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DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

to the

Provincial Meeting of the Fourth Province

Montgomery, Alabama, November 21-23

Delegates

Mrs. P. F. Patton
Mrs. T. C. Wetmore
Mrs. E. L. Ray
Mrs. Charles Kistler

Alternates

Mrs. John E. Schley
Miss Mary Wood Sumner
Mrs. W. H. Davis
Miss Clara Holmes

IN MEMORIAM



JUNIUS MOORE HORNER, D.D.
First Bishop of the Missionary District of Asheville
and of the
Diocese of Western North Carolina

By his unfailing cooperation he gave comfort and confidence to the seven women who have served under him as diocesan president of the Auxiliary.

As the best means to bring the Gospel to the people of the mountains, he established many Church schools. Though some have been discontinued, yet even now when the public school system has been fully developed, four of these Church schools still serve their purpose,—testimonials to his wisdom and perseverance.

For thirty-four years he gave himself without pause to a work which demanded always all his strength of soul and mind and body.

His works will live after him and he rests from his labours.

Members of the Auxiliary

Miss Kate Cameron Shipp	Mrs. George Sutherland
Miss Psyche Webster	Mrs. R. T. Claywell
Miss Lina Carson	Miss Virginia Carson
Mrs. J. M. Dougherty	Mrs. J. R. Sherrell
Mrs. Gennett Bennett	

For these we rejoice that they have inherited the Kingdom of their Lord.

For us we pray that through the triumphant living of these our companions in the Way, we may better know "what is the hope of his calling and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."

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MINUTES

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, was held in Trinity Church, Asheville, for two days, beginning April 26, 1933.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Sheldon Leavitt, after which Hymn 464 was sung, and the Rector of Trinity Church, Rev. G. Floyd Rogers, read the opening prayers. Mr. Rogers gave a word of greeting to the Woman's Auxiliary, extending a cordial welcome to those present to his parish.

The President of Trinity, Mrs. W. H. Davis, then heartily welcomed the guests, to which gracious response was given by the Chairman of the Courtesy Committee, Mrs. Randolph Harper, St. James', Lenoir.

The Secretary Pro Tem, Mrs. Howard G. Etheridge, then read the program of the Convention. Mrs. Fred Thomas moved that the program, as printed, be adopted. Upon motion, duly seconded, same was carried.

The Secretary then called the roll for the first day, to which 93 persons answered, representing 22 branches.

The President then introduced Bishop Finlay, of Upper South Carolina, and the President of Woman's Auxiliary in the Fourth Province, Mrs. James R. Cain, Columbia, S. C. Mrs. Cain expressed great pleasure at being with us.

The President then recognized other celebrities, due recognition being taken of absent ones prevented from attendance by illness. It was moved, seconded and carried that proper messages be sent to those absent.

The President appointed the following committees:

Entertainment:

Chairman, Mrs. C. W. Campbell, All Souls'.
Mrs. William Redwood, Trinity.
Mrs. A. Contee Thompson, St. Mary's.

Credentials:

Chairman, Mrs. Robert Russell, Trinity.
Miss Mildred Carter, Trinity.
Mrs. Kendall Northup, Trinity.

Exhibits:

Chairman, Mrs. Harry Baumgardner, Trinity.
Mrs. Exum Davis, Trinity.
Mrs. William Greenwood, St. Agnes', Asheville.
Miss Gertrude Mears, St. John's, Asheville.

Motor Corps:

Chairman, Mrs. Samuel Fisher, Trinity.
Mrs. J. Fuller Brown, Trinity.
Mrs. John Hursey, All Souls'.

Memorial for Bishop Horner:

Chairman, Mrs. Thomas Wetmore, Christ School.
Mrs. Charles L. Minor, Trinity.
Miss Isabel Graves, Valle Crucis School.

Memorial for Auxiliary:

Chairman, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, St. Agnes', Franklin.
Miss Emma Morris, Calvary.
Mrs. Harry Page, St. Luke's.

Courtesy:

Chairman, Mrs. Randolph Harper, St. James', Lenoir.
Mrs. Q. C. Sonner, Transfiguration, Saluda.
Mrs. J. L. Stringfield, Grace, Waynesville.

Resolutions:

Chairman, Mrs. W. T. C. Bates, St. James', Hendersonville.
Mrs. W. H. Sellers, St. Agnes', Franklin.
Mrs. Ralph Morgan, Good Shepherd, Penland.

Findings:

Chairman, Mrs. Thomas J. Wooldridge, Trinity.
Mrs. Howard G. Etheridge, All Souls'.

Address of Welcome:

Mrs. W. H. Davis, Trinity (the oldest branch in the Diocese, probably the only branch in the Diocese older than the Missionary District of Asheville).

Time-keepers:

Mrs. F. W. Vetoe, St. Andrew's, Canton.
Miss Laura Faucette, St. James', Lenoir.

Tellers:

Mrs. Charles Webbe, St. Francis'.
Mrs. Jenkins, St. Philip's.

Collections:

Mrs. W. S. Davis, Incarnation.
Miss Catherine Swift, St. John's, Flat Rock.

The President made her address. (See Appendix I.)

Announcement was made by the President of the two members of the Nominating Committee already appointed, Miss Mabel Randolph, St. Mary's, Chairman, and Mrs. H. L. Fox, St. John's, Asheville, and upon calling for nominations from the floor the following were elected: Mrs. John S. Watters, Trinity; Mrs. E. M. Blake, Calvary; and Mrs. C. C. Dawson, St. Mark's. Later Mrs. Watters announced she would like to withdraw, and Mrs. J. W. Cantey Johnson, St. Agnes', Franklin, was elected to fill that vacancy.

Reports were then heard from the following officers:

Report of the Vice-President of the First District showed nine

branches, with 45 per cent of the women communicants, work covering all five fields of service, with three corporate communions in each branch and a number of special prayer groups and Bible classes.

Report of the Vice-President of the Second District showed attendance at Spring meeting in Franklin numbered 24 with 3 Diocesan officers; Fall meeting at Saluda with 57 in attendance and 6 Diocesan officers.

Report of the Vice-President of the Sixth District showed five active branches, three have met obligations, three sent boxes, three studied Prayer Book and one branch reported six confirmations.

Report of the Vice-President of the Fourth District was received too late to be read.

Report of the Treasurer of United Thank Offering showed total in hand of \$1,338.37, as compared with the total in hand in spring of 1930, \$1,813.49.

The report of the Treasurer was given at this point, and upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the same was accepted. (See App. II.)

Reports were then heard from the following chairmen:

Report of Religious Education showed most of the branches have studied the Prayer Book, a few studying "Building a Christian Nation", "India on the March" and "Kingdom of Our Lord." Study classes were started at our two State Colleges at Boone and Cullowhee.

Report of the Supply Work showed the total value of boxes sent to four different mission stations to be \$718.24.

Report of Treasurer of Advance Work showed a collection during the year of \$134.18, making a total of \$950.22 given by the women during the past three years.

Report of the Altar Guild showed instructions given at each of the six district meetings last fall and at several meetings of parish branches.

Report of Director of Church Periodical Club showed that she had secured 200 prayer books and distributed most of them, and had placed "Spirit of Missions" and other church papers in homes of isolated people and had received reports of work done in fifteen active branches.

Report of the Gift of Life showed Mr. Colin Campbell and Mr. Woodfin Sumner postulants for the ministry, and Miss Neville L. Landstreet studying at the New York Training School for Deaconesses and Church Workers.

Report was then made by the Chairman of Exhibits.

A letter and report of the Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, our Missionary in the Southwest, were read by Mrs. Cantey Johnson and showed regular schedule of work at Franklin, Highlands and in summer at Murphy, with total of 43 Holy Communions, other services 128, 24 mission services, with 4 services at County Home, traveling 5000 miles. Six persons were confirmed at St. Agnes', Franklin.

Miss Adelaide Smith, Holy Cross, Valle Crucis, then told of the work at Valle Crucis School.

Mrs. Thomas C. Wetmore spoke about Christ School. She said we think of the diocesan schools as one, even though there are four of them. We must all work together to that aim. Mrs. Wetmore stated that at this time we feel orphaned, without our bishop, and before we cast our vote for anyone to take his place, let us ask if it is for the glory of God. Christ School differs from the other schools; the other three require a guarantee of a certain amount of money from every pupil received. At Christ School there are 112, 44 of whom do not pay even half, 12 who pay nothing.

The Rev. Mr. Dobbin then gave some interesting information about Patterson School, thanking the women of the Auxiliary for the help given the school and telling very interesting stories of his boys, showing results in the fine specimens of manhood in successful business.

Miss Califf gave some news of Appalachian School at Penland.

Mrs. Ford told of the work of the Penland Weavers.

Deacon Radway gave a most interesting account of the Good Shepherd School for colored children at Tryon. He related the struggles since the beginning of the school in 1902; first it was a day school, later boarding and lodging was arranged for, and with a beginning of 14 pupils, there are now 20 boarders. Children help with the work, boys learn to use tools, etc., girls learn to cook, do laundry work, housekeeping and plain sewing.

The Rev. A. C. Gilmore, Chaplain at Oteen, then told of his work, showing just how eager the boys are for the services of the Church, and how many are unable to have the desired services because of the large number of patients and lack of time.

Mrs. Thomas C. Wetmore gave appropriate memorial to our beloved Bishop, copy of which was ordered to be sent to his family.

The President then called for the report for the Memorial to the members of the Auxiliary, which was given by Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson. Prayers for the dead were then read by Mrs. Cain.

After announcement made by the President of the Preparation Service at eight o'clock that evening in Trinity Church, with sermon by the Rev. Albert P. Mack, St. Francis', and the Corporate Communion at 7:30 the next day, to be celebrated by Bishop Finlay, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Rogers and the Rev. William C. Cravner, All Souls', the meeting adjourned for conferences of Parish Officers with Diocesan Officers.

The SECOND DAY of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary convened at nine o'clock, following the Corporate Communion celebrated by Bishop Finlay, assisted by Rev. Mr. Rogers and the Rev. Mr. Cravner.

Following the singing of Hymn 469, Rev. Mr. Cravner read the prayers.

The President then made a few remarks, after which the Secretary called the roll for the second day, with the following result.

St. Agnes', Franklin	3	St. James', Black Mtn.	3
St. Agnes', Trinity	3	St. James', Hendersonville . .	3
All Souls'	3	St. James', Lenoir	3
St. Andrew's, Canton	3	St. John's, Trinity	3
Calvary	3	St. John's, East Flat Rock . .	3
Christ School	3	St. John's, High Shoals	2
St. Francis'	2	St. John's, Marion	2
St. Gabriel's	2	St. Luke's	2
Good Shepherd, Penland . . .	2	St. Mark's	3
Good Shepherd, Tryon	2	St. Mary's	3
Grace, Morganton	2	St. Matthias'	2
Grace, Waynesville	3	McDuffy Guild	2
Holy Cross, Tryon	3	St. Philip's	2
Holy Cross, Valle Crucis . .	1	Transfiguration	2
Incarnation	3	Trinity	3
Total	30 Branches	76 delegates present second day	
		13 guests	
		9 officers	

NOTE: Chapel of Rest had 3 delegates first day only.

After the roll call the President asked the wish of the meeting on the method of voting, and it was moved, seconded and carried, that the branches vote as units instead of as individuals.

The Board recommended that the new Constitution, as amended, be adopted and substituted for the old Constitution.

Mrs. Johnson spoke on the subject of the Constitution.

Mrs. Farnum, St. Mary's, moved that the consideration of the Constitution, which had been submitted to the branches the last year, be laid on the table until we have a new bishop. The motion was seconded, and amended by Mrs. W. H. Davis, to refer the Constitution to a committee for report next year. This amendment was seconded by Mrs. E. S. Clayton, Trinity. After discussion Mrs. Cain spoke a few words, suggesting that a new bishop, when elected, would prefer to find an Auxiliary already working on larger lines, rather than to have the extra work of preparing plans for its better organization. This motion, as amended, was lost by a vote of 6 to 19.

The President requested the Secretary pro tem to read the Constitution and By-Laws, section by section.

Upon the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws they were amended and adopted by a vote of 28 of the 30 Branches present.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Ewbank, then presented the budget for 1933, showing a straight cut of 17½%. With regret at necessary reduction, the budget was adopted as presented. (See App. III.)

The chairman of the Credentials Committee, Mrs. Russell, reported 30 branches present to vote, with 76 delegates, 9 officers and 13 guests. The President called the Vice-President of District I, Mrs. E. L. Ray, to the chair and left the room.

The chairman of the Nominating Committee, Miss Randolph, presented the following ticket:

President, Mrs. Sheldon Leavitt.

Treasurer U. T. O., Mrs. W. L. Balthis.

Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Ewbank.

Chairman of Missions, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson.

Chairman of Religious Education, Mrs. F. W. Thomas.

Chairman of Christian Social Service, Mrs. Harry Fox.

Chairman of Publicity, Mrs. T. J. Wooldridge.

Mrs. Ray called for nominations from the floor and the only nomination was that by Miss Rebecca C. Nafl, of the Incarnation, of Mrs. R. P. Freeze, St. James', Hendersonville, for the office of president.

After the ballots were cast and counted, the tellers made the following report: Mrs. Leavitt 27, Mrs. Freeze 11, with the others without opposition, of course, being unanimous.

The President was then called to the room, and after a few words of appreciation, pledged herself to do her best for the work of the Auxiliary in all its phases.

Mrs. Fred Thomas was unanimously nominated to the next Diocesan Convention as the second Auxiliary member of the Diocesan Executive Council.

The meeting then adjourned to the church, where after the noon-day prayers and address by Bishop Finlay, the President nominated as Secretary to the meeting Mrs. Howard G. Etheridge, All Souls'. Mrs. Etheridge was elected by acclamation. The new officers present were then installed by Bishop Finlay in a most impressive service.

Following luncheon, the afternoon session was opened by Bishop Finlay with prayers, and he then called attention to the conferences at Kanuga and urged all who could to attend. The President introduced Bishop Hulse of Cuba.

The President asked if any branch wished to extend an invitation for the next annual meeting. None responded.

It was moved, seconded and carried to leave the selection of a place of meeting to the Executive Board.

Upon motion, seconded and carried, it was decided to continue the two-day annual meeting.

The President appointed Mrs. Randolph Harper, St. James', Lenoir, Chairman, and Mrs. C. F. Gold, St. Francis', as two members of the Nominating Committee; the three elected from the floor were

Miss Hattie Scott, Trinity; Mrs. Michael Schenck, St. James', Hendersonville, and Mrs. J. S. Silversteen, St. Philip's.

Mrs. Ernest Cruikshank, of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, spoke of the work in that institution of learning. She told how we could help them and made an appeal for girls to be sent to the school from every parish in the diocese.

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. James P. Burke, Chairman of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education, calling our attention to an observance of the Keble Centennial (Oxford Movement) in Holy Cross Church, Tryon, on May 11, beginning at 1 o'clock, and urging as many as possible to attend.

Mrs. Wooldridge, Chairman of Department of Publicity, reported and urged all the delegates to send in material for the *Highland Churchman*, and other religious publications.

The following delegates were elected to the Provincial Meeting in Montgomery, Ala., probably on November 10: Mrs. P. F. Patton, St. James', Hendersonville; Mrs. T. C. Wetmore, Christ School; Mrs. E. L. Ray, St. Agnes', Trinity, and Mrs. Charles Kistler, Grace, Morganton. Alternates: Mrs. J. E. Schley, Calvary; Miss Mary Wood Sumner, St. John's, East Flat Rock; Mrs. W. H. Davis, Trinity, and Miss Clara Holmes, St. Agnes', Trinity.

Rev. LeRoy Jahn, of Morganton, gave a most interesting story of the work of Grace Hospital, and urged continued support of this institution by the Auxiliary.

The chairman of the Resolution Committee, Mrs. Bates, then made the following report which was adopted:

WHEREAS: The Rev. J. W. Cantey Johnson gave unstintingly of his services to Religious Education; and whereas he was the moving spirit back of our Training School for leaders, started at Valle Crucis and now established at Kanuga: therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That a gold and silver offering be set aside for a fitting memorial to Mr. Johnson to be placed in the new Chapel to be erected at Kanuga.

The Chairman of the Courtesy Committee, Mrs. Harper, moved that messages of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Horner and Mrs. Balthis, the Rev. Mr. Duncan and to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, with greetings to Miss Avant and Mrs. Kennedy.

Mary Elizabeth Moore then told of her work among the colored people in the section of Hiddenite, N. C., and women of the Auxiliary were asked to leave any offering they cared to make at the door.

A motion to adjourn was carried and Bishop Hulse dismissed the meeting with his benediction.

The Prayer Book Bee then followed, in which contest St. James', Lenoir, won the prize for answering the largest number of questions.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL G. ETHERIDGE,

Secretary.

APPENDIX I

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

Eleventh Annual Meeting, April 26, 1933

Our recent great loss in the death of our beloved Bishop, may his soul rest in peace, threw your officers into a state of serious anxiety and confusion. So keenly have we felt the deprivation of his unfailing sympathy and approval that at first we hesitated as to whether to continue to have our Annual Meeting at the time decided upon. But on consideration we realized that in spite of disorder and uncertainty the Lord's Work must go on. We knew so well that in his zeal for this Work our Bishop had never spared himself and we saw that in continuing the Work as the Auxiliary always has done we should show his memory the highest possible respect. It was only a year or two ago that in order to save time our Bishop cheerfully undertook a drive of fifty miles in a cattle truck and you all saw that among those who drove long distances to show him the last honor at his funeral were men in overalls and butternut shirts. It is no small tribute to our Bishop that those folk loved him well.

When you made me your president over a year ago in Tryon, my very first act was to go to our Bishop and ask for his blessing. That consecration to the work has helped in the unaccustomed difficulties of the office and makes me realize now the happiness that has accompanied all the effort. It has been a privilege to learn to know so many splendid women everywhere. It has been an inspiration to have the shoulder to shoulder cooperation of the women on the Board and the faithful support of the Auxiliary throughout the Diocese. It has been an education just to be in touch with our provincial and national officers. In some yearbook I saw recently that the Auxiliary is said to be the best informed group within the Church. If that is so, it is so entirely because of the constant efforts of our provincial and national Boards to let us know instantly whatever happens of concern to the Church. In fact it has seemed to me sometimes as if the main function of the diocesan president is to act as a link in the chain of newsgiving. When the Presiding Bishop and the National Council wish certain information to reach Jane Doe, anywhere from Maine to California, they tell Miss Lindley to send circular letters to all the diocesan presidents of the Auxiliary with instructions to send circular letters to all the branch presidents who in turn are to tell individually every Jane Doe in the Church.

A detailed report of what has been done during these past fourteen months will be given you by the several officers. The general plan we have followed has been to suggest to you and even to urge upon you the seeking of information, the need for training and finally the opportunities all around you for service. In other words, why should I work for the Church, how can I be made fit to work for her and last, where and how shall I work for her?

First, information. That comes from so many sources that I can give you only a few. Besides the Bible and the Prayer Book, Church Histories, Church magazines and the Church Lending Library at 281 Fourth Avenue, there is so much reading matter that is being constantly circulated and so much that is available, that as some one phrased it, "Is it possible all Church members need to be taught how to read!" Yet I wonder how many of us in our study of the Prayer Book have not read with something like wonder some of the things we know we were taught as children.

Second, training. We may be thankful that at this moment there is in St. Faith's Training School for Deaconesses in the City of New York a young woman from this Diocese whose intention is to return to this Diocese and work. We may not all be able to follow in her footsteps, but some training is within our reach nevertheless. If we realized the value of Kanuga, we should not only point with pride but we should attend the conferences. Our National Treasurer, Dr. Franklin, told me it was the best summer conference he had ever attended. There is no place like Kanuga and I hope we may have time to hear about it from Bishop Finlay or from Mrs. Cain.

And finally, service. There again the ways are so many I can list only one or two. Earning money, caring for Church and altar, helping the rector and teaching. All these we have done and yet there are other fields that might be tilled, other paths to be climbed with success, especially if as one woman put it, "We advance on our knees."

Very close to my heart are the young people, those in whose hands is the future of our Church. We, most of us, are nearly at the end of our service. To whom, as in that poem, "In Flanders' Fields," shall we throw the torch. Let us assume the most favorable conditions, that our young people have been regular in their attendance at Church School and later at meetings of the Young People's Service League. That ideal is not always true, yet even if it is, every circumstance of present day life tends to draw them into social groups outside of the Church. Do we of the Auxiliary, we older women, concern ourselves very much with our young women? When Mary outgrows the age limit of the Service League do we see to it that she is invited to the meetings of the Auxiliary, do we see to it that interesting programs and work and a share of the responsibility are awaiting her in our groups? The groups without the Church do not wait. When it finally dawns on us that Mary really has grown up, how often do we find her already too fully occupied with charitable, uplift and civic welfare organizations to have time to do anything in the Auxiliary. Youth we are told is seeking thrills. Surely no thrill can compare with the undertaking of a habit of life so difficult, so well-nigh impossible as that of being a Christian. I beg you to give earnest thought to our young women. To keep them for the Church is not some one else's job. It is ours.

Equally in my heart is our isolated women. She may be next door to us in town, she may be one of two or three who live all the year in a summer resort, she may be in a distant mountain valley. But as I have gone through this Diocese I have found her everywhere. Our diocesan Department of Religious Education is already reaching most of the distant ones through the Good Shepherd School for the Isolated, but with so many to touch it is almost impossible to do more than to send the literature. I ask you to consider the charity of a more personal contact. Here she is, trained in one of our diocesan schools, well instructed, confirmed, taught to love the Church. She marries a man who is not a Churchman. She goes to live in a little cove, miles away from a highway and reached by an apology for a road. The mule or the Ford are needed for work on the farm, the husband wants to go to his own service on Sunday, every social contact during the week is outside the Church, exactly as in the case of our young woman of whom I have just spoken. Put yourself in that woman's place. Would not your early training grow dim and your interest slacken? Would you appreciate some one's writing you, sending you Church news, taking an interest in you as an individual? Here at our very door is the forgotten woman. She is not some one else's responsibility. She is ours.

From our list of guests today one Name has so far been omitted. We have asked Him to help us, and we are depending on Him for guidance in every action we take. But we have not emphasized the fact,—the vital fact,—that He is with us at this moment,—in this room. Our senses are too dull to perceive His presence but He has promised, "when two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew XVIII, 20.) Certainly, it is in His Name that we are gathered and we have all had experience that what He has promised, He does. Can we say the same? In restudying our baptismal vows in the Prayer Book, is it not almost with surprise we have found that we, ourselves, have made promises. We have assumed certain obligations towards God. When we send to Heaven our petitions for the help He has promised, would all of that help be necessary, if we had kept our promises to Him? More,—those promises we constantly reaffirm, not only in confirmation but every time we go to the Holy Communion. They are continual, they are universal. We have all made them, we all renew them.

It is God's work which is the reason and the only reason for the existence of our organization. There never was a day when His work was more important. You will hear, as I said, from your officers what has been done during the past fourteen months. I have tried to show you, in the young woman and the forgotten woman two of the numberless possibilities for work in the future. As our Bishop gave me his blessing, so will Bishop Finlay consecrate the officers whom you will elect. I ask you to paint for yourselves a picture of what we all might do if in the rest of our lives we faithfully serve our God Who to us is always faithful.

1932

Receipts

\$2,979.44

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APPENDIX III DIOCESAN BUDGET

1933

Jan. 1	Quarters			
	1st & 2nd	3rd & 4th	Missionary	Provincial
Bal. on hand from 1932	\$ 27.83	\$ 7.11	\$ 23.77	\$ 3.75
Pledged for 1933	939.50	418.50	623.00	48.25
Total expected in 1933	\$967.33	\$425.61	\$646.77	\$52.00
To be provided			13.33	
A 17.5% cut of 1932 payments will be as follows (The Provincial pledge was made in Sept., 1932, and cannot be cut)				
	907.50	412.50	660.00	50.00
To meet the Missionary Fund, \$13.23 must be taken from some fund, probable the Central Fund.				
17.5% cut of 1st and 2nd Quarters divided as follows:				
Each school (cut \$35.00)				\$165.00
Total				660.00
Grace Hospital (cut \$52.50)				247.50

YEAR BOOK

Suggestions for Leaders

1. Open every meeting with devotions.
2. The programs in this Year Book are merely suggestive. Every Branch should appoint a committee to arrange a program for the year adapted to their own needs.
3. Study Class leaders should be well informed before beginning to give lessons. Never read more than a short quotation from a book at a meeting.
4. Promote discussion as much as you can; it helps to interest people if they have a chance to express themselves. If they do not answer questions, be ready to answer them yourself. Don't be discouraged; some people need a lot of encouragement to talk in a study class.
5. The Mission Study Course, *Christ and the Modern World*, is to be used during Lent and is arranged for weekly meetings. There is no text book. Besides the suggested references—material must be gathered from current magazines and papers as conditions are constantly changing. It is essential for the leader of the group to have the *Leader's Manual*.

An opinion test on *Industry* and a *Biography Test* can be procured by sending to Educational Secretary—also *An Intercession* for a devotional service.

Suggested Outline for Meetings

Call to Order.

Devotions:

Hymn to be said or sung together.

Selected Scripture Reading.

The Apostles' Creed.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy Spirit.

Let us Pray.

The Lord's Prayer and other appropriate prayers.

Business:

Roll Call.

Reading of Minutes.

Communications from Diocesan officers.

Reports of Branch officers, Standing Committees and

Special Committees.

Unfinished business.

New business.

Program.

Closing prayers and benediction.

PRAYERS

For the Woman's Auxiliary

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bless we pray Thee, our work for the extension of Thy kingdom, and make us so thankful for the precious gift of Thy beloved Son, that we may pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make Him known to all nations as their Saviour and their king, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For the United Thank Offering

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we pray Thee to send forth more laborers into Thy harvest, and to grant them Thy special grace for every need. Guard and guide the workers in the field, and draw us into closer fellowship with them. Dispose the hearts of all women everywhere to give gladly as Thou hast given to them. Accept, from grateful hearts, our United Thank Offering of prayer, and gifts, and joyful service; and bless it to the coming of Thy kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Diocese

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath promised to be with Thy Church unto the end of the world, look with favor, we beseech Thee, upon the Church in this Diocese. Bestow Thy blessing upon Bishop, Priests, and people. Supply all their needs. Lord, increase our faith; faith that shall dare, faith that shall share, faith that shall give men,

money, life, for the upbuilding of Thy kingdom; Who art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Parish

Almighty God, pour Thy heavenly grace, we beseech Thee, upon our Parish Church; Grant to its officers a vision of its greater work; and to every member of the same give the will and strength to bring this vision into life, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

For Missionaries or Prayer Partner or Officers

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in Thee; Send Thy blessing upon Thy servants our missionaries who have gone out from this Diocese. (In particular we commend to Thy Fatherly goodness those whose names we hold in loving remembrance this day) Fill their hearts with courage which never falters, a patience which never wearies, and a love which never fails. Give them the constant vision of Thy glorious kingdom, and make them ever mindful of the promise of Thy dear Son; inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. All of which we ask through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Study Class

O Lord, open Thou our eyes that we may see the vision of Thy Kingdom upon earth; speak to us that we may hear Thy call above the voices of the world; open Thou our lips that we may show forth Thy praise; grant us grace to rise up and follow Thee, our Blest Redeemer, who gave Thy life that all the world might look to Thee and be saved. Amen.

For the Church

Gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee to bless Thy Holy Catholic Church, and fill it with truth and grace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is wanting, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, heal the breaches thereof, O Thou Holy One of Israel; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

"Eternal love, the ground of all beseeching, raise up, we pray Thee, strong intercessors who shall never depart from before Thy face but shall give Thee no rest and shall take no rest till Thou establish and till Thou make Thy kingdom come in all the earth."

Devotional

"O my God, take all my liberty, my memory and all that I am or have. Thine they are, to Thee I restore them. Dispose of me entirely according to Thy will, for Thy love and grace are sufficient for me."—*St. Ignatius Loyola*.

"On Calvary's hill I Thee implore
By Thy wound's five, Thy will be done.
By hand, by foot, by riven side,
By broken heart, by thorn-crowned brow,
Thy will be done."

Benediction

May God bless us with a loving sense of His near presence, to guide us, to protect us, now and forever more. Amen.

SEPTEMBER

Missions and Church Extension

United Thank Offering

Gift of Life

Prayer Partner

Hymn 502.

Scripture Reading: S. Matt. 28:11-20.

Prayer: United Thank Offering Prayer.

Suggestions for Program:

The purpose of the United Thank Offering is to help spread Christ's Kingdom both at home and abroad. In this every woman should want to share, as its proceeds are used:

1. To train, equip, send and support the women who offer their lives to the carrying out of this purpose: (They are the substitutes of those of us who stay at home, praying "Thy Kingdom Come");
2. To care for those women when sick, disabled or retired;
3. To erect buildings for the more efficient accomplishing of their work.

Study about training centers in which the women of the Church are interested, and with which the United Thank Offering is closely connected.

The Bishop Tuttle Training School, Raleigh, N. C. Windham House, New York City. Deaconess Training Schools, New York and Philadelphia.

Brent House, Chicago—Oriental center for devotion and conference. (The United Thank Offering in Action, W. A. pamphlet 130, send to 281 Fourth Ave., N. Y.)

How many U. T. O. workers in this Diocese and where located. Emphasize the Gift of Life, and use the Service of Intercession which can be obtained from the Chairman, Miss Mary Wood Sumner, St. John's House, Flat Rock, N. C. Closing prayers—Pray for Prayer Partners and Diocesan Officers.

Observe Corporate Communion for the presentation of the U. T. O. on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

Prayer Book Program

Review of services studied last year.

The Ministration of Holy Baptism.

(One of the two sacraments "ordained by Christ Himself.")

Prayer Book, pp. 283-295. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 89-110.

Offices of Instruction.

Prayer Book, pp. 283-295. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 111-113.

The Order of Confirmation.

Prayer Book, p. 296.

Prayer Book Reason Why, p. 114.

The Order for Holy Communion.

(One of the two sacraments "ordained by Christ Himself.")

Prayer Book, pp. 67-89. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 63-85.

OCTOBER

Department of Religious Education

Parish Church Schools

Student Work

Hymn 366.

Scripture Reading: Rom. 15:4-13.

Prayer for Religious Education. Prayer Book, p. 92.

Prayer for Student Work. Prayer Book, p. 42.

Suggestions for Program:

Invite Church School Teachers to Auxiliary Meeting.

Invite Superintendent of Church School to give talk on co-operation of the Home and Church School.

Sponsor a Parent-Teachers Meeting.

Make list of students attending schools and colleges, and give to Rector so that he can keep in touch with them.

Try to keep in touch with students when they come home for Easter and Christmas vacations.

Give a breakfast to them on these occasions following a Corporate Communion.

Get in touch with Church Students attending Normal or State Colleges located near you.

Make plans for your part in the World Day of Prayer on Armistice Day.

Prayer Book Program

The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony.

Prayer Book, p. 300. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 118-123.

Forms of Prayer to be Used in Families.

Prayer Book, pp. 579-588.

The Thanksgiving of Women After Childbirth. (The Churching of Women.)

Prayer Book, p. 305.

NOVEMBER

Parish Plans for Every Member Canvass

Hymn 490.

Scripture Reading: St. John 3:16.

Prayer: Prayer Book (Collect), p. 122.

Suggestions for Program:

Sponsor a Parish supper to discuss plans for the Every Member Canvass.

Invite Chairman of Every Member Canvass to talk at Auxiliary Meeting.

Write the Chairman of Missions, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, Franklin, N. C., for information as to how the women in the Diocese may assist in the Every Member Canvass.

Observe World Day of Prayer on Armistice Day, November 11th.

Prayer Book Program

The Order for the Visitation of the Sick.

Prayer Book, pp. 308-317. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 124-126.

Epistle of St. James 5:14, 15.

Unction of the Sick.

Prayer Book, p. 320.

Prayer Book Reason Why, p. 127.

Epistle of St. James 5:13-16.

Gospel of St. Mark 6:13.

Communion of the Sick.

Prayer Book, pp. 321-323.

Prayer Book Reason Why, p. 128.

The Order for the Burial of the Dead.

Prayer Book, pp. 324-342.

Prayer Book Reason Why, p. 130.

DECEMBER

Religious Education

Supply Work

Hymns 474—482—476.

Selected Scripture Reading: St. John 21:15-18.

Prayer for Missions: Prayer Book, p. 38.

Suggestions for Program:

Talk—Description of the Mission to which box goes—show map locating Mission. Articles for box brought to meeting and packed. Service to bless articles. (Write Supply Secretary, Mrs. John E. Schley, Box 930, Asheville, N. C.)

Contents of box when completed could be placed in vestibule of the Church with card stating: Here is our share toward giving comfort to our friends at.....Mission.

Prayer Book Program

The Church Year and Holy Days.

Prayer Book, pp. 90-269. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 153-179.

JANUARY

Christian Social Service

Hymn 489.

Selected Scripture Reading: St. Luke 10:25-37.

Prayer: Prayer Book, pp. 43, 44 and 587.

Suggestions for Program:

Study your local conditions and see if your parish or mission is co-operating with social agencies to improve conditions and to raise standards in accordance with Christian ideals.

A great deal of this work is done by Church people that is never connected up with the Church. See that people helped are brought in touch with the Church. Children baptized and brought to Church School, etc.

In reporting this work, it is not necessary to call attention to each bit of charity, only generalities, but report it. Plan some way in which your parish or mission can help those upon whom more and more leisure is being thrust.

"Make our daily contacts of every sort a joyful witness to our religious convictions."

Prayer Book Program

The Ordinal.

Prayer Book, pp. 529-568. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 133-152.

The Form and Manner of Making Deacons.

Prayer Book, pp. 530-534. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 138-142.

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-6; 8:5, 13, 38, 40.

The Form and Manner of Ordering Priests.

Prayer Book, pp. 535-544. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 143-145.

The Form of Ordaining or Consecrating a Bishop.

Prayer Book, pp. 545-553. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 146-149.

The Litany and Suffrages for Ordinations.

Prayer Book, pp. 554-555. Prayer Book Reason Why, p. 150.

The Form of Consecration of a Church or Chapel.

Prayer Book, pp. 556-560. Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 151-152.

An Office of Institution of Ministers.

Prayer Book, pp. 561-565.

FEBRUARY

Missions and Church Extension

Rural Work

Interracial Work

Opening Hymn 423, We Plow the Fields and Scatter.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:103-109; Col. 3:14-17.

Prayer for Rogation Day. Prayer Book, p. 261.

Suggestions for Program:

Send to Diocesan Chairman of Rural Work, Miss Florence Basom, Valle Crucis, N. C., for Questionnaire on "What do we really know of our own church in Western North Carolina?"

Try to get in touch with any isolated people in your vicinity, see that they are supplied with Church literature and books. Try having a gas fund and get the people in the rural district in touch with the Church and Church School. Perhaps you could interest a Bible Class or some other organization to do this as a special project.

Reading of Chaps. 2 and 3 from "The Rural Billion," by Chas. M. McConnell. Study of Chap. X from "What's Right with the Rural Church," by Ralph A. Felton. Part IV of "The Country and Our Generation," by Edwin E. Sundt. All from Lending Library, 281 Fourth Ave., N. Y. (postage each way only cost for these books).

Interracial Work:

Send to Church Missions House for pamphlet on Interracial Relations.

"Are we sufficiently Christian to meet the problems of race relationship today?"

Do you know the Negro? Just as many kinds of Negroes as Whites—educated and ignorant.

Remember the Indian when thinking of interracial work. The Government's plan is to break down the reservations. We must try to help the Indian find his place when this occurs.

With the Cherokee Reservation at our door, this will be a special duty in our Diocese.

Obtain information about the condition of the Negro in your community. Sanitary conditions, housing problems, school and hospital facilities.

What is our Church doing in regard to them?

MARCH

Department of Religious Education

Church Periodical Club

Hymn 499.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 119-103-109; Col. 3:14-17.

Church Periodical Club Prayer: "Bless O Lord, we pray Thee, the Church Periodical Club, that it may be an instrument of service in Thy Hands. Grant to its officers wisdom and patience, to its members perseverance and the spirit of sharing that asks no return. Bring many more to take part in its activities. Bless our gifts and those who receive them, to the enriching of individuals' lives and to the growth of Thy Kingdom, throughout the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Suggestions for Program:

Illustrations of the Value of Church Periodical Club Work:

See Spirit of Missions:

Dec., 1932, p. 795; Jan., 1933, p. 62; Feb., 1933, p. 124;

Apr., 1933, p. 254; May, 1933, p. 319; June, 1933, p. 367.

Objectives of the Church Periodical Club:

Pass on good books and magazines while they are new. Distribute magazines and Church papers to institutions and others who would not have them otherwise. Send literature and cards to our missionaries at Christmas and Easter especially. Also mount pictures on cardboard to send to the Indian Schools.

Note: For further information write to your Diocesan C. P. C. Director, Miss Minerva Avant, Tryon, N. C.

Keep record of books and magazines given, where and to whom. Appoint a representative to obtain subscribers for Spirit of Missions and other Church Papers.

Observe Corporate Communion of U. T. O. on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Hymn 495.

APRIL

Y. P. S. L.

Hymns 502, 535, 268.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19.

Prayer: O God, our Heavenly Father, who gave Thy only Son to be the way, the truth, and the light, look with favor and blessing upon the efforts of the young people of Thy Church. Grant that we, the women of the Auxiliary, may study their work that we, who have gone before, may give them help and encouragement, that when Thy work is committed to their hands they may do it better than we have been able to. We ask this in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Suggestions for Program:

Invite the president of your Young People's League to your meeting to tell of their work.

Appoint a committee to serve breakfasts for Y. P. S. L. after their Corporate Communion.

Try to interest some of the younger women in being councillors for the Y. P. S. L.

Prayer Book Program

The Order for Daily Morning Prayer.

Prayer Book, pp. 3-20.

Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 20-54.

St. Luke 22:41; Acts 7:60; 9:40; 20:36; Daniel 6:10.

MAY

Evaluation Meeting

Hymn 245.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 24.

Prayer: Prayer Book, p. 198.

Suggestions for Program:

What has been of most value in your year's work?

What have been your problems?
What changes would you suggest?
Send in recommendations or suggestions to the Diocesan Chairman of Religious Education.
Study Auxiliary budget for Parish and Diocese, so as to be informed for Annual Meeting.
What have your gifts meant to you?
Prepare Parish officers for conferences with Diocesan officers at Annual Meeting. Elect delegates to Annual Meeting who will be sure to go.

Prayer Book Program

The Order for Daily Evening Prayer.

Prayer Book, pp. 21-34.

Prayer Book Reason Why, pp. 55-60.

JUNE

Summary of Work

Hymn 486, "Christ for the World We Sing."

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4.

Prayer: Collect Prayer Book, p. 194.

Suggestions for Program:

Reports of Annual Meeting by delegates.

Discuss Summer Conferences and select women to attend either Kanuga or Sewanee, if possible, at the expense of the Auxiliary or Parish.

Prayer Book Program

The Litany and A Penitential Office.

Prayer Book, pp. 54-63.

Prayer Book Reason Why, p. 61.

WEEKLY LENTEN STUDY MEETINGS

CHRIST AND THE MODERN WORLD

Session I

Introduction to Course and Call to Discipleship

Opening Service.

Hymn 192, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.

Scripture Reading: I Cor. 12:12-31.

Prayer: Prayer Book, p. 198. ..

Introducing the Course:

Problems in the World We Face.

1. In what way are old systems being challenged in the thinking of today?
2. In what ways do you think the modern world is different from any other age?
3. To what extent has the "collapse" been due to the lack of the spirit of brotherhood? To lack of leadership?
4. How far does organized Christianity today reflect the mind of Christ as taught by the Church through the Bible and the Prayer Book?

The Call to Discipleship:

What is involved in being a disciple of Christ in the modern world?

References: The Never Failing Light, by J. H. Franklin, Chapter 1.

Questions for discussion:

1. What does the term disciple signify to you? Use Biography Test.
2. What did it mean to the first followers of Christ? To St. Francis of Assisi?
3. Who are some Christian men and women of this generation who have demonstrated what it means to be a follower of Christ?
4. What demands will discipleship make upon us today even though we do not stir from our community?
5. What is Christian responsibility in the subjects we are to discuss in this course—Paganism—Industry—Communism—Nationalism—Interracialism—Unity?

Give the subjects for the various sessions which are to follow, and assign to several different members each week topics to be discussed.

Session II

Trends Toward Paganism

Opening Service.

Hymn 452.

Scripture Reading: Rev. 3:15-22.

Prayer: Prayer Book, p. 95.

Problem: How may a Christian overcome the forces of modern paganism?

References: The Never Failing Light, Chap. 3.

Eastern Women Today and Tomorrow, Chap. 6.

The Kingdoms of Our Lord, Chap. 1.

Approach: 1. What are some of the evidences of pagan trends in your community? (a) lowered moral standard, (b) the type of moving pictures, (c) break up of family life, etc. Are more persons turning to the Church? Why? Why not?

2. How far do you think the spirit of your community is typical of the country as a whole? Of the world?

3. General tendencies manifest themselves today; Secularism, Humanism, Materialism. (If there is not time enough leave out Humanism.) (a) Secularism: What are some of the indications of the spread of secularism in America today? What is the effect upon the missionary work of the Church? (b) Humanism: What is the meaning of Humanism? How related to Secularism? (Dr. Dunn's address to Triennial, Kingdoms of Our Lord, pp. 1-27.) (c) Materialism: A. What have been some of the causes of the increase in a materialistic philosophy in the world today? Increase in production. Modern conveniences—have they helped or hindered? Emphasis on mechanistic psychology—man is a machine. Change in the attitude toward authority. B. What are some of the evidences of materialism? Love of money leading to greed—Dis-honesty—Land grabbing, etc.

Questions for discussion:

How may Christian people meet and overcome the forces of paganism today?

Change these attitudes:

Think about values such as, what is a successful man?

In the use of money.

In simplicity of life.

In family life.

In the use of leisure time.

Individual responsibility.

Assign topics for next session. Encourage each member of the group to select some "pagan" friend whom she may pray for during Lent. Make your appeal personal and definite. Assign topics to individuals for next week.

Session III Labor and Industry

Opening Service.

Hymn 492, Rise Up, O Man of God.

Scripture Reading: St. Luke 12:16-32.

Prayer: Prayer Book, p. 200.

Problem: What is the Christian responsibility in the field of labor and industry?

References: Eastern Women Today and Tomorrow, Chap. 4.

The Never Failing Light, Chap. 4.

Kingdoms of Our Lord, Chap. 3.

Spirit of Missions, Feb., 1932.

Opinion Test on Industry.

Questions for discussion:

- I. What are some of the problems raised by modern industry? These should be listed and will include: Child labor, Extensive use of women in factories, etc., Breaking up of home and family life, Loss of individual and aesthetic quality of hand production, Unemployment.

What has been the effect of these conditions upon individuals or communities with which you are acquainted?

Make problems personal. Call attention to the revival of the sweat shop and the lowering of wages for women in industry (See Spirit of Missions, May, 1933, p. 315).

What are some of the moral effects of the industrial system? The following may be suggested: Great profit to a few; placing of finances above personality; depressed human personality brought temptation and vice.

- II. In what ways is the question of labor and industry a missionary problem? Reference—*The Present Day Summons of Christianity*, by Mott, Chap. 3.

A. How can the Church affect industry in the Orient?

B. Is the Church actually doing anything to raise the economic level of the life of the people of the Orient?

The work of Kagawa for the betterment of conditions among the industrial workers in Japan (See *Craftsmen All*, Chap. 8).

Improving conditions in poverty stricken rural districts.

- III. Christianizing industry at home.

What should be the objectives in economic reconstruction? What attempts are being made? Does our Lord's teaching give us any guidance? What is our responsibility in this matter?

1. We must be convinced of the need of a change. 2. What can the Church do? 3. What social measures may be immediately undertaken? Taking children out of industries, retiring the aged on pensions, insure against unemployment, providing living wages, etc.

Assignments for next session.

- IV. Look up state laws about employment as: Age limit for children to attend school in North Carolina is 14. Age limit before he can go to work is 16. What can be done during these two years of idleness?
- V. This new and abundant leisure.
Women start classes for sewing and cooking.
Reading rooms in Parish House, etc.

Session IV Communism

Opening Service.

Hymn 240.

Scripture Reading: St. Luke 12:16.

Prayer: Prayer Book, p. 194.

Problem: What shall be the Christian's response to the challenge of Communism?

References: The Spirit of Missions, Feb., 1933.

The Challenge of Communism, by Bishop Roots.

Craftsmen All, by Shillits, Chap. 8.

The Never Failing Light, Chap. 4.

The X Y Z of Communism, by Ethan T. Colton, McMillan.

Approach: Why must the Christian disciple today face the questions of Communism? (a) As a system which claims to advance the welfare of mankind, it is a religious question. (b) Its attitude of hostility toward Christianity and all other religions. (c) Its effect on foreign missionary work.

Questions for discussion:

- I. What is Communism? Have two or three persons bring in reports on Communism which will emphasize the main *facts*.
 - (a) Outline of the teachings of Karl Marx.
 - (b) Development of Soviet Union in Russian. Five Year Plan and its accomplishment.
 - (c) Introduction and spread in China.

Has the Christian Church been responsible for the rise of Communism?

- (1) The Russian Church and its failure in teaching the masses.
- (2) In China the failure in realizing the importance of agricultural and economic problems.
- (3) In United States Industrial centers.

- II. What are the good points in Communism?

Help the group to discover these in reports just given or from reading and experience. May include: absolute devotion, simplicity of life, zeal in preaching, passionate conviction, its internationalism.

III. What are the weaknesses of Communism?

Purely materialistic, antagonism to all religions, indifference to marriage and divorce, socialized home, class destruction based on hatred and revolution.

IV. How may Christianity meet the challenge of Communism?

"It is not Christianity, of course, that is to blame, but Christians: they are too often pseudo-Christians."

Assign topics for next week.

Session V Nationalism

Opening Service.

Hymn 464.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:10-21.

Problem: How can we make our contribution to a Christian *internationalism*?

References: Eastern Women Today and Tomorrow, Chap. 6.

The Never Failing Light, Chap. 2.

Kingdoms of Our Lord, Chap. 5.

Approach: The growth of a spirit of narrow and exclusive nationalism is proving one of the greatest obstacles to the realization of the human brotherhood in the family of God. The world is closely drawn together by economic interdependence, rapidity of transportation and communication. It is one neighborhood, but strong nationalistic passions and racial antipathies are preventing the world from being a brotherhood. We believe our only hope for mankind is in the spread of the spirit of Christian internationalism.

This is the work of Christian missions.

Questions for discussion:

- I. What have been recent manifestations of an exaggerated and dangerous nationalism? In America? "Buy American goods"—What is wrong with this? In Germany? The Nazi, especially the anti-Jewish campaign? In Italy? The Facists? In Japan? What has been the effect of our immigration exclusion laws?
- II. What is the false and dangerous spirit of nationalism? A sense of superiority to other nations and peoples. Placing of loyalty to country above conscience or laws of God. "My country right or wrong." What do you think of this?
- III. What is the true spirit of nationalism which we call patriotism? We should feel about our nation as we feel about our home—which does not keep us from service to our fellowmen, but should fit us to be better equipped and prepared for service to them.
- IV. What do you think Christ's attitude would be toward a narrow nationalism?

- V. What is the effect of the spirit of nationalism on missions?
 "The failure of the world is either Christ or Chaos."
- VI. What evidences are there that nationalism is opposed to the facts of modern life? (a) Commerce? (b) Science—there is no such thing as nationality. (c) Medicine and surgery. (d) Music, art, athletics, etc. (e) The world-wide spread of Christianity. (The Church was the first international society.)
- VII. What have the nations of today to contribute to the enrichment of the Christian life?
 England—the sense of duty and moral obligation.
 China—the social aspect.
 India—mysticism.
 What do you think is the special contribution which America has to make?
- VIII. How can we make our contribution to a Christian Internationalism?
 (a) By promoting foreign missions. (See *Kingdoms of Our Lord*, p. 133.)
 (b) Loyalty to one's convictions in the matter of opposing war propaganda.
 (c) By developing the best in our national life. (See Oldham's *America First*, in *Readers' Digest* for June, 1933.)

Session VI The Road Ahead

Opening Service.

Hymn 211.

Scripture Reading: St. John 17.

Prayer: Prayer Book, p. 185.

Problem: What are the next steps toward unity?

References: *Eastern Women Today and Tomorrow*, Chaps. 7 and 8.

The Never Failing Light, Chaps. 5 and 6.

Approach: As we think of the task before the Church in the light of our modern problems, there are certain outstanding issues and relations to which the Church must give serious attention, and which concern us all. We propose to consider these in the last session.

Our attitude toward other faiths.

Our attitude toward other Christians.

Questions for discussion:

I. Our attitude toward other faiths.

1. The attitude of most missionaries today is not one of antagonism but rather a desire to build on the good in the other religions and to fulfill them just as Christianity built upon and fulfilled Judaism.

2. Moreover all religions today are facing the common enemy of secularism and communism.

(a) What should be our attitude toward the old religions in view of this?

(b) Do you think that the other religions will be destroyed or continue to exist along with Christianity?

All other religions are an attempt to reach a god who has been made by the people following him whereas Christianity is the complete way of life and has been given us by a God Who has revealed Himself.

II. Our attitude toward other Christians.

We all agree that the Christian forces should draw closer together—that the Church has failed to a large extent because of weakness due to its divisions.

1. What can be done about it? What is being done in America about it? What do you know about the experiment being carried on now in South India? What efforts toward unity have been accomplished in our own Church? What Bishop is called the Apostle of unity? What can each one of us do about it? Discipleship is a sense of responsibility and a passion to share with the world what we have in Christ. It requires fresh faith, fresh sacrifice, and a fresh feeling of brotherhood. A prayer may be: "Lord, revive Thy Church, beginning with me."

"Only the utmost devotion of every member in worship and service to our Lord, continually strengthened by His gift of new life in the Sacraments, can reveal the full meaning and power of the Church."

Some Possible Outcomes of Our Study

1. A deeper understanding and sense of responsibility.
2. Revitalized interest in the Church's mission.
3. An offering of life for missions.
4. Re-thinking the use of one's income.
5. Interdenominational co-operation.
6. World peace.
7. Arousing the Church to social evils.
8. Write to legislators about evils.
9. Continue the study of evils.
10. Formation of a group for prayer and intercession.

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