the CPC is one of the real joys of our arctic life. Certainly not just our lives either because the books and magazines we have received have been passed on to army personnel, to government school teachers, and most of all to our Eskimo people. Whenever I pause with my dogs at some winter camp immediately some hopeful parishioner asks if I

brought any magazines. I vividly remember two copies of some magazine that I read from cover to cover while stormbound in a little igloo home along the trail. As I finished them I passed them on to old folks and children, and how their faces lit up as they looked for hours at the pictures, sitting there on the rough driftwood floor.

We have truly enjoyed the periodicals sent, but even more joy has come through the very real friendships we have made through the CPC. We

can name almost a dozen personal friends in as many states, all met first through the Church Periodical Club. Early in my ministry here the CPC at Herkimer, New York, sent me a copy of Bowie's "Story of the Bible" for use in the Church school. I wrote the donors and thanked them and they wrote back with real interest in our work. Since that time we have had a veritable shower of CPC blessings from this group, and they even asked for something else that they could do. So I told them of the little village of Pt. Lay, 165 miles north of Pt. Hope, where all of the village people are members of our Church. A native lay-reader carries on the services as a volunteer except for the three occasions during the year when I can visit the village with the ministrations of the Church. At Christmas time the only presents received by our people are the ones the mission is able to give, so we like to do all we can for them. However, in the past we have only been able to provide for the children, while the older folks, much like children in their simple joys, have had nothing to gladden their hearts. The CPC at Herkimer has taken over the job of providing for the older people completely for the past three years, and each February when I visit Pt. Lay now smiling faces say, "This Christmas was the best one we have ever had—even better than last year." It would be very hard to convince the Pt. Lay Eskimos that there is no such thing as fairy godmothers!

At Pt. Lay there is an attractive twenty-one year old girl named Rose Tingook. Rose has been diagnosed an active tuberculosis case and has been restricted to her home in the village. Since there are many thousand tuberculosis cases in Alaska less active than hers, and since the available beds in tuberculosis hospitals are about one to each ten cases, she has been refused admittance to any institution. Her family is very poor and able to do little for her. Last spring I wrote the Pt. Lay "godmothers" in Herkimer and asked them please to include a special present for Rose in the box this year to brighten her life a little. To my great surprise Rose received not one special present, but several boxes, not just from Herkimer but from all over the diocese of Albany. With these boxes went personal letters, and now Rose knows that though she may be denied admittance to the hospital she is not without friends and that her loving heavenly Father has not forsaken her. One of the most moving experiences of my arctic life was a private communion service I was privileged to hold for Rose in her little igloo home last winter.

Space does not permit me to mention the host of other services of similar nature the CPC has rendered St. Thomas' Mission. Magazines have

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been sent to our layreaders in the various stations—to men who have given freely of their time to God and to the Church with no thought of pay in return. Most of all, prayers have gone up to the throne of God for us, for our family, for our people, and for our labours for his kingdom. Many are the faithful ones who are the missionaries at home, but surely not the least among those who have been upholding our arms in the Arctic have been the loyal members of the Church Periodical Club.

The Tokyo Project Of the CPC

By

DOROTHY McKECHNIE
The Chairman of the Project

AT THE triennial meeting held in Philadelphia in September 1946, the Church Periodical Club voted to undertake a special project for the next three years. This was to be the task of raising at least \$5,000 for books for the library of the



Seminole Indians in the Everglades, Florida, looking at pictures sent by the Church Periodical Club to the Glade Cross Mission

Central Theological College in Ikebukuro, Tokyo—now widely known as *The Tokyo Project*.

The reasons for devoting time and money to restoring the library of this college in a former enemy country are perhaps best expressed in the words of Bishop Sherrill and General Douglas MacArthur, both of whom regard the teaching of Christian ideals and ethics as basic to the development of Japan as a peaceful member of the world society of nations.

Bishop Sherrill said: ". . . It is not enough to

attempt to build democracy in Japan—democracy must be undergirded by Christianity if it is truly to endure. . . . This gift of books will be of inestimable assistance to Japanese Christianity, with an important bearing upon the future peace of the world.”

General MacArthur’s response to a letter acquainting him with the plan was: “It is needless to say that anything we can do to disseminate the enlightened spirit of Christianity among the Japanese people is Christian endeavor of the highest order, and more than this, encouragement to the strengthening of those spiritual forces which



Bernice Holland is here pictured with some of the children at St. Elizabeth’s Mission Home at Wakpola, South Dakota. Like all missionaries at home and abroad she depends upon the CPC for books and magazines

alone can ensure the future peace of the world. You have my most hearty wishes for the success of this lofty purpose.”

The connection between the Church Periodical Club and the Church in Tokyo is not new. As far back as 1919, Bishop Reifsnider, then head of St. Paul’s College, Tokyo, asked the CPC to provide a \$15,000 library for the college—this being one of the requirements of the Japanese government for granting St. Paul’s rank as a university. This fund was fulfilled — and its success formed the basis for gifts of books, which have been given over the years, to other universities, hospitals and schools in the Orient.

Toward the end of World War II, the buildings (including the library) of the Central Theological College at Ikebukuro were almost completely destroyed—and in their destruction was lost one of the means of awakening the imagination and action of potential Japanese Christian leaders of the future.

The newly appointed dean, Paul Y. Kurose, found himself and his staff faced by almost insurmountable obstacles. Again Bishop Reifsnider

appealed to the CPC—and again the CPC is turning to Church members all over the country for cooperation in this far-reaching project.

Mr. Douglas Overton, former missionary, now on the staff of the American consulate, has sent the following description of what books mean in post-war Japan: “. . . My thoughts run to the Central Theological College at Ikebukuro, on the outskirts of Tokyo. Once the pride of the Nippon Seikokwai (the Holy Catholic Church of Japan), today its classrooms and dormitories lie in ashes and the barren walls of its gutted chapel stand solitary in a field of rubble. We have the students and the faculty to staff the Central Theological College;—what we lack are a few simple materials which will make the difference between a barren refuge and a community of earnest men praying, studying and working together. Our first need is Books—the Church Fathers, the great English Divines, the moderns, books on sociology, psychology, history, Hebrew, Greek and Latin. Only when we have these books can we send forth well-trained pastors to staff our churches in Japan.

“Back home we are all used to having scores



These Seminary Students at Central Theological School, Tokyo, depend largely upon the Church Periodical Club for the books that are so essential for their training

of books around us in our homes, schools, and libraries. In Japan it is different. Today the cheapest kind of book costs a week's wages. . . . As a Churchman and a member of the occupation forces, I can only say: Send us the materials so we can produce men capable of leading this disillusioned people from the darkness of war and its aftermath into the light. Only then can we say that the work of the past six years is finished."

With this triennium approximately half over, \$2500 has thus far been contributed to the CPC fund for the library of the Central Theological College. Money and Books are both urgently needed. Those who wish to contribute should do so as follows:

Money (check or money order) should be sent to the national CPC treasurer:

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GHQ Tokyo
APO 500, San Francisco, California

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art were available for my new course in this subject. Color reproductions, photographs of statues and buildings began to arrive, often accompanied by notes of interest in the university and in our work.

Here in China, the pictures (many of them European travel mementoes, dear to their owners) were used by three colleges; for good pictures are scarce here. They appeared in student art exhibits, as illustrative material for courses in history, literature and art, and were the basis for a series of lectures before the American Women's Club in Shanghai. I have always regarded the New York CPC office's gift of a book on how to catalogue a picture collection as the ultimate touch of consideration. Unfortunately, many of the best pictures were victims of war; but the surviving ones form the nucleus for a new collection.

The St. John's University library has been a special project of the CPC for some years. Con-



This is one of the poorer mission churches in the district of Haiti. Here also the clergy depend largely upon the CPC for books and magazines

CPC Aids Teachers

By

FRANCES MARKLEY ROBERTS

LONG before Americans used the alphabet to describe every imaginable theory or government agency, CPC was already an accepted abbreviation at St. John's. It meant fresh magazines on the racks in the library, last month's news to offer for term papers in modern history, formulae from chemical abstracts for student-manufacturers, one-act plays for the drama club, even detective stories for the addicts. Beyond all these was the fact that for many of us this was the one personalized touch with members of our Church at home.

My own family's connection with the CPC for twenty years makes a typical case study of CPC personality. Mr. Roberts read in *The Spirit of Missions* that the CPC wished a copy of *Amiel's Journal*. So he took his own copy from the shelf, sent it from Shanghai to New York, and at the same time asked if any reproductions of western

siderably due to CPC interest, students and faculties of other institutions, as well as foreign commissions and travelers, come to find necessary material in our reference books.

When I was refugeeing with the children in Honolulu, at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, Bishop Littell's home almost at once became a center for countless books and magazines. CPC members and officers put these on boats which touched at the Island, and in this way they were carried to countless military personnel and refugees.

The women of the CPC have given much more than their books and pictures and periodicals. They have blessed many of us in the mission areas of the Church with warm friendship and a personal Church connection. In these years of regimentation, budgets, rules, questionnaires and applications, there is something joyously Christian in the direct personal relationship the CPC has maintained with all of us.

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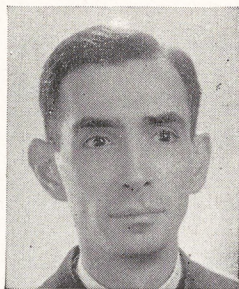
The Living Liturgy

By MASSEY H. SHEPHERD, JR.

Professor at Episcopal Theological School

ONE SACRAMENT OR TWO?

ONE of the things we need always to bear in mind in our preinitiation instructions, whether to sponsors or to confirmands, is the close relation of Baptism and Confirmation. They are not two distinct sacraments, but correlative and interlinked parts of one sacrament. Confirmation is complementary to Baptism, not merely supplementary. I dare say that Archbishop Cranmer would not agree to this statement, and certainly the medieval scholastic theologians would not. But neither Cranmer nor his scholastic predecessors were infallible. The whole weight of New Testament and patristic evidence agrees in the principle that both regeneration and the gift of the indwelling Spirit are normal, necessary elements in full initiation into the Body of Christ.



Our Prayer Book forms betray the confusion of an attempt to find a compromise between New Testament teaching and later developments of doctrine, both medieval and reformed. Taken by itself, for what it actually says, the rite of Baptism in the Prayer Book suggests that water baptism is a full initiation into the Body of Christ. It beseeches God not only for the forgiveness of sin and spiritual rebirth, but also for the gift and sanctification of the Holy Ghost. The 25th of the 39 Articles reinforces this view by stating that Confirmation is not to be counted among the sacraments of the Gospel, being one of those 'commonly called Sacraments' which 'have grown partly of the corrupt following of the Apostles.'

Close examination of the Confirmation rite reveals a confusion even more confounded. The lesson from Acts read at the service implies that the baptized persons presented for Confirmation have in no way received as yet the gift of the Holy Spirit. The ancient Gelasian prayer which the Bishop reads immediately before the laying on of hands conforms with the New Testament teaching—at least in the original Latin wording of the prayer. For it comes from a time when Confirmation immediately followed Baptism in water, when the two offices were in actuality one continuous

service. But Cranmer made in 1552 a deliberate alteration in the central petition of this prayer. Instead of the supplication: "Send into them thy Holy Spirit," he substituted: "Strengthen them with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter." Thus he endeavored to perpetuate the scholastic doctrine that Confirmation is but the strengthening of a gift already received, and not the imparting of the indwelling Spirit in its fullness for the first time. Yet strangely enough, as though forgetful of the doctrine which he espoused in the Articles, he left in the prayer said by the Bishop after the laying on of hands gracious reference to 'the example of thy holy Apostles.'

The effect of these ambiguities has been the seemingly inevitable division into 'two schools of thought' among Anglican theologians with regard to the meaning and significance of Confirmation. The finer subtleties of the question probably do not worry the average parish priest in his customary pastoral duties. But they create serious tension whenever we get to discussing the opportunity of reunion with other Christian bodies. The broad churchman, like Cranmer, will insist that Confirmation is highly desirable, but by no means indispensable; the Anglo-Catholic, with a fine disregard of the scholastic doctrine of Confirmation, will insist upon the scholastic inclusion of Confirmation among the 'seven sacraments' most certainly to be received in Christ's Church.

We need a thorough reconsideration, without controversial rancor, of our whole tradition of Christian initiation in its historical, theological and practical aspects. We do not need to deny either that the Holy Spirit comes into a personal, effectual relationship with those who are baptized and regenerated in His Name, or that He is given only for 'strength and increase' at the time of Confirmation. What we do need is a clearer conception of the reciprocal relationship of these two rites, which were in origin but two parts of one rite. One of the best ways of clarifying the problem would be an experiment, all too rare among us, of having both Baptism and Confirmation administered at the same time, in one continuous service, when the Bishop makes his visitation to the parish.

What About Your Library?

***The C.P.C. of the diocese of Long Island has made arrangements whereby one of our national Church weeklies is in each of the thirty-four public libraries in Brooklyn. THE WITNESS is accepting these subscriptions placed by the C.P.C. at \$3 a year instead of the usual price of \$4. Is THE WITNESS in your public library? If not we will be glad to send it each week for a year at this reduced rate. Here is an opportunity for local C.P.C. secretaries and other parish organizations.

CPC Board Members Report On Many Activities

*They Describe Projects and Achievements
Of Organization Throughout the Country*

Edited by Sara Dill

New York:—The national board of the Church Periodical Club held its semi-annual meetings at Calvary House on February 25th and 26th. A feature of the conference was the reading of reports by provincial representatives, describing projects and achievements of the CPC throughout the country.

New England:—Mrs. Laurence E. Pope of Massachusetts reported that in addition to the sending of magazines and periodicals by individuals, special projects had been undertaken by several dioceses. Connecticut CPC members divided into arch-deaconries, each of which made itself responsible for the needs of a chosen mission—sending all types of printed material required for the work of that mission. Rhode Island has become interested in sending material in Braille to blind persons, as well as helping with mountain missions and contributing to the general Book Fund. Massachusetts has had a drive to raise funds for the Tokyo Project, and collected \$250 in 1947. One parish sent a trunkful of nurses' textbooks to the Rev. J. Crawford Brown in China.

New York and New Jersey:—In this province, Mrs. H. J. Jackson of Scarsdale, N. Y., emphasized that the eight dioceses were united by what she called "the backbone of the CPC"—that is, the sending of periodicals and books personally from donor to recipient. Building on that foundation, the different groups have expanded their work to furnishing libraries at home and abroad in colleges, schools, hospitals and prisons. Several dioceses have organized their own libraries, with CPC members as librarians. One group has provided current literature for a neighborhood recreation room for elderly people. Another sends religious literature for the use of Auxiliary workers among college students; and two memberships in the theological book-of-the-month club have been taken out for missionary bishops.

This province has a special interest in the Seamen's Church In-

stitute, and provides quantities of reading material of all sorts, as well as interesting other agencies in the needs of the Institute. One diocese is cooperating with the Women's Auxiliary to supply Prayer Books and hymnals in Spanish to a mission congregation; another sees that each of four public libraries receives our own Church magazines.

Washington:—Miss Florence Hyde of Washington, D. C., reported that new books were being sent for the library of the Bishop Rowe Memorial Church House, under construction at Fairbanks, Alaska. Bishop Bentley, in charge of erection of the Memorial, asked that there be as many volumes as possible about Alaska and Alaskan interests. To this end, Miss Herbert, head of the Washington, D. C. public libraries, furnished an Alaskan bibliography; Bishop Bentley made selections from this list; the books were purchased, and into each was put a CPC bookplate with the name of the donor.

Numerous requests are received in this province for books and magazines in Spanish and French, as well as for British magazines. As a Christmas project one small parish in the diocese of Bethlehem sent 25 boxes of new toys and 40 dolls to St. Luke's Hospital in Manila. Miss Hyde

closed her report with a tribute to Mrs. Bosley F. Crowther, recently resigned as treasurer of the Washington province after forty years of service to the CPC.

The Mid-West:—Mrs. H. A. M. Staley, of La Grange, Illinois, said that work had been so extensive and varied in her province that it was difficult to give a concise yet comprehensive report. One of the most unusual projects, however, was the raising of money to purchase visual aid machines and educational films for the Oneida Indian Mission School. One diocese has given a subscription for a talking record edition of a monthly magazine to a group of blind veterans. Another has provided an excellent library for the new Episcopal student center at Ohio State University. Many new school textbooks are sent from this province to Deaconess Bedell for her Seminole Indians at the Glade Cross Mission in Florida.

The Northwest:—CPC work in the Northwest was described by Miss Carolyn E. Punderson of St. Paul, Minnesota, 1st vice-president of the national CPC board and representative of her province. This section of the country, with its own great missionary districts and extensive work among the Indians, offers CPC members plenty of active work right at home. However, directors try to keep a good balance between this and the equally necessary work for those overseas.

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In Minnesota the CPC maintains a diocesan book fund at the Episcopal church shop. This has been of great assistance to the rural and younger clergy. Recently a churchwoman in the northern part of the state called on the CPC to help her distribute a library of over 2000 volumes. Recipients included schools in Minnesota and South Dakota, St. Faith's School in Yangchow, China, Miss Helen Boyle, Sagada, P.I., and Friends of the Library Association, who send books to the war-torn countries of Europe.

Detailed reports were not received from three provinces, but board members familiar with these sections of the country spoke of many newly-organized CPC projects, particularly in the west and the southwest.

Opinions Vary

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majority of instances they are not held in public school buildings. Pupils leave the public school and take the religious instruction at a local church or synagogue of their choice.

The Rev. Herman E. Wornom, executive secretary, board of Christian education of the Protestant Council of New York, stressed that although eight Supreme Court judges agreed on the unconstitutionality of the Champaign program, four made it clear that the decision did not necessarily apply to local practices which differed from the Champaign case. He emphasized that the way was left open for further testing.

The Rev. J. M. Dawson, secretary of the newly formed group to maintain separation of church and state, Protestants-United, gave his personal views though stressing that the organization itself has not yet commented officially. He said that he was "exceedingly happy over the decision" for the following reasons:

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al values now being taught under the democratic processes of the public school which have resulted in the highest type citizenship, as crime statistics abundantly show."

Women Back Report

Orlando, Fla. (RNS):—The women of the southeastern jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, meeting here, passed a resolution supporting the civil rights report. It stated that they would back all measures which have for their goal the "achievement of civil rights for all people in this nation, including millions of citizens in this southland."

The Terrible Meek

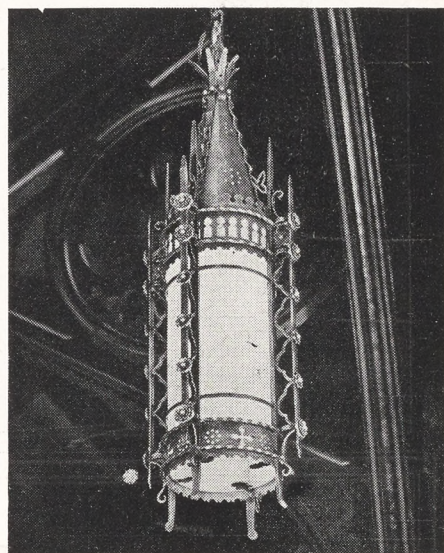
Los Angeles—The Episcopal League for Social Action here presented the passion play, *The Terrible Meek*, in St. Alban's on March 12. Participating in the dramatic recital dealing with international peace were Edith Wynne Matthison (Mrs. Kennedy) and the author, Charles Rann Kennedy. Receipts from the play are to be used for the work of the League in this city.

Printing Shown

Philadelphia:—An exhibition of historical material of the Episcopal Church was on display in the print

room of the Philadelphia Free Library, March 1-12. Early and recent issues of all Church periodicals were shown, as well as ancient and original documents of diocesan and general Church history; unique editions of the Bible and Prayer Book; pictures of bishops, historic churches and curios of various kinds.

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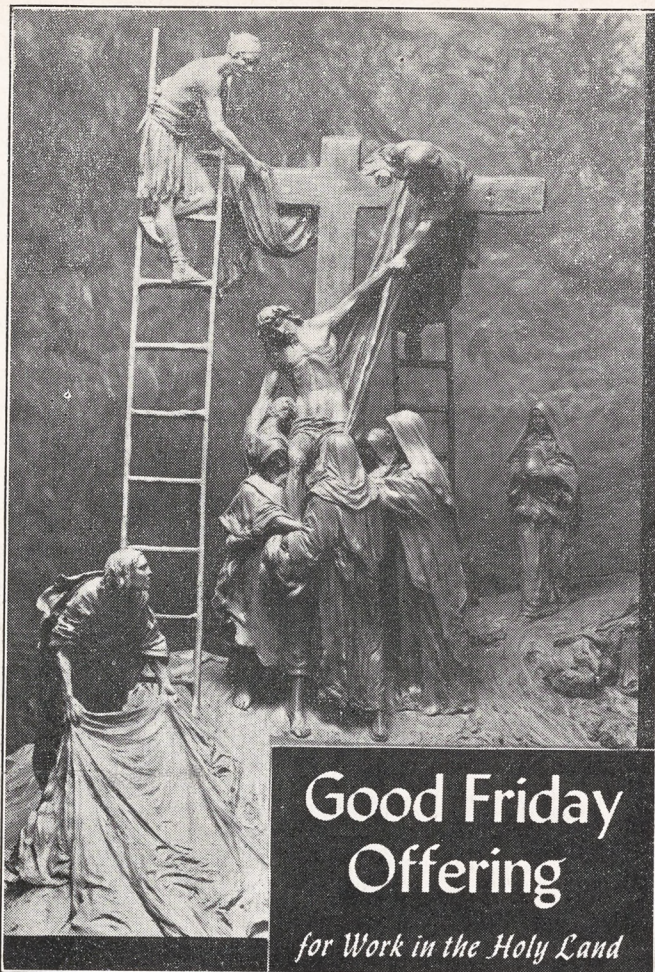
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Assembly Build-Up

New York:—The World Council of Churches is asking that Whitsunday, May 16, be observed in churches as world assembly day, according to the Rev. Henry Smith Leiper, American secretary. Observances will honor the first assembly which will be held this summer at Amsterdam. There will be a special service at Washington Cathedral and also services in Los Angeles and St. Louis, both sponsored by the local church councils.

Goes to Haiti

New York:—Miss Kathryn E. Bryan of Memphis, Tenn., has been appointed religious education worker for Haiti by the overseas department at 281. She is a graduate of LeMoyne College and is now finishing work for the master's degree in religious education at Columbia. She is a resident of Windham House.

CPC AIDS WORK IN PUERTO RICO

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or perhaps because of it, they have a heart-breaking love and yearning for books and pretty pictures. An appeal for children's books was answered in a way which took our breath away. Box after box came by passenger boat and freighter, until over a thousand little books had been distributed amongst the Virgin Island parishes. At All Saints', St. Thomas, where there are over 900 children in the Church School, Miss Mary Frances Bemont is still handing out these books as prizes for excellence in work, perfect attendance, etc. A child's book, with pictures, is the finest prize imaginable, and a home with such a book in it is twice blessed. (I was recently informed that Miss Bemont is running out of books, and would appreciate any amount more.)

In St. Paul's Church, Frederiksted, St. Croix, the books have been made into a lending library, the children themselves cataloguing

them and building up a lending file. These books are so loved, they are almost worn out from constant use, even though they have to be read by lamp light or by the light of the tropical moon. It is literally unbelievable how so little can mean so much.

But children's books and theological books and Church periodicals are not the only stuffs of which the CPC blessings are made. Miss Sarah G. White, R.N., director of St. Luke's school of nursing, at Ponce, has never failed to receive the most technical medical book or magazines, needed to help maintain her school as the highest ranging school of nursing on the island. Miss Ethel Robinson, teacher at the agricultural school of St. Joseph, Quebrada Limon, P. R., can use even more good secular magazines for boys and English books in her classes. And I can testify personally to what a very famous cook book, sent by the CPC, has meant to Miss Bemont in St. Thomas!

"And there are also many other things . . . the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written."

TELLS OF LIFE IN MANILA

(Continued from page 4)

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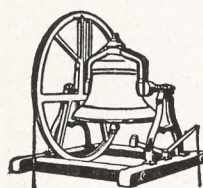
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The seminarians, whom I am also teaching, come from the isolated mountain regions, where our missions lost everything during the war. Bontoc, for instance, before the war, was one of the flourishing stations, with well-equipped buildings and a good start to run the mission work and the outstations; but now there is just one building left there. The poverty of the people is appalling, and yet they give of what they have, and donate hours of time to help improve the grounds, or work on the building. Our schools in Bontoc and in the outstations are poorly equipped, but the teachers are good and make up in zeal what they lack in techniques.

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RT. REV. EDWARD L. PARSONS
Retired Bishop of California

May I make a correction in my article on Lambeth and Unity which appeared in your issue of February 26? Speaking of the position of the American Church Union in regard to the ministry, I said "the New Testament gives no support to it which cannot be questioned." Unfortunately I failed to notice that the context makes "it" refer to the Evangelical position, and that consequently I said precisely what I did not mean to say. The American Church Union position is questioned by nearly one third of the Christian world and by a great number of Christian scholars. The Evangelicals believe therefore that such a position cannot be made a requirement for unity. I regret having made so careless a mistake.

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THE REV. GERALD V. BARRY
Rector of Christ Church, New York

My congratulations on the lead editorial in the issue of February 26th. You certainly have presented a nicely balanced viewpoint. As you say, it takes "courage, and honesty, and humility and patience" to understand the other fellow's point of view. Why cannot this be applied more often to matters of churchmanship as well as to "problems in labor relations, race relations" etc.

I think probably THE WITNESS tries to do this more often than other church weeklies — but both have a long way to go. The dog-eat-dog attitude leads to nothing but disaster, and I, for one, will welcome the day when THE WITNESS, together with others of our church papers, strive to promote that "peace and well being of a family group (which) depends on the willingness of the members of the family to understand the point of view" (of each other).

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MR. ROBERT C. MARTIN JR.
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Your news item concerning the action of the council of the Diocese of Texas (WITNESS, February 12, 1948) correctly gave prominence to the staggering lack of Christian understanding exhibited by that body. However, I think it would be a very good idea if you could point out editorially that a basic fallacy is involved in the words of the report, "prejudices . . . which must be given consideration if any such plan shall be of benefit to both races." This form of statement incorrectly puts the argument on a purely humanistic basis where it is possible to argue very convincingly for social discrimination. People who say that racial traditions, economic situations, even mental, physical, and moral traits of different races preclude the success of anti-discrimination programs can often make an excellent prima facie case.

We Christians ought to be able to recognize that the injustice of racial segregation has no more to do with the Christian answer to the question of race re-

lations than have the prejudices of either race. The Church, in its program of redeeming the world, needs these people. If their presence offends other Christians, that's too bad. The whole issue is: Can the Church redeem the world when its forces are racially divided? I take it that the answer is and always has been: No. The question is not: Will this program "be of benefit to both races"? Indeed, it is conceivable that such a program might turn out to be of immediate "benefit" (in the sense in which the council evidently means it) to neither; but that fact would still not detract from the urgent necessity of ending racial segregation now.

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THE REV. E. D. MURDOCH
Rector of St. Matthew's, Linton, N. D.

THE WITNESS should be complimented and in every Church home, if for nothing else than "Talking It Over." For the love of our country do keep exposing fascists. Some one has to keep at it, and more follow and use your expositions to help in this fight against the great push of the fascists than you probably think. After all there will always be more of us than there are of them, even if they have the guns Mr. Hart suggests and the money. But they will plaster us, that's for sure, and information that is reliable is so very hard to get. Out here in North Dakota a hundred people have asked me since January, "Well, what is the truth? How can we know what to believe when we read?" If we could get a paper like THE WITNESS into every home it would make them think.

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