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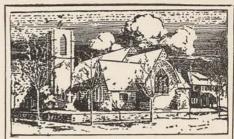
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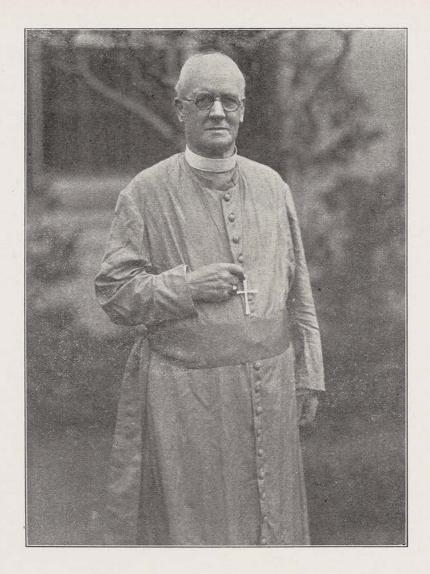
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# A Great Missionary Leader Retires

Bishop McKim, during fifty-six years' service for Christ in Japan, was a dominant factor in the development of Nippon Sei Ko Kwai

The House of Bishops at its annual

meeting, November 5-7, in Houston,

Texas, accepted the resignation of the

Rt. Rev. John McKim as Bishop of

North Tokyo and elected his Suf-

fragan, the Rt. Rev. Charles S. Reif-

snider, to succeed him (see page 543).

The accompanying appreciation of

Bishop McKim's long missionary ser-

vice comes to us from Japan.

HEN ON November 7 the Rt. Rev. John McKim sailed away from Japan's shores for the last time there came to a close a page of his-

tory in the spiritual, educational, and social development of the nation that has never been equaled in the since Japan period opened its doors to foreign intercourse eighty-odd years ago.

For fifty-six years Bishop McKim has been one of the great-

est foreign missionary leaders in the nation. Few foreigners have ever lived so long among the Japanese people and have accomplished so much for their welfare as has Bishop McKim. With his retirement to Hawaii, where he will henceforth make his home, a great career is ended, vet forever in the annals of modern Japanese history there must loom large the contributions to the people of Japan made by this teacher, administrator, priest, and

In each of these capacities, Bishop McKim always has been very intimately connected with St. Paul's University. It was fitting that on the Rikkyo (St. Paul's) campus where he began his career on March 1, 1880, when Bishop Williams asked him to teach in the orig-

inal St. Paul's School which had been opened only six years before (February, 1874), he should say his final farewells to the great modern Christian university

that he himself founded and brought to full university standing in 1922. Drawn up in the largest outdoor assembly ever held on the campus, more than two thousand young men of the present student body, the inheritors of the tradition he built up throughout

a long and vital period of Japanese life, bade him Godspeed and goodbye. An escort of trustees, advisers, deans, and other notables conducted Bishop McKim to a platform where he received the greetings and farewells of a representative The gathering closed with the

Bishop's final blessing.

Bishop McKim, ever holding high his "belief that the vocation of the Christian missionary is to follow the example of his Master in seeking to save not only souls, but minds and bodies, the salvation of the whole man and not part of him" has waged a never ceasing battle for the spiritual and moral welfare of the Japanese people. During his long life and work among them he was a leading figure in the development of an autonomous national Church from a struggling missionary branch of the Anglican Communion, with an educated priesthood of its own, with three of its dioceses already turned over to Japanese Bishops. This accomplishment alone has won the praise and admiration of the millions of members of the Anglican Communion.

During the fifty-six years he has planned and led the advance which has brought into being some of the outstanding Christian educational and medical institutions in the nation, the fame of which has long since spread far beyond the confines of the Empire. These have been mighty friendship links that bind the peoples of Japan with millions of thoughtful Christian men and women

throughout the world.

On July 17, 1923, Bishop McKim became seventy-one years of age and could look back over a life's career of nearly forty-five years given to the building of the framework of a national Church, a priesthood, a Christian university, a middle school, two great hospitals, several orphanages, a leper colony, and two well-known girls' schools. Two-and-ahalf months later on September 1, 1923, he was faced with the destruction of all he had built up in those forty-five years. But the aging Bishop cabled the Church's headquarters in New York, "All Gone But Faith In God," a cablegram that was relayed throughout the length and breadth of the United States to his more than two million fellow Churchmen whom he had interested in the spiritual and educational development of Japan. Then he set about to rebuild what nature had destroyed.

For his great work of the past and through the earthquake distress His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor, graciously conferred upon Bishop McKim the Order

of the Sacred Treasure.

With a vigor that can well be the envy of men of thirty years, this great Bishop set about to rebuild his work and during the past twelve years, few leaders can point to more accomplishments than Bishop McKim. Today, a great spiritual leader of more than eighty-three years of age, he is seeking to spend his last few days in the quiet of the warm Hawaiian sunshine where he has a home. No missionary to Japan can point to greater results in the practical side of international good will accomplished between the peoples of the two great Pacific na-By his direction and because of tions. his leadership he leaves for his followers St. Luke's International Medical Center in Tsukiji, one of the most efficient and complete medical centers to be found in any land. He leaves for those to come, Rikkyo Gakuin, one of the great Christian educational institutions of Japan today, manned and equipped to give careful education to the thousands of young men gathered within its walls from every prefecture of the Empire and from all its colonies and the bordering lands on the Asian mainland.

It is not only as the great administrator and spiritual leader that the present generation of students remembers Bishop They also recall a fatherly McKim. figure who for a number of years made his home among them, showing a zest for personal relations and friendly contacts. Students of the present generation can remember seeing him in the early mornings worshiping together with them. More than this there is a privileged group of boys in St. Paul's University who remember a weekly breakfast at the table of the man who was Primate of the Church in Japan. And these boys always found him simple and cordial and ever ready to listen to their problems.

The Gospel of Christ is a Gospel of Youth and it has been observed that the finest and noblest leaders of the Faith everywhere have kept bright and shining the spirit of youth in their hearts. That is why Bishop McKim kept his influence, and perhaps it is the secret of his power over the hearts and minds of all with

whom he has come in contact.

On December 29, at ten a.m. the Presiding Bishop will broadcast a Message for the New Year over the Columbia network

# The Call of Christmas is Forward



THE RT. REV. HENRY W. HOBSON Chairman, Forward Movement Commission



HE birth of the Christ Child brought us not only God's revelation of Himself, but also God's offer to share His life with us. From the Bethlehem manger comes both that knowledge of God's purpose which made it possible for Jesus to say, "I am the way and the truth," and that Divine Power which enabled Him to add, "and the life." God's gift combined the two essentials—a vision of His way and strength to follow it.

God's eternal Forward Movement, in which He has ever called man to share, came to a focus on that first Christmas when God sent His Son to point the way forward, and through His Son offered us the power to travel that way to joyous victory.

It is in that same Forward Movement that the members of the Church are called to share today. The program which has been presented to the Church during the past year is not one which has been created by the Forward Movement Commission, or by any individual or group in the Church. It is God's program which started when God gave us His Son born in the Bethlehem manger. For this Son called men to be His disciples, and as His disciples to discover God's way, and to find in Him, the living Christ, "power to become the sons of God."

The only way in which we can become disciples of the Christ is to go, as did the Shepherds and Wise Men, to the place where God came to be with man—to the Bethlehem manger. There, if we come as little children with minds seeking the truth, we shall find the revelation of God's purpose for our lives. There, if we come in humility with hearts prepared to receive, we shall find Him who promised to be with us in joy and power unto the end of the world. There we shall hear and answer God's call to join Him along the way which ever leads forward.

# Lessons of the China Centennial

By the Rt. Rev. Frederick R. Graves, D.D.
Missionary Bishop of Shanghai

HE WORK OF our Church for China began one hundred years ago. Let us look back and think what that means in view of the small

beginnings.

First let us note the persistence and resolution with which the Church in America has carried on the work in China. More than once, in earlier days, the Church had to decide whether the work would have to be given up for lack of means or men to carry it on. Yet she persevered until what we see today is the Chinese Church thanking the Church in America for the faith which made her go forward. It is no light task to go on for a century sending money and workers to a foreign land, but the Church did it and as sons and daughters of that Church we have a right to be proud of what was done.

We can learn a second lesson from the courage and faith in which the missionaries in the field did their work. The China Mission has always been in advance of the Church at home. For instance it called for no little faith and courage for the little band at Shanghai when they determined to start a new station at Wuchang, six hundred miles up the Yangtze River, a venture which has borne abundant fruit in the great work of the Dioceses of Hankow and Anking. As we recall the men and women who preceded us we are justly proud to be their followers in the same great task. The words, American Church Mission, acquire for us a new meaning because they stand for a tradition of work well done for Christ's sake which we ought to imitate and which binds us more closely together.

The third lesson for us is that what has been done has been done by God's help. The Mission has been carried through wars and revolutions and times of weakness and depression. Think again of the smallness of the beginnings when the work was started at Shanghai, the slow growth at first while the foundations were being laid. And today we see, what they only could imagine as a distant dream, the three dioceses with their strong body of clergy and numerous Christians governed by their own synods and taking their full share in the work of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, a body which is every year becoming more deeply rooted in the minds and hearts of the Chinese. It is in no spirit of boastfulness that we recognize this but in a spirit of humble faith, because we know that

what has been done has been done by God.

Those are the chief lessons which I would ask you to gather from this one hundredth anniversary, the lesson of what we owe to the Church in America, the lesson of the faith and courage of the men and women who have gone before us, the lesson that God has guided the Mission and that all that has been done has been done by His help and grace.

# Chinese Celebrate Missionary Centennial

Anniversary of inauguration of work of our Church observed up and down Yangtze. Thank offering presented to the Church in America

By the Rt. Rev. John W. Nichols, D.D.

Suffragan Bishop of Shanghai

are apt, I think, to consider that Chinese priest of the Mission.

the work of the Episcopal Church in China commenced in 1845, when Bishop Boone and his party arrived in Shanghai. But we have this week celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the Mission to China. The Chinese of the three American dioceses with wider view. have reminded us that the real start was made, not in 1845, but in 1835 when the first missionaries, the Rev. Francis R. Hanson and the Rev. Henry Lockwood, arrived in Canton, October 4. Though it was ten years before Bishop Boone attained a permanent base in Shanghai, that decade was a real and heroic period of preparation. The first preaching to

Chinese and our first school were in Batavia. There Mrs. Lockwood died. Thence Mr. Lockwood returned home. an invalid for Christ. In Amoy Mrs.

THE CHINESE do not miss an "occa- Boone died: and there Bishop Boone sion"! We of the China Mission found Wong Kong Chai, later the first

#### Centennial Hymn

The last two stanzas of a hymn written especially for the occasion and literally translated from the Chinese. Sung to the tune-The Church's One Foundation

Remember the Mother Church's hundred years of effort

From which has sprung great blessedness for us Chinese.

He who drinks water can surely not forget the spring;

Money and men has she sent forth in legions;

The acts of the apostles continue without break, As well as the three orders of the

Sacred Ministry,

Bishops, presbyters, and deacons in The Holy Catholic Church.

Founding and transmitting has been the Mother Church's part;

Our task is to continue and advance. In latter times men will arise to bear the chalice and paten; Our "Way" will not be deserted; it

cannot fail!

The Chinese Church will speedily become independent,

Self-sustaining, self-governing, propagating,

Receiving divine protection and establishment,

The Holy Catholic Church.

There would have been no commemoration of all this if the initiative had been left to the missionaries. It was the Chinese who at the General Synod of 1934 appointed a committee to plan a celebration of the centennial anniversary of the beginning of the Mission of the American Church to China. The committee was ordered to arrange:

1. Services in all the churches of the three Yangtze dioceses, with a special united service in Shanghai.

2. A fund to be sent to the Church in the United States as a thank offering for one hundred years of nourishing care.

3. The writing of a history of each of the three dioceses.

As a result, on October 6, 1935, memorial services were held, I think, in all

our churches from Ichang to Shanghai. An excellent history of the Diocese of Shanghai has been prepared, the work chiefly of the Rev. E. S. Yu, of St.

Peter's Church, Shanghai. It involved a great deal of translation, running down of facts, and coördination of material. It is excellently ordered and illustrated, and I believe is one of the few adequate records in Chinese of any piece of continuous Christian work.

A sum of nearly \$2,000 (Chinese currency) has been raised and will shortly be sent to the National Council.

The whole commemoration was brought to a fitting climax at the united service, held October 6 in the Church of Our Saviour, Shanghai. The order of service with specially written hymns was printed in advance by the rector of the parish, the Rev. P. N. Tsu. Vested choirs from all our Shanghai churches gave a leadership of over one hundred choristers in the singing. Three Bishops—the Rt. Rev. John Curtis of Chekiang, the Rt. Rev. Lindel Tsen of Honan, and the Suffragan of Shanghai, and some forty

clergy were in attendance. Bishop Tsen, formerly a priest of the Diocese of Anking and now Bishop of Honan, preached the sermon. The Diocese of Anking sent an official delegate, Mr. Chang, and Hankow was represented by Archdeacon Hu and the Rev. S. C. Huang, who spoke after the sermon.

The church was crowded with over a thousand people, many of the younger men sitting in the windows. It was a really memorable occasion and was a real expression of gratitude to the Church which under God has given the Faith to so many people of China. In the necessary friction of daily life, and of the growing pains of a new Church and a reviving Nation, we of the West have reasons for gratitude at this expression of appreciation of the one hundred years of effort by which under God the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui has taken root in the Middle Provinces of China.

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# The Church's Mission in Puerto Rico

Caribbean island presents a most favorable situation for an early demonstration of interracial fellowship between the two Americas

By the Rev. B. H. Reinheimer, D.D.

Executive Secretary, Field Department, National Council

This is the third in a special series of articles on the Church in the Caribbean which The Spirit of Missions is publishing as its special contribution to the current study throughout the Church of Latin America. In the next article in the series Dr. Reinheimer will write on our mission in the Dominican Republic.

L Yonque, the Anvil, in faint gray silhouette far ahead and off the port bow of the steamer, provided the first glimpse of the real Puerto Rico. This mountain forms the eastern end of the central highlands, and its ridge and the slope to the coast have some resemblance to the prow and deck line of a dismantled battleship. As the ship drew in closer to San Juan harbor, El Yonque slipped from our attention; we saw it only once afterwards—from the airplane as it arose from the same harbor ten days later.

The steamer docked late Sunday afternoon, fully twelve hours before it was due. This may account for the fact that it was the most peaceful debarkation experience we had in Latin America. At several points later in the journey we were convinced that the rabble on the dock were Ali Baba and his Forty Thieves disguised as porters and taxi drivers. That Sunday afternoon landing at San Juan had the only suggestion of a Yankee Sabbath we encountered.

It would be easy indeed to make a travelogue of the visit to Puerto Rico, but since the account is to be in The Spirit of Missions and not *The National Geographic Magazine*, we shall try to keep a grip on the coattails of the mis-

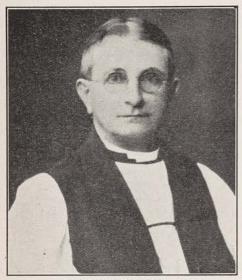
sionaries. The first coattail that took us in tow was Bishop Colmore's, and it became the magic carpet that bore us from San Juan to Mayaguez and from Ponce to Manati.

For the most part, travel in Puerto Rico was speedy and comfortable in the Bishop's car, and the roads were good. It was horseback into the hills of Quebrada Limon and Quebrada Ceiba, but in general Puerto Rico is blessed with a much better and more widespread system of roads than we found in the other missionary districts.

The Bishop drives as fast as some of his brother Bishops in the United States -which is fast enough! Twenty-two years of continuous service in the West Indies have not slowed down the temperament and physique of the star halfback of 1898 at the University of the South. As I had at one time contemplated forestry as a profession, and have retained an interest in trees, it was a joy to find that Bishop Colmore had the same interest and the good fortune to be situated where he could cultivate it. It fits perfectly into his purpose of providing the priests of each of his rural missions with a sustaining plot to supplement his stipend. These plots are already a reality at a number of missions.

The Bishop's yard at Santurce is an episcopal arboretum. In every shady spot in the yard are seedlings in pots and tomato cans. Dozens of older plants are already rooted in the soil of the yard itself. Some of his floral charges are native stock, but he is also interested in improving and adding to Puerto Rico's flora. He is a sower botanically as well

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THE BISHOP OF PUERTO RICO
The Rt. Rev. Charles B. Colmore is our most
widely known missionary in the West Indies

as Biblically, and is in a way to becoming the Johnny Appleseed of the Island. When he sets out for a visitation there are usually seedlings in the back of the car along with his vestments!

Bishop Colmore is the most widely known member of our American staff in the West Indies. Cuba remembers him as Dean, from 1905 to 1913, of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Havana. In Haiti he is known as the Bishop-in-charge from 1913 to 1918. The Dominican Republic became acquainted with him in a similar capacity in the years between 1913 and 1927, and since 1918 the Virgin Islands have been a part of his jurisdiction.

This pure statement of fact and date does not adequately convey the history and experiences that have entered into the life of the Bishop who has done much of the pioneering of our Church in the islands. In 1913, when Bishop Colmore was consecrated, transportation in the West Indies was still in what corresponded to the "horse and buggy" days in the United States, or to the days before the "iron horse" was released in the Far West. Episcopal visitations among the islands twenty years ago meant boats,

and sometimes meant sail and even open boats. There were days and nights becalmed within sight of the destination. There were, and still are, all the perils of Caribbean hurricanes.

Bishop Colmore still makes the trip to the mission on Vieques Island, off the east coast, in an open launch. But the coming of the airplane has completely changed the problem of the long, interisland trips of the years when he was making visitations to Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Flying means more to the West Indies than perhaps to any other part of the Western Hemisphere. It has brought the islands closer together in terms of community and interest.

NE OF THE first things one looks for on landing in Puerto Rico is evidence of the reputed density of its population. It is plain in the cities, but just as real in the rural areas. The well wooded mountain slopes and valleys appear uninhabited as you drive through them, but this is only an appearance. The ringing of a bell at a mission chapel quickly convenes a crowd from the hidden homes that are all about. The city population teems. We were impressed with this, particularly at San Juan. Government dredges are filling in the mangrove swamps with mud secured from the nearby channel and basin. These new mud flats are blanketed by the shanties of the poor and shanties spring up like fungi on the fresh fill before it is dry. Similarly in Ponce, the slope on the hillside on which St. Luke's Hospital stands is smothered with the huts of Puerto Rico's destitute and prolific children.

Puerto Rico is prolific in two respects —homo sapiens and carts. Of course there is the oxcart of the canefields. We were there during the "grind" and we saw many of them; sturdy, venerable vehicles, inching along the country roads, drawn by as many as three yoke of oxen, particularly in the valley above Mayaguez. But the Island has spawned a swarm of other carts—a crazy, wobbly collection. The poorest Haitian was apparently not too poor to own at least

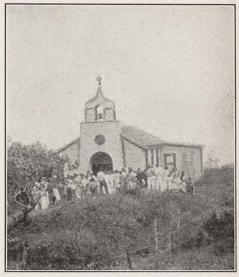
one burro, but evidently the Puerto Rican is poorer and turns to carts to ease his many burdens. Almost anything disk-shaped that lands on the Island winds up as a wheel. It made one itch to go back to the United States and load a ship with old baby carriage wheels or kiddie car wheels salvaged from a junk yard so that every *muchacho* might have his cart!

We were convinced that most of the discarded automobile tires of the United States reached the West Indies. People were shod with sandals made from tire casings and laced with a thong or two. We saw them turned up as Puerto Rican, Haitian, and Mexican men and women knelt at the communion rail.

PUERTO RICO always will be identified with certain patterns, real or imagined, that appear to hold the various aspects of the Island's life. The pattern of community life was plain. The Island is divided into seventy barrios that would correspond to our townships. At the center of each barrio was a town and at the center, or what was originally the center of the town was a plaza. Facing this plaza, in each instance, was a Roman church. If the town had grown during the centuries, there were other churches. If it remained a country village then the old church dominated the setting, rising eaves and tower above the litter of roofs.

There was a threefold motif in the rural pattern. In the trip from San Juan to Mayaguez we drove west over the coastal lowlands to Arecibo before turning south into the mountains. This strip of the north coast is studded with innumerable little cone-shaped limestone peaks. They suggest anthills. They were riddled with holes due to erosion and they looked for all the world as if ants had burrowed over and through them.

This road was retraced later in the visit to the work of the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Droste at El Coto de Manati. What an experience that was! We arrived after dark, with the Bishop, at the end of Easter Day. The church was packed. We were given chairs at the chancel steps

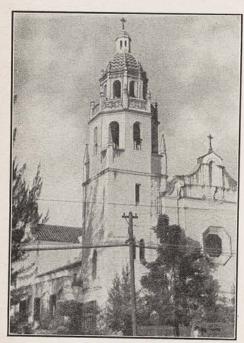


CHAPEL AT LAS RUBIAS, P. R.
Typical of the rural missions which Bishop
Colmore has planted throughout the Island

and then everyone was herded out of the door and a sorting began. Padre and Donna Droste stood at each side of the door and the mob were required to run the gauntlet between them. Some were permitted to enter the church but others were seized by the arm or the neck and propelled into outer darkness. It was laughable, and we learned later that faced with an assemblage twice the capacity of the little church building, it was necessary to sort and admit the regulars and exclude the transients.

But let us return to the rural pattern of the Island. As we rode along, it was disclosed that the coastal lowlands and the wide river valleys were given over to fields of sugar cane and groves of citrus. Leaving the road along the coast at Arecibo we turned south into the mountains and the interior. Because the Island is only about forty miles wide we soon came into an area of mountains and valleys which was all covered with a heavy growth of low trees and bushes.

The Bishop, commenting upon the fact that there were so few large trees, explained a situation which was noted again in Cuba. In the matter of fuel, which is needed for little but cooking,



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SAN JUAN
Three groups—West Indian Negroes, Puerto
Ricans, and Americans—find a Church home
in this beautiful building

the Puerto Ricans and Cubans have always been dependent upon wood, and particularly charcoal. The forests of the Island have gone down before generations of charcoal burners.

It was equally interesting and surprising, as we rode into the shade of this low growth on the mountain sides, to find that we were actually riding through coffee plantations. The coffee trees are planted under the other trees because they do better in the shade. We saw some in blossom and others with the green berries. By the end of the week we had accumulated glimpses of the whole process of coffee culture from the trees, through the picking and drying of the berries on platforms in the sun, the hulling of the berries with a wooden mortar made from a section of a log; the roasting, which is much more thorough than that given the Brazilian coffee which we drink; the powdering of the berries, which are almost like charcoal, and, finally, the cafe con lache of breakfast with the Rev. and Mrs. Aristides Villafane at St. Catherine's School, or at dinner with Miss Ellen T. Hicks and Miss Lillian M. Owen at St. Luke's Hospital.

Although we became interested in the meeting at Manati and the production of coffee, we have managed to expose the rural pattern of Puerto Rico. The key is furnished by three words beginning with "C," namely, cane, citrus, and coffee.

BUT WE WERE in Puerto Rico to see the pattern of our missionary work and it has one. It consists of a network of rural missions spread across the Island and anchored on the coast at three points in the three strong parishes in San Juan on the north, Mayaguez on the west, and Ponce on the south.

San Juan was our base during the visit and our lodging was a pleasant room in the dormitory of the closed St. Catherine's School. The school building is connected and forms an L with St. John's Church. The land within the L is a corner of intersecting streets and has been converted into a garden.

St. John's is a beautiful church, both inside and out. Hard times have delayed the installation of proper seating. We attended and participated in three services which illustrated as well as anything the pivotal character of this parish. Its origin as a congregation for American and English-speaking people antedates the missionary district itself. Today it is thoroughly integrated into the missionary program.

The English-speaking congregation shares its home with two other groups and the Rev. P. D. Locke personally ministers to one of them. This is a fine group of British West Indian Negro Churchmen. For them there is choral evensong and address at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The first service of the day was a celebration for the Spanish-speaking Puerto Rican congregation at seven a.m. The Rev. Aristides Villafane is in charge of this work and we gathered that he was

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the unofficial archdeacon of San Juan. In addition to this congregation he is also in charge of St. Luke's, Puerto de Tierra, in the old section of the city, and of the Mission of St. Hilda, Trujilla, Alto, several miles away.

We visited St. Hilda's one afternoon and gained our first impression of the headway which our Church has made among the Island's rural people. There was an enthusiastic group of children and a smaller group of adults, including such representative persons as the cacique, or unofficial "boss" of the neighborhood, with a murderous machete hanging at his belt, and the male teacher from the nearest public school. The latter was a clean-cut young man, a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico. We met him first when we stopped at his school on our way over a rough sideroad to the mission. These two men, representatives of the old and the new order in Puerto Rico, standing side by side, united in their interest and loyalty to

the work of the rural mission, personified and dramatized a great deal of what is taking place in the social development of the Island. The incident also reflects the genuine achievement of our mission and is a great tribute to the effective leadership of Mr. Villafane and the other young Puerto Rico clergy.

Mayaguez, the second focal point of our work in Puerto Rico, was visited on a week day. Services of our Church here were begun by an Army Chaplain in 1898. Today everything about it gives an impression of stability and effective-The buildings and equipment occupy half a small city block. The Rev. F. A. Saylor, who was appointed in 1917, is one of those versatile geniuses who make superb pioneer missionaries, but who, unfortunately, threaten to become extinct in an age of specialization. In him is a man who can design and build a church, translate a hymnal, run a printing press and a cabinet-making shop, and tear down and remodel an auto



ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL IN PONCE, PUERTO RICO
"Miss Ellen T. Hicks has made an imperishable contribution to the Christian religion
and the social welfare of Puerto Rico" through the Nurses Training School which is
an important part of the hospital's work

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or a radio. The seminaries can train but they cannot produce this versatility. Add to the scene Mrs. Saylor, and finally Miss Mildred B. Hayes and the work developed by her in the craft shop and you begin to realize the influence and value of St. Andrew's.

The third point of suspension for the missionary work of the Island is at Ponce. Holy Trinity Church is the oldest non-Roman congregation in the Spanish West Indies, founded in 1873, through the intervention of Queen Victoria of England. It seemed exceedingly appropriate at the time of our visit that the parish was planning to celebrate the empire-wide jubilee of the present British King and Queen. A fine church now replaces that shipped in parts from England in 1873, and a large Spanish-speaking congregation shares the building and the ministry of the Rev. E. Reus-Garcia with the English and Americans.

St. Luke's Hospital stands on the hillside back of the city and overlooking a wide sweep of the Caribbean Sea. After seeing the student nurses one is readily led to measure the value of the hospital not so much in terms of medical service as in terms of the type of womanhood which is being developed in these Puerto Rican girls. They are drawn from the cities and towns of the Island and eventually return to share their new outlook and training with the womenfolk of their neighborhoods and acquaintanceship.

It is doubtful whether a hurricane could level the new hospital as it did the old one, but if it did, and the Church should decide not to rebuild it, Miss Hicks, the superintendent, has made an imperishable contribution to the Christian religion and the social welfare of Puerto Rico in what she has imparted to the student nurses since 1922.

Between these three large cities a system of rural missions completes the pattern of our work in Puerto Rico. The

typical set-up is the open country, or such open country as there is in a land so thickly populated. The church is a solidly built little concrete chapel with a tiled floor, a doorless entrance and windows with shutters but no glazing and the whole thing earthquake, hurricane, and fire proof. The upkeep is a positive minimum. If there is a resident native priest then add to the picture a modest rectory with a hectare or two of hill-side under cultivation as a subsistence garden and orchard.

Man the chapel with an attractive young Puerto Rican priest and his wife, people the neighborhood with a lot of poor, but warm-hearted and soft-spoken natives, innumerable half-clad children, and you have the very encouraging picture that was seen at Trujillo, Alto, at Quebrada Ceiba, at Mayaguez, at Las Rubias, and Barahona.

Puerto Rico may be one of the spots on the world's map where issues of human history are decided. John A. Mackay, in That Other America affirms that there must come an adjustment, if not a merging, of the Latin culture of Spanish America with the Anglo-Saxon culture of the North. It is an essential step in the creation of a world fellowship. If we agree to this, then at no place does there appear to be a more favorable situation for an early demonstration of this interracial fellowship than in Puerto Rico. The exchange of scholarship that is taking place at the University of Puerto Rico demonstrates this.

Finally, it follows that our Church, because of its Anglican connection, is better equipped than any other American communion to participate in this experiment in an interracial approach. In Puerto Rico we are not merely supporting a missionary district, we are contributing the essentially favorable religious element in a momentous historical situation.

As we go to press word comes from the Diocese of Rochester that a Special Convention called to elect a Bishop Coadjutor has selected the Rev. Bartel H. Reinheimer, D.D., Executive Secretary of the National Council's Field Department.

# Bishops Hold Annual Session in Houston

House elects new leaders to succeed the Bishops of North Tokyo and Liberia, resigned, and translates Bishop Bartlett to Idaho

HE HOUSE OF BISHOPS in session at Houston, Texas, November 5-7 faced missionary problems of first magnitude when called upon to elect Missionary Bishops for North Tokyo

and Liberia, and to seek a solution to administrative problems involved in the future of the Missionary District of Idaho.

The House accepted with expressions of genuine regret the resignations of the Rt. Rev. John Mc-Kim, as Bishop of North Tokyo, effective November 5, 1935, on account of

advanced age (see page 531), and of the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Campbell, as Bishop of Liberia, effective January 1, 1936, be-

cause of impaired health.

Bishop McKim's retirement comes at the close of fifty-six years of missionary activity in Japan. On a number of occasions he had sought to resign but his brethren of the House, aware of his value to the whole Christian enterprise in the Orient, had heretofore persuaded the withdrawal of the resignation. This time they yielded to the Bishop's insistence and elected as his successor the Rt. Rev. Charles S. Reifsnider, Suffragan Bishop of North Tokyo, a veteran of the Japan Mission, long distinguished in the educational life of the Empire as head of St. Paul's University, Tokyo. Few receive higher honor than was accorded Bishop Reifsnider since no other was nominated and he becomes successor to Bishop Mc-Kim by the unanimous choice of the House of Bishops.

The resignation of Bishop Campbell is the result of exhausting climatic conditions under which for ten years he has labored in Liberia. In this instance several former missionaries to Liberia were

> nominated, but the choice finally fell to

> the Very Rev. Leo-

pold Kroll, Dean of

Holy Trinity Cathe-

dral at Port au

Prince, Haiti, and

formerly a mission-

the Editor: RESOLVED: That the House of Bishops congratulates the Church upon the completion by THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS of a century of constructive and fruitful service on behalf of missionary work and workers both at home and abroad: commends the present high standard of the magazine; and bids its staff God-speed as it faces a future of continued edifying service.

THE House of Bishops by unanimous

which, at the suggestion of the Presiding

Bishop, was gratefully acknowledged by

standing vote adopted this resolution

ary in the Hawaiian Islands. The Bishopelect was for four years headmaster of Iolani School and had charge of the Hawaiian congrega-

tion in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu. In 1928 he joined Bishop Carson's staff in Haiti where he has rendered effective service. Mr. and Mrs. Kroll have three sons, the eldest, the Rev. Leopold Kroll, Jr., being a member of the Order of the Holy Cross serving on the staff of the Holy Cross

Mission in Liberia.

The Missionary District of Idaho had become vacant with the translation of the Rt. Rev. Middleton S. Barnwell to Georgia. The vacancy brought to the front the question of readjustment of boundaries affecting Eastern Oregon, Idaho, and Spokane. The House of Bishops transferred the northeastern "panhandle" of Idaho to the Missionary District of Spokane thus effecting ready communication between the administrative center of Spokane and the various parishes and missions concerned.

The Rt. Rev. Frederick B. Bartlett, Bishop of North Dakota and Executive Secretary of the Department of Domestic

Missions, long an earnest advocate of readjustment in missionary district boundaries, was translated from North Dakota to Idaho, and the House suggested the wisdom of a future translation of Bishop Remington from Eastern Oregon to North Dakota; this change, however, to be dependent upon Bishop Remington's acceptance, which for the present he has under advisement. In the meantime North Dakota will remain temporarily under the jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop. There was strong advocacy of a plan by which the present Missionary District of Eastern Oregon might be divided between the Diocese of Oregon and the Missionary District of Idaho. The House requested the Presiding Bishop and the President of National Council to discuss the possibility of such an arrangement with the Diocese of Oregon.

The basic question for these readjustments has to do with transportation. Lines of transportation almost invariably flow east and west, while several of the missionary jurisdictions are on a north and south axis. The Bishop of Idaho for instance often has had to circle through two other jurisdictions on a journey from the southern section of his District to its northern outposts. The proposed changes greatly facilitate visitation and administration and it is believed will lead to a strengthening of the work.

The House of Bishops was cordially received and sumptuously entertained under the direction of the Bishop of Texas, the Rt. Rev. C. S. Quin. A wide range of business was transacted and once more the wisdom of formal annual meetings of the Bishops of the Church was demonstrated. The Spirit of Missions urges Churchmen to acquaint themselves fully with the proceedings as these have been reported in detail in the Church press.

Action of the House of Bishops relating to the Church's Program and its promotion is reported on page 568.

# Johnston Building Opened at Lawrenceville

MOST IMPRESSIVE service was held Sunday, October 27, at the St. Paul Normal and Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Virginia. Immediately after the eleven o'clock service in the Memorial Chapel, the choir led the congregation to the front steps of the new Anna Ramsdell Johnston Memorial Home Economics Building, where the Rev. J. Alvin Russell, principal of St. Paul School, dedicated the structure to the glory of God in memory of Anna Ramsdell Johnston. The memorial tablet was unveiled by Mr. Alexander Johnston, father of Mrs. Margaret Sawyer and Miss Mary E. Johnston, the donors of the building.

Miss Johnston in a short address, in part, said:

It was a few years ago when we made our first visit to St. Paul's, but our reception was not such a warm one at that time, as we came in an open car and ran into one of the worst snow storms that I have ever witnessed. But after meeting Archdeacon Russell the warmth began. We were entertained graciously in his home. Some months later he called to see us in Cincinnati. At that time he told us of his need for such a building as this. We then could promise nothing but I told him that we would consider it. Shortly after his visit we learned of the honor bestowed upon him by the Harmon Foundation, so I sent word a few days before the awarding of the medal, that we would gladly give this building.

I feel that Archdeacon Russell is with us today in spirit. It was one of the greatest pleasures of my life to have known him; I considered him one of the greatest saints on earth. I think he was one of the loveliest natures I have ever known. And I only hope that this building will be of as much service to those as it has been a pleasure for us to give it.

The Rev. J. Alvin Russell accepted the building in behalf of the Board of Trustees and the service closed with the singing of Archdeacon Russell's favorite hymn, How Firm a Foundation, and benediction by the Principal.

# The Archbishop of York Visits America

Distinguished guest of Presiding Bishop to be welcomed, December 8, in Washington Cathedral. Will speak in Church of the Air broadcast

MOST CORDIAL welcome and a wellnigh overwhelming itinerary has greeted the Rt. Hon. and Most Rev. William Temple, D. Litt., D.D., Archbishop of York and Primate of England, who is spending five weeks among us at the invitation of the Pre-

siding Bishop. While many groups, chiefly in the educational field and notably Yale, Harvard, and Princeton, will claim some part of the Archbishop's time, the occasion is chiefly of interest in this Church which will delight to honor a great leader of the Mother Communion.

The Archbishop will be formally welcomed America Sunday, December 8, in the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, Washington, the Presiding Bishop and the Bishop of Washington having part in a memor-

able service at which the visitor will Churchmen everywhere will have opportunity to share the spirit of this occasion since the Archbishop will speak at ten a.m. Eastern Standard Time, in a nation-wide broadcast over the Columbia System on the same morn-

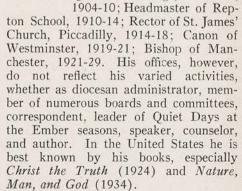
During the course of his visit the Archbishop will be the guest of the Bishops of Chicago, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Southern Ohio, and Washington. Throughout his stay, in addition to being the guest of Bishop Perry at Providence, Archbishop Temple will fulfill an exacting series of engagements which will conclude on January 10 in New York City with a dinner of the Pilgrims. Archbishop and Mrs. Temple will sail for England at midnight, January 10, on the Europa.

The Archbishop's title is the Most Reverend and Right Honorable William Temple, D. Litt., D.D., Archbish-

> England. Formerly Bishop of Manchester, he became Archbishop of York in 1929, succeeding Archbishop Lang who became Archbishop Canterbury. His rare personal qualities and extraordinary abilities have resulted in a brilliant career. He was born October 15, 1881. Rugby and Balliol College, Oxford, preceded his ordination in 1909. He was president of the Workers Educational Association from 1908-1924; a Fellow of

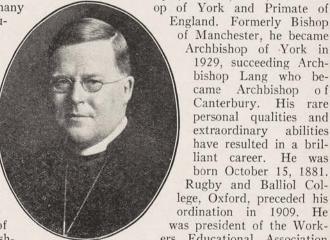
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Mrs. Temple who accompanies her husband is described by those who know her as "a singularly charming and gracious lady."



THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

# Samurai's Daughter Dedicates Life to God

Utako Hayashi, after her baptism and a short period of teaching in St. Margaret's School, throws in her lot with the Widely Loving Society

### By the Rev. J. Kenneth Morris

Rector, Church of the Resurrection, Kyoto, Japan

#### PART Two

Last month Mr. Morris told of Miss Hayashi's girlhood and early womanhood. In a sense Miss Hayashi's wanderings through Confucianism and Buddhism were symptomatic of the changes taking place in Japan. In this social, moral, and economic upheaval many lost their way, but not Miss Hayashi. The occurrences of these years led her to where she could but cry out, "If that is Christian teaching I must know more about it."

FTER THAT Utako Hayashi went to church gladly. Her hunger after Christian teaching was insatiable. God's love was on her lips continually, while the messages heard at church were recalled and thought over through the week. All life took on new meaning. Her life was flooded with joy and her heart so filled with peace that she felt a peculiar oneness with God.

When Christmas came Utako felt that the Christ-child had really been born in her heart. She attended the service at Christ Church. There was a young man present who had never heard the Christian message, named Katsunosuke Kobashi (see The Spirit of Missions, January, 1934, p. 27). He had followed the easy way of a worldly life and because of drink was weak and dissipated. But the inspiration of the service, and the warm fellowship of the Christmas party that followed, revealed to him the barrenness of his own life. Before him a new way was illuminated by the light of a life spent in sacrificial service for others. He had studied social service from the Confucian viewpoint and was keen about it for the sake of the State. But now he saw it as a way of life, and determined to give his life, such as it was, for others, even as Christ had given His life for him. He entered the inquirer's group enthusiastically, where his quick grasp of Christian truth showed the depth of his seeking, and his life was soon made rich by daily fellowship with God. Not content to be alone in his newly found joy, he brought his younger brother, Jitsunosuke, to Christ, and both were baptized the following May. Miss Hayashi was baptized in June.

In January, 1887, Miss Hayashi became a teacher in St. Margaret's School for Girls, Tokyo. This was the same school she had formerly refused to teach in because it was Christian. The Christ she had once scorned, she now went to serve eagerly in a larger field. She also took up the study of English, for it was necessary to any advancement in the teaching profession. Her family, who were more or less dependent on her, required her to remit to them a good portion of her salary. Also their dependence deterred her from making a full surrender to God.

But Mr. Kobashi was convinced that God could not use her as He wished until she had made a complete surrender to Him. He urged her constantly to do this. Finally, after months of struggling, in January, 1888, she laid her life and all she had upon the altar, offering herself to God to be used by Him anywhere and for any purpose. Her prayer of consecration was:

I thank thee, O God, for my spiritual awakening. I have until now given my-

#### SAMURAI'S DAUGHTER DEDICATES LIFE TO GOD

self only to my family, but today I offer my life for God and society. If it be thy will, I will face suffering and privations. Open my eyes that I may see, and my ears that I may hear—teach me, O Lord!

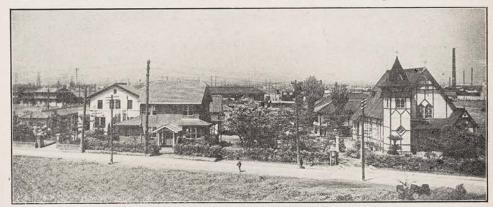
Soon after, Mr. Kobashi's mother became ill and being the eldest son it was imperative for him to return to his home in Yano village, Banshu, Hyogo Province. His people were wealthy farmers. Christianity was little known in his family, but due to the witness of Katsunosuke and Jitsunosuke another younger brother decided to be baptized.

Kobashi was not one to be idle in the vineyard of the Lord, so after prayer and careful planning he decided in 1890 to open an orphanage at his home calling it Hakuaisha, The Widely Loving Society. He had persuaded all the family to join with him in the project except the second eldest son. As the eldest son (the father was dead) all the property belonged to Kobashi. He, therefore, dedicated it all to God to be used in His service. The purpose of the orphanage was to care for destitute and illegitimate children; to educate them; to train them in practical farm work; and to instill in the heart of each child a love for God and humanity as taught by Christ.

In 1891 a severe earthquake struck Mino Province. Hundreds of children were left orphans, and Kobashi worked for nearly two months in the devastated regions caring for the destitute children, taking many of them to his home. Overwork and nervous strain made his already weakened body sick. He realized that he would not live long and wishing to see his work permanently established, he invited Miss Hayashi to work at the orphanage. He urged her, however, to come only if she were convinced that it was God's will for her.

As there was no woman worker at the orphanage, Miss Havashi was greatly moved by his appeal and the thought of the motherless children. In accord with her usual custom she laid the matter before the Lord, praying that He would show her clearly His will. She then consulted with Bishop Williams; but it did not seem wise to him, or to others with whom she conferred. All unanimously urged her to stay at St. Margaret's, where she was already making a constructive contribution. To resign, and go to an obscure village to work in an unknown orphanage for a man who was dying seemed utterly ridiculous. Yet, in spite of all they said, in her prayers Utako felt that God thought differently. She had not entered the Christian life to find for herself advantages, but to follow the way of the Cross, and more and more that way became clear to her-it led to the little orphanage and to a sick man with a passion to serve. Finally, the Bishop gave his consent, and she left St. Margaret's School in the summer of 1892.

Japanese custom required that she visit



THE WIDELY LOVING SOCIETY IN OSAKA, JAPAN

Early in her Christian life Miss Hayashi met the Kobashi brothers. Out of their devotion to our Lord grew the Widely Loving Society to which Miss Hayashi devoted many years of her life

her father and receive his consent to take the new position. So she returned to her native town, but with fear lest her father, who was not a Christian, would be even less sympathetic than her Tokyo friends. And he was. So, too, were her relatives. For twenty days she pled with them. Her arguments that it was God's will and for the good of society had no effect whatsoever. They charged her with being visionary, irrational, and ungrateful, saying that it was absurd for her to give up her teaching and a good salary and bury herself in a village orphanage. At last, however, she did get her father's half-hearted consent on the grounds that her work at the orphanage would be a patriotic service. But he was still so unsympathetic and unwilling that she threw herself at his feet, crying, "Consider me as your dead child, but let me go!" Thus it was he bade her go. Floods of despair swept over Utako, everything she loved so dearly there seemed to drop away leaving her alone. But, only for a moment, a Presence came near and there flashed through her mind the words, "Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the Kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and the world to come, life everlasting."

It was August 29, 1892, and very hot. Miss Hayashi alighted from the train at Nawa, and hired a ricksha to carry her on to Yano village, where the orphanage was situated. While the ricksha bobbed up and down with the steady dog-trot of the man pulling it, Utako went over her whole decision again. Never had she felt surer of her course of action than this morning. The man stopped running and began climbing the road leading over a mountain ridge. Yano village lay on the other side. At the top a wonderful panorama spread out before her: a fertile valley checkered with paddy fields, several small villages with thatched-roofed houses, and in the background piles of rugged mountains. There lay her new field of service! How fast her heart beat with excitement! She asked the man to

lower the shafts that she might get out to go aside for a moment of prayer. Kneeling down and looking across the valley, she prayed:

Heavenly Father, in obedience to thy call I have come here to give my life for the orphans. Have pity, Lord, upon one so frail and inexperienced. Only thou knowest whether my work here will be successful or not, but whatever suffering I may meet with, by thy grace I shall bear it patiently. As I go down into this valley, shall I come back to this place of dedication having done thy will or having failed thee? Thou, Lord, only knowest. I offer to thee this unworthy body to be used as thou seest best. Grant only, O Lord, that I may serve thee faithfully unto death. I commit myself and all I have to thy keeping. Amen.

Since writing her to come, Mr. Kobashi had gone to Hokkaido in the north, so Miss Hayashi was met at the orphanage by his younger brother. Her work was to teach the twenty children in the orphanage and to supervise the cooking, washing, and housework. There was only one girl to help, but the children, all boys, did what they could. Unaccustomed to manual work. Miss Hayashi found her labors taxed every ounce of her strength. She rose at five o'clock every morning and worked without stopping until long after dark. But it was not the work that was the hardest part of her lot. It was the quiet but definite persecution carried on by the villagers. Because she was a Christian they would not speak to her, except when convention demanded it, and then in a rude manner. After several months the strain proved too much for her. One day while washing vegetables at the well she collapsed, and was quite sick for two weeks. A dark cloud settled over the orphanage, but she, herself, was very cheerful. One day Mr. Kobashi, who had returned, asked her, "Why is it that even in sickness you are so serenely happy?" To which she replied, "There is never anything to worry about. Are we not in God's hands? He is able to take care of us."

The tragedy all feared, but knew was imminent, occurred in March, 1893, Mr. Kobashi's death. Just before he died, recalling his early intemperate life, he gave

permission for the medical authorities to use his body for a study of the effects of alcohol. His last request regarding the orphanage was that it be moved to Osaka. Then looking toward his younger brother, Jitsunosuke, he asked that he and Miss Hayashi carry on the work, adding, "I give you, my young brother, to Utako. Be to her as a son." A smile came over

his face. "God has let me complete in three years the work He gave me to do. All Glory be to Him! Lord," he whispered, "I am ready to leave this world whenever you call me," and closed his eyes.

Relatives would not permit a sale or division of the property and the next elder brother, who came into the inheri-

tance, was opposed to the continuance of the orphanage. Thus it was necessary, almost immediately, to close the work. But Miss Hayashi and the younger brother, Jitsunosuke, decided, at any sacrifice to themselves, to follow the wish of Mr. Kobashi and move the orphanage to Osaka. As they had no money, they returned most of the children to their relatives. Jitsunosuke's younger brother, who was greatly interested in the work, asked that he be allowed to go with them. So Miss Hayashi, the two brothers, and three orphan children, with only ninety-five yen, set out for Osaka.

But a little money, prayer, and faith go a long way. A man was so moved by their story and plans that he let them have a house near Kawaguchi free of rent. This they used for nearly five years. Bishop Williams, then living in Osaka, was also very sympathetic with the venture, and other missionaries and Japanese Christians gave their wholehearted coöperation. But, even so, more

than once financial troubles became almost unbearable. Sometimes the food would give out; or there would be medicine to buy and no money on hand. But every difficulty they laid before their Lord, who always showed them a way out. Finally, in order to establish a regular source of income, Miss Hayashi secured a position in a night school. Even then

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

ON this one hundredth Christmas of The Spirit of Missions the Editors send a special greeting to the whole Family of the magazine particularly our Bishops and other clergy at home and abroad, our parish representatives, and all those who have contributed articles, pictures, or other material to our pages. Without the continuing cordial help of these many men and women, the magazine could not exist, and to them we now say—"A Blessed Christmas."

it was very difficult to make ends meet. Yet, in spite of all their trials they never really lacked necessities. In remarkable ways money came in answer to prayer just when it was most needed. One day when they were down to the last sen and had no food, a friend knocked on the door and handed Miss Hava-

shi twenty-five yen received from America.

While wrestling with what seemed insurmountable problems, Miss Hayashi received word that her father was dying. She hurried back to her home to be near him in his last moments, but arrived too late. One of her heavy crosses has been the fact that her father never understood her motives or her work. She herself never had any doubts about her mission and returned to Osaka with renewed determination to fulfill God's purpose for her as she understood it.

Soon after, several cases of typhoid fever broke out in the orphanage and one child died. It seemed as though fate were heaping upon them sorrow upon sorrow. But the little group did not lose courage. They knew they were doing God's will, and that He would, in His own time and way, lead them out of their difficulties. Many were the hours they spent in prayer as the dark clouds rolled about them.

To be concluded

Colored reproductions of Elsie Anna Wood's "Nativity" used on our cover this month are available at Church Missions House Book Store (large 25c, small 5c).

# Why Missions?

A Series of Answers Based on the Gospel

# IX. The Harvest of the Word is Sure

By the Rt. Rev. Louis Childs Sanford

THE PARABLE of the Sower lends itself to introspection. It is difficult for a churchgoer to hear the familiar words without asking himself if his is an unresponsive or shallow heart, if his life is so choked with temporal cares and pleasures that the good seed has no chance to mature or if, perchance, he is one of the blessed who bring forth fruit at least thirty if not sixty or an hundredfold. Our Lord's comment suggests these questions.

But if the story is to have no other response, we ought to call it The Parable of the Seed or of the Soil. To name it The Parable of the Sower implies that the activities of the sower are of importance. The acceptance of the Word matters, but "how shall they hear without a preacher?"

The sower went forth to sow his seed. From the subsequent items in the narrative it is obvious that he did so with three enthusiastic convictions:

First, he was convinced that his master had given him good seed. No other kind would be worth sowing. Such is also worth eating, but it is put to its proper use only when it is planted. The seed given the Church to sow is the Word and, if it is God's truth, it is worth sowing in Africa, China, Japan-everywhere. And if it is not worth sowing elsewhere, we are fools to esteem it here. Nor have we the right to keep God's truth for ourselves any more than the sower would have been justified in feeding himself and his family with the corn given him to plant. Too many churches are busy eating their seed.

Secondly, the sower was convinced that he had been put to work in a good field. He probably said, "This is good soil." He was partially mistaken. Some of it was bad. Wayfarers, with their feet had paved a trail across the lot. In one spot the hard pan was too near the surface. A potentially favorable hollow had been so poorly cultivated that it was full of weed seeds and even the Lord's corn cannot stand too much evil competition. But the sower was not taking any chances and scattered the seed everywhere. There was good earth in the field and it would respond. The story was told long before the days of scientific farming and there was no one to analyze the soil. But our Lord was thinking in terms, not of agriculture, but of soul culture. So far no scientist has appeared who is able to measure the capacity of the soul. The annals of missionary work are full of instances where the most unpromising subjects have yielded rich fruits of the Spir-Every year some worldly wise man predicts that China will never become a Christian land. But if the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui after only one hundred years of cultivation can point to six Chinese Bishops the human soil of China cannot be wholly bad. The field is the world and the soil is good.

The third conviction that sustained the resolution of the sower was that there would be a harvest. Given the two factors of good seed and good soil the product cannot be in doubt. God has provided that agriculture should not be a failure. The harvest of the Word is as sure as the reaping of corn and wheat. Its richness will vary. So much the parable admits. But a thirtyfold yield is no meager reward. The spiritual income fails only when the sower neglects to plant.

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PICTORIAL SECTION



Toyohiko Kagawa, well known Japanese Christian leader, will arrive in San Francisco on Christmas Day to spend about four months in the United States, visiting and speaking in all parts of the land

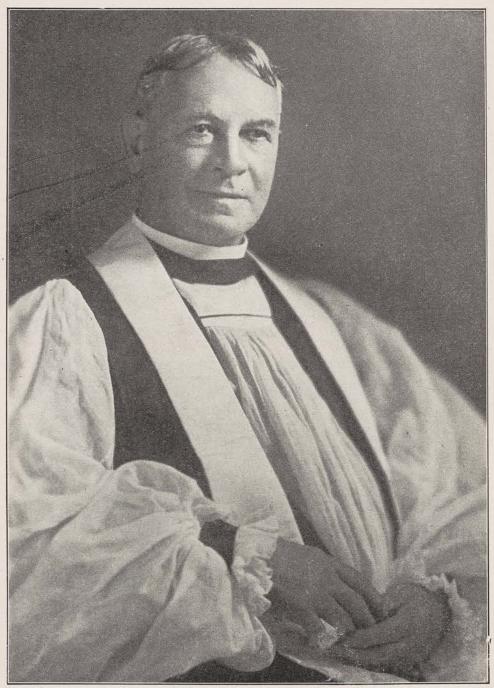
# 1835--The Chinese Church Observes Centennial of American Mission--1935





On Sunday, October 6, the Church of Our Saviour, Shanghai, China, was the scene of a great service of thanksgiving for the hundred years of work for Christ carried on by the American Church Mission in China since the landing on October 4, 1835, of our two pioneer missionaries, the Rev. Henry Lockwood and the Rev. Francis R. Hanson. This service was the culmination of a great series of services held in all parishes and missions of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui

up and down the Yangtze Valley. Three Bishops (first row right in upper panel)—the Rt. Rev. Lindel Tsen, Bishop of Honan, the Rt. Rev. John W. Nichols, Suffragan Bishop of Shanghai, the Rt. Rev. John Curtis, Bishop of Chekiang, about forty other clergymen, and many distinguished Chinese laymen participated in the service which was held in accordance with a resolution of the recent General Synod of the Chinese Church. (See pages 534-6)



THE VETERAN MISSIONARY BISHOP OF ALASKA

Forty years ago on St. Andrew's Day, 1895. Peter Trimble Rowe was consecrated as this Church's first missionary leader in Alaska. Today he remains the Church's vigorous leader in the Far North despite the crushing effect of reduced appropriations for his work



CARIBOU CROSSING THE RIVER NEAR FORT YUKON, ALASKA

### Dr. Burke Has Overwhelming Anxieties

Lone doctor on the Arctic Circle collapses under strain caused by reduced appropriations and resulting overwork. New difficulties arise

#### By Clara Heintz Burke

St. Stephen's Mission, Fort Yukon, Alaska

HE WINTER OF 1934-1935 was one of the hardest we have ever experienced at Fort Yukon, Alaska. For months the Hudson Stuck Hospital was crowded, every bed filled, many with serious cases. Dr. Burke and the nurses were worked to the limit. Month after month, in addition to all the constant and exacting work, the Doctor was terribly worried by the reduction in the appropriations. These reductions came at a time when the hospital had to do not only its usual work of ministering to the sick, and saving life, but also had to meet the additional expenses caused by the heavy work of the winter.

Dr. Burke was just beginning to see his way through this time of anxiety, both from the health and the financial points of view, when an epidemic of measles swooped down upon us. There were more than 350 cases to care for in the village. Most of the people had to be fed. Doctor and nurses were working night and day. Tents were put up to care for the sickest cases, as the hospital was already filled. Our food supplies

rapidly melted away. The Doctor was sick with worry as to how increasing bills were to be met.

When the epidemic of measles began to subside and plans could be made for the patients suffering from the after effects of the disease, our dear friend Joe Matthews, engineer of the steamer Yukon, was brought to the hospital with double pneumonia. Again the Doctor worked night and day doing all in his power to save Joe's life. But Joe was seventythree and a man of that age has not much power to fight back. For six weeks the fight went on. During the last week Joe would plead with "Hap" (Dr. Burke) not to leave him. When not working with other patients, the Doctor spent his time at Joe's bedside, snatching a little sleep now and then in a chair. It was midnight on September 9 when Joe died. The Doctor came to the mission house and slept in his bed for the first time in three weeks.

The next morning I insisted that he have his breakfast in bed before dressing to go to the hospital. After bringing him

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a tray I left the house for a few minutes. On my return I found him lying unconscious on the living room floor. Fortunately that evening a steamer arrived en route to Dawson, six hundred miles up the river. We put the Doctor aboard and made the journey all right. Dr. Munn, at Dawson, reported that he found symptoms of cardiac trouble, due to a rundown condition rather than to any organic disease. He ordered complete rest. A return to Fort Yukon would mean no possibility of rest for the Doctor. Therefore, it was decided to take him to Fairbanks. We were greatly cheered when Dr. Carter told us after his examination that there was no need for worry and that a few weeks' rest would enable Dr. Burke to return to Fort Yukon and his work. The whole trouble he said was due to strain, worry, and lack of sleep.

Even at Fairbanks the Doctor could not escape responsibilities and anxieties. After a few days a telegram from Fort Yukon gave us the astounding and disheartening information that there was no migration of caribou in the Fort Yukon region. Ordinarily in September vast herds of them cross the Yukon. They provide our meat supply. We use about 150 a year. It is the one sure way the Indians have of helping the hospital. They bring in all the meat. Possibly moose may come our way after Christmas, but if not, the scarcity of meat will be just another load for the Doctor to carry. The situation will be bad enough

for the hospital but it will be worse for the native people whose principal diet is meat.

While Dr. Burke was racking his brains to find a way for meeting this situation, the added expense it would mean, there came a letter from the Church Missions House telling him of the generous gift of \$500 from a layman who had heard something of the hospital and its work. When that letter was opened the Doctor literally shouted with joy and said, "God is good to us. We have a great deal to be thankful for." Then hard on its heels there came another letter from the Church Missions House. This was not so good. It told us that in order to bring the appropriation for Alaska for the year 1936 down to the amount allowed by the National Council, Bishop Rowe had found it necessary to cut out altogether the item of \$2,000, which we call "The Fuel Fund." That is the amount we have to spend to heat the hospital in the ten months from September to July. How is it possible for a hospital on the Arctic Circle to go through the Arctic winter without the means to buy the cords of wood necessary for the heating plant? What is going to happen to the patients, the nurses, and the other members of the staff?

That is the big question that will face the Doctor when we return to Fort Yukon. I only hope that the attempt to solve it will not bring on another breakdown.



# Read a Book

Recommended by the Rev. Lester Leake Riley

Our guest contributor this month, the Rev. Lester Leake Riley is the rector of Zion Church, Douglaston, Long Island, and a frequent contributor of bookish comment to the Churchman. His early ministry spent largely in the Middle West included service in Springfield, Illinois, where Vachel Lindsay spent much of his life.

These, in the name of Jesus Against the dark gods stand, They gird the earth with valor, They heed their King's command.

This is our faith tremendous, Our wild hope, who shall scorn, That in the name of Jesus The world shall be reborn!

o sang Vachel Lindsay, America's tramping troubadour, in praise of missions, in his Rhymes To Be Traded For Bread. And though no Church commissioned him, he was none the less a missionary. Out of his Virginia forefathers into his Kentucky and Indiana forebears he fought with Daniel Boone and prayed with Alexander Campbell and the spirit of the pioneer America lived on in his life and songs. In the home of his boyhood, the Springfield, Illinois, that must be the symbol of every American hearth and home, his good mother conducted a Via Christi mission study class which met weekly for over thirty years. So it was decreed by all the heritage of blood and place that Vachel should be, in his turn, the inspired apostle-the one sent of Godand his mission was certainly Christ's Kingdom, and he was St. Francis, or now it was Johnny Appleseed. His field of sowing was the Soul of America and his seed the Gospel of Beauty.

It was this pioneer evangelical urge in his blood which set him on, as Edgar Lee Masters in Vachel Lindsay, A Biography (New York, Scribners, \$3.), says "to reform and regenerate America, to save it from commercialism and to invest it with the soul of beauty." He might have been merely George Brush of Wilder's Heaven's My Destination, for he was, indeed, "aloof and puritanical." a trait which wrings from Christopher Morley's "Shandygaff" the sigh: "Alas! he drinks no beer!" But, be it said to his praise, that in eating and drinking, in loving and playing, he was self-ordered and not at all interested in controlling other people. Nor were his poverty, his prayers or his worship steps towards selfsalvation. "They were rather activities for the salvation of men." This was Lindsay's genius-to find the way of Christ's Kingdom the way of Beauty. For this way he battled his life long and for this way he was content to suffer, sometimes gladly, sometimes bitterly. Out of it all, he made for us, as the Indians say, "great medicine."

The dynamic vitality of his dreams and visions saved him from slinking away solemnly into a dark corner to brood upon his sins. So his biographer notes that, "America started as an evangelical culture, all despite the deism of Washington, Franklin, and Jefferson. Lindsay was immersed in this culture; and in this sense he was wholly American." It was this America which gave the poet his prophecy. He was much like Whitman in his national genius and his poems, affirms Masters, "constitute the most considerable body of imaginative lyricism that any American has produced."

But there was always the man who made these poems and this book tells the story faithfully and truthfully of the

strange, sad misalliance with the America he loved so well. If he called men to see again the forge fires at the crossroads, to hear the song of the anvil ring through the country, he made the symbol of America's common life and lot that of the anvil aristocracy. So he would have it, though circumstances decreed other-For the cities of our discontent. industrially and commercially minded, evolve an aristocracy in terms social, political, and economic against which Lindsay's mind and heart rebelled. So for respite he betook himself to making his Map of the Universe, which he was always changing according to the changing fantasies and whims of his wildest flights of fancy. He knew he might be wrong. He knew he fumbled and blundered, but "God makes our blunders

wise!" as he sang of Columbus, and in this faith he was stayed—not to the end, alas! for Life proved too much for him at the last.

Frustrated, disillusioned, he cried out in passionate agony against the fate that overwhelmed him. And why? Masters gives answer in this book of authentic portrayal and value. It is a book whose theme touches the human interest in this poet's vivid personality. The human scene itself, in its pettiness and sordidness is frankly and tenderly treated, and in its romantic reaches there is the redeeming touch of inspiration and interpretation. The sad mystery of the tragic life of this noble American citizen, the poet and prophet of our soil, and of our soul, is here set forth indeed in a biography truly told.

### 1836-At the Turn of a Century-1936

WITH this issue The Spirit of Missions completes one hundred years of continuous monthly publication in the interest of the Church's Mission. It was a hundred years ago next month, in January 1836, that the first issue of the Church's missionary magazine came from the press. In honor of that event The Spirit of Missions next month will publish a special centennial issue. In addition to a brief historical sketch of our first hundred years' service to the cause of Christ throughout the world, we shall reprint the first editorial which appeared in The Spirit of Missions for January 1836, and a selected group of articles from the files of the magazine showing the development of the Church's missionary work during the past hundred years. The centennial issue will have a special cover—a reproduction of the cover which appeared on the first issue.

As The Spirit of Missions enters upon its second century the Editors are proud to announce some of the other good things which may be looked for in the magazine during 1936. Ever since the first Lenten Offering number was published in 1902 under the editorship of John W. Wood, this special annual number has been looked forward to with wide-spread interest. In 1936 the Lenten number will be the February issue and will be built around the Lenten Offering theme adopted by the Department of Religious Education—Christian Heroes of Many Lands. In the coming year our regular monthly features will be continued and expanded so far as the limited size of the magazine permits. Early contributors to Why Missions? will include the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of East Carolina, Mrs. W. J. Loaring-Clark, the Rev. D. A. McGregor, and the Rev. C. Leslie Glenn. Book comment will be contributed to Read a Book by the Rev. Henry B. Washburn, Kenneth C. M. Sills, and others.

# The Forward Movement

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THE DECEMBER (Christmas) number of Forward—Day by Day, the daily Bible readings, has for its theme, God With Us. The emphasis is on the preparation and celebration of the Christian Christmas. In the middle of the booklet are directions for building a Christmas crêche and silhouette figures which may be cut out and pasted on cardboard.

How may the women of the Church coöperate in extending the work of the Forward Movement until it reaches every parish and every individual? This was the theme of the conference of the women associates of the Joint Commission on the Forward Movement meeting with the Executive Committee in Cincinnati, October 21-22. The women associates are Mrs. Henry S. Burr, Miss Frances Bussey, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs. Charles P. Deems, Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, Miss Marguerite Ogden, Mrs. Fred P. Outland, Mrs. Henry Hill Pierce, and Miss Elizabeth Matthews.

Among the subjects discussed were the revival of religion in the home; wider use of the Commission's Bible readings and meditation manual, Forward—Day by Day; adult education; youth program; programs for Lenten and Easter-Whitsunday seasons; and the availability of women as speakers and leaders of Forward Movement conferences for women

The conference was agreed that one of the next steps of the Forward Movement should be to teach us all how to pray. It was decided to prepare two courses on prayer which would be available for parish schools of prayer.

A course on Christian preparation for young men and women planning to attend college is also being considered.

The subject of religion in the home was considered at length. To assist par-

ents and others a series of nine programs for group meetings or for individual study will be prepared under the general theme, Religion in the Home:

- 1. What Christ has done for the home.
- The influence and responsibility of parents.
- 3. The Christian ideal of marriage.
- 4. Present-day difficulties in the way of religion in the home.
- 5. Definite suggestions for family prayers.
- The observance in the Christian home of special occasions, family occasions, national occasions, and Church festivals.
- 7. The family pew as the extension of the relationship of religion in the home.
- The expression of the spirit of neighborliness and Christian hospitality in the home.
- 9. The home as the place where the pattern is set for Christian social living.

Mrs. Fred Outland, of Washington, North Carolina, is the chairman of the newly formed Forward Movement Committee on Women's Work. The other women associates are members of this committee, which is perfecting a national organization, utilizing existing organizations and extending to every diocese and parish. Regional conferences for women are being planned.

Under the topic of spreading the literature, one associate told of sending a copy of Bible Readings to a friend who had not been to Church for thirteen years. This friend was so impressed by what the post-Easter booklet had to say about the Christian's responsibility in the matter of rightly using one's franchise, that she awakened to the realization that the Church is tremendously concerned about the things in which she was interested. This so changed her whole attitude toward the Church that she has become an earnest witness and a regular worshiper. She is now bringing others back to the Church.

### SANCTUARY

### The Endless Joy of Christmas\*

Glory be to God on high; And in earth peace, good will towards men.

By the archangel's salutation,

By Mary's glad obedience,

By the endless joy of Christmas,

By the love of Mary Mother,

By thy lowly birth and lodging,

By thy cradle in a manger,

By the song of herald angels,

By the homage of poor shepherds,

By the offering of princes,

By the holy name of Jesus,

Grant us thy peace.

WE THY children beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, and to grant
That the glad light of the Incarnation may shine throughout the
world,

That the gospel of thy love may win the faith and homage of all hearts, That all estates of men may know and find their unity at Bethlehem,

That the questionings of all minds and the wants of all souls at Bethlehem may find their peace.

That thy birth as Man may hallow the whole life of man.

WITH ANGELS and archangels, with patriarchs and prophets, with Mary and Joseph, with wise men and shepherds, with all men and all creatures, let us bless the Lord;

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder;

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace;

For in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God;

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us;

And we have seen his glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>\*</sup>Adapted from Cambridge Offices and Orisons.

# The National Council

Conducts the General Work of the Church between Sessions of the General Convention and is the Board of Directors of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society

Some problems of National Council were well discussed at the Houston meeting of the House of Bishops. For this the officers of National Council are grateful. It indicates no little change of attitude when the Bishops show such a willingness to share responsibility with the Council and advise as to policies and work. Such a disposition makes for that kind of coöperation which is the best of partnership, for with the House of Bishops and National Council planning and acting together much in the way of advance is possible for the Church.

This came about quite naturally and may be traced to several causes. For one thing, National Council at its last meeting had discussed its relation to the whole Church and certain matters were referred to this meeting of the House of Bishops for their advice. One had to do with the question of appeals to individuals by National Council. Such a policy was approved, provided such appeals were made with the knowledge and cooperation of the Bishop of the diocese. The second matter had to do with the kind of a Field Department to be maintained by National Council. While a great divergence of opinion was expressed, as indeed might have been expected, yet it was possible to estimate the value of field work by the experiences given by the Bishops. In this connection Dr. Reinheimer was asked to speak and given a most cordial reception.

Another reason National Council matters received such attention was because some of the Bishops had asked for this discussion. At the request of the Bishops of the Sixth Province the Presiding Bishop had appointed a committee of five to prepare a report in advance. This committee of which Bishop Ingley was chairman, reviewed the situation and made definite recommendations. Other members of this committee, notably Bishop Maxon and Bishop Davis supplemented the report with strong statements. The response on the part of the Bishops is promising of good results.

A fourth reason lay in the advantage of having a President of National Council who was also a member of the House and could bring these matters to the attention of the Bishops and ask their help, and also as Executive Secretary of Domestic Missions another member of the House who had opportunity to give valuable impressions of the field as he had studied conditions.

All this augurs well for a future of increasing understanding and coöperation between the two great units in the life and work of the Church.

-PHILIP COOK.

The final meeting of the National Council for 1935 will be held December 10-12 at Church Missions House, New York, N. Y. Important actions from the meeting of the House of Bishops will reach the Council while its own agenda includes the presentation of reports upon the relation of the National Council to the young people of the Church especially in connection with its missionary work, and from the Field Department a carefully considered promotional plan and program. While the December meeting marks the close of the year, the financial standing of our missionary program cannot be considered before the sessions of Feb. 11-13, 1936.

## Domestic Missions

THE RT. REV. FREDERICK B. BARTLETT, D.D., Executive Secretary

THE REPORT OF the Commission on Work with Isolated People was one of the highlights of the meeting of the Synod of the Northwest, held in September at Fargo, North Dakota. Conspicuous progress has been made in the promotion of this type of work in the Dioceses of Montana and Colorado and in the Missionary Districts of South Dakota, Wyoming, and North Dakota. Far and wide, over the broad prairies and in small villages and mining towns, lonely people are under the care of the Church. Thousands of children are receiving religious instruction through the Church-School-by-Mail. The busy and sympathetic women who are in charge of this work in the Province are reaching many of the potential leaders of American life. When one considers the millions of children and adults in our rural areas who have no connection with any Church, it is cause for rejoicing that our Church has made so propitious a beginning in her attempt to care for her own folk, as well as others who are deprived of contact with organized Christianity. Stories by the dozen have come to us of parents and children who bless the Church for her ministration to them in their time of need. Seldom do we find an investment of missionary money that brings such large returns. By means of the mail the Church not only brings comfort and encouragement to many anxious fathers and mothers, but also brings into the Church, and through the Church to Christian living, many of its most promising boys and girls.

By this means, and by other means used to reach people in rural areas, the Church makes a contribution to the Nation such as cannot be done in any other way. It is our hope that every diocese and missionary district may follow the example of those who have pioneered in this work and set up the necessary agency to reach out to the people who really need the Church and welcome its aid. The

investment of a salary for a director, and an appropriation for material, will bring large returns. About ten per cent of the confirmations in North Dakota are the result of the work among isolated people.

BISHOP KEMERER of Duluth is finding it difficult to maintain work with the Indian people of his diocese because his staff of Indian clergy has been depleted by death and by cuts in appropriations. Furthermore, the peculiar condition in the Indian field, makes it impossible to find theological seminaries which can provide adequate training for likely Indian boys. The Bishop must develop an Indian ministry or the work will soon begin to languish. Bishop Kemerer writes:

We must find a way to train our Indian candidates for the ministry. Fortunately, we have at White Earth an almost ideal condition and adequate buildings both for class work and dormitory purposes. I have secured a fine Indian farmer to work the farm, provide food for the resident missionary, and keep up the property. A white man, formerly a teacher in a Government Indian school, has been engaged to take care of the school at the White Earth Mission and tutor the candidates in their theological studies. Two splendid Indian boys, recently graduated from the school at Flandreau, South Dakota, who have offered themselves, will be the first students. They will be trained in the service of the Church and in pastoral work. I placed them in residence September first, and have sufficient money in sight to pay the expenses for the first four months. For the rest, I am going on faith. This is a matter of the utmost necessity and can-

An item has been placed in the Duluth budget for 1936 to provide for the maintenance of this work. The school will serve a great need as a center for the training of candidates for the ministry for all our Indian fields in the Northwest. A small investment will bring large returns through the ministrations of adequately trained Indian clergy.

# Foreign Missions

JOHN WILSON WOOD, D.C.L., Executive Secretary

Across the Secretary's Desk

ONE OF MY friends in the United States who follows the work of our Philippine missions with intelligent and generous coöperation, expresses the conviction that: "The courage and devotion of our missionaries are beyond all praise. A tenth of it scattered about at home would create a revolution in the Church."

A LL TEN of the dioceses of the Nippon Sei Ko Kwai were represented at the seventeenth triennial Synod. The truly Japanese character of the gathering is evident from the fact that of the ten Bishops present two were Japanese. The Synod elected a third Japanese Bishop to have charge of the Diocese of Mid-Japan. Of the forty-one clerical delegates thirty-nine were Japanese. Of the forty-one lay delegates forty-one were Japanese.

ONE OF THE great contributions which our Church is making to the education of girls and young women in Japan is to be found in St. Agnes' School, Kyoto. Its name and its work are known to many readers of THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS. Few of them, however, realize that the earnings and the gifts received from Japanese sources by the school in the course of the year exceed the amount given by the Church in the United States for its support. Last year the St. Agnes' income, exclusive of the missionary appropriation, was Yen 40,130. For the same period the amount of the appropriation including all missionary salaries was Yen 38,150.

Another important institution of the Diocese of Kyoto is St. Barnabas' Hospital, Osaka. Last year its earnings and the gifts received from Japanese sources totaled Yen 87,123. The appropriation, including all foreign salaries, was Yen 47,910.

Can you imagine my thankfulness upon receiving the following letter a few days ago:

Will you please forward the enclosed to one of our missions in Japan? My sister and I are sending the gift in honor of the one hundredth birthday anniversary today of our father, one of the officers on board the flagship Mississippi during Commodore Perry's expedition to Japan, 1852-54. May God continue to bless the opportunities then opened to our Church to follow the command of His blessed Son, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

There were three reasons for my thanksgiving: First, because the letter expressed such fundamental conviction with regard to the duty of sharing our Lord and His message for humanity with all the world. Secondly, because of the method taken to commemorate a significant anniversary. How the Church's work might leap forward if the example of these two friends was generally followed. And thirdly, because it gives me an opportunity to add to the building fund of the Church of the Resurrection, Kyoto. Those who want to know more about this enterprise can secure it by a post card request to me.

CHURCH PEOPLE who followed the suggestion of the Forward Movement Commission to read The Acts of the Apostles during the Trinity season, found it, I am sure, one of the most interesting and stimulating books about missionary work they ever read. Perhaps there are many people who think that the acts of the Apostles have come to an end. The truth is that the kind of history those early apostles of our Lord made has been made in each Christian century since their time. Such history is being made today. A modern supplement to The Acts of the Apostles is James Thayer

Addison's Our Expanding Church. It tells the thrilling story of the growth of our Church in this country and round the world wherever its apostles have been sent. Your copy awaits you at the Book Store, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York. Its cost is twenty-five cents.

HOPE THAT THE whole SPIRIT OF MISSIONS Family has read the article on page 555 concerning Dr. Burke's illness. Let us give thanks to God for his recovery.

Anyone who has seen the hundreds of cords of wood stacked up near the Fort Yukon Hospital, and who knows the way in which the furnace eats up those logs, as it does its part daily in raising the hospital temperature to a habitable level, will understand the anxious days that face Dr. Burke and his staff unless something is done, and done quickly, to assure him that he may let the usual contract for fuel supply, with certainty that there will be money to pay the bill. It would be a pleasure to me to act as the channel through which that reassuring information may be given.

BISHOP GRAVES, writing recently about a good many problems which confront China, politically and economically, in these days and the difficulty of finding a solution for them, says:

One thing, at least, I and all our missionaries here are certain about: We know why the Christian Church sent us here and we are trying to carry out our orders. Perhaps the ultimate salvation of China lies just in the conversion of her people to faith in the one God and, by that faith, to justice and righteousness.

THE SEPTEMBER issue of THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS contained this laconic notice:

The Rev. Leslie Fairfield, a new appointee, sailed August 9 from San Francisco on the *President Hoover*.

That announcement caused little stir in the Church at home. At the other end of the line, however, it did cause a very considerable stir in the Church in China. The Shanghai *News Letter* for October

announces Mr. Fairfield's arrival on August 29, and then goes on to remind its readers that Mr. Fairfield is the first clergyman to arrive from the United States for work in the Diocese of Shanghai since the year 1925. For ten years the Diocese has been waiting for a recruit. Is it merely a platitude to say: "Such things ought not to be"? What is the remedy? May I suggest without any intention of being unduly pious, that the remedy is to be found in a greater amount of earnest thinking on the part of people and especially young people in this country, and more earnest prayer by everybody.

#### With Our Missionaries

#### CHINA-ANKING

Blanche E. Myers sailed September 22 from Shanghai on the *Empress of Asia*, and arrived October 7 in Vancouver, on regular furlough.

Mrs. Lloyd R. Craighill and her two children sailed November 4 from Shanghai on the Empress of Japan, on advanced furlough.

#### JAPAN-KYOTO

The Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Chapman and daughter Josephine sailed October 17 from Los Angeles, after regular furlough.

#### Japan-North Tokyo

The Rt. Rev. John McKim, sailed November 6 from Yokohama for Honolulu.

#### PANAMA CANAL ZONE

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Jackson and son sailed November 6 from New York on the *Cristobal*, after regular furlough.

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Rev. John C. W. Linsley, returning from furlough, sailed November 16 from Vancouver on the *Empress of Russia*. On his arrival in Manila he becomes rector of the Cathedral Parish of St. Mary and St. John.

Mrs. Arthur R. Richardson and children sailed October 29 from Portland on the *General Sherman*, after regular furlough.

Dr. and Mrs. Hawkins K. Jenkins and their two children, arrived November 4 in New York on the *Tai Ping*, on regular furlough.

Louise A. Goldthorpe sailed September 25 from Manila on the General Sherman for Japan, whence she sailed October 25 on the General Lee, and arrived November 11 in Portland, on regular furlough.

#### PUERTO RICO

Lillian M. Owen sailed October 23 from New York on the *Tachira*, and arrived October 29 in San Juan, after regular furlough.

# Religious Education

THE REV. D. A. McGregor, Ph.D., Executive Secretary

#### The Forward Movement's Youth Program

During January and February the emphasis of the Forward Movement is to be Youth and Education. This means that this is to be the topic of interest in the thought of the whole Church, for the Forward Movement is not something outside the Church, it is the Church herself going forward.

The Daily Bible Readings with their comments will have special reference to the needs of our children and young people. We are called to earnest prayer for those for whose training in the Chris-

tian life we are responsible.

In addition to personal devotions there is need for a parish program in order that we may think out together the problems of the children and the young people and that we may plan to do better work for them and with them. Two programs have been arranged for use in parishes during the period from Epiphany to Ash Wednesday. Copies of these programs will be sent to each parish by the Forward Movement Commission in December.

The program for the children's work is directed to Church school teachers to provide them with helps and suggestions whereby they can improve the work of the Church school. It suggests six different activities and it is intended to be so definite and practical that any group of teachers may be able to follow it. The suggested activities are:

1. A Corporate Communion of Church school teachers and officers on Sunday, January 5, 1936, with special intention for the Christian nurture of the boys and girls. This service should be preceded by a Preparation Service, for which a suggested form is provided.

2. Weekly discussion groups of teachers and officers. Seven subjects with helpful outlines are suggested for discussion:

1. What does Forward mean in our Church school?

 Understanding our children better.
 The child in the fellowship of the Church. 4. The child at worship.

5. The child's religious questions.

6. The teaching process.

7. What are the Forward steps that must be taken in our Church school?

The outlines for these discussions are worked out in such definite practical ways that it is believed that every parish will be able to carry the plan through effectively.

3. The reading by each teacher during this period of at least one good book on teaching or on Christian life and thought. A list of suggested books is offered but others might be added by the rector of any parish for his people.

4. The daily use of special prayers for

children and for teachers.

5. Each teacher to visit the home of each child in his or her own class and to form the acquaintance of the parents during this period. Or, a parent-teacher meeting to be held toward the end of the period to bring about acquaintance between teachers and parents and to give guidance to parents regarding their responsibilities for the child's religious development.

 A public dedication service of Church school teachers on Quinquagesima Sunday, the last Sunday of the period. A suggested

order for this service is offered.

We also look for a Forward Movement in young people's work. Representatives of the various young people's organizations of our Church have been considering how best to utilize this seven weeks from Epiphany to Ash Wednesday. It has been decided to leave to each organization the responsibility for giving the Forward Movement emphasis among its own members. But a plan has been worked out, addressed to the parish, in the attempt to arouse adults to the needs of our young people:

1. Every organization in the parish is asked to give one meeting, at least, during this period to a discussion of the needs of the young people of the parish and to the provision that is or should be made to meet those needs. This means that the Vestry should give a whole evening to consider this subject, and the Woman's Guild should do the same among themselves, and the Men's Club and every other organization that exists in the parish. A rather full out-

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line for these discussion groups has been prepared and will be circulated by the Forward Movement Commission.

- 2. There should be some act of formal recognition of the young people as a part of the parish and of the parish's responsibility for them. Possible ways in which this may be done are suggested in the available literature.
- 3. There should be special sermons on the place of youth in the Church with special participation by the young people in the service.
- 4. Special attention should be given to the interests of young people through the parish bulletin, a bookshelf, and other methods of publicity.
- 5. Plans should be initiated for giving the young people more participation in the life of the parish by activities such as ushering, junior vestry, or membership in the parish council.
- 6. A Corporate Communion, some Sunday during the period, of adults and youth of the parish with special intention for young people's work, to be followed by a breakfast if possible.
- 7. Follow-up. Plans should be made to follow up the interest that has been aroused

and to take advantage of the opportunities that have appeared.

During December three pieces of literature will be sent by the Forward Movement Commission to every parish:

- 1. Forward Day by Day, Bible readings and comments for the period from Epiphany to Ash Wednesday.
- 2. Youth and Education, a program for a Forward Movement in the Church school.
- 3. Your Parish and Its Young People, a program for a Forward Movement among young people.

Of course there are no mechanical and automatic ways of furthering Christian life. But it is believed that if the people of a parish really desire to go forward in their personal religious life and in their corporate life with children and young people, this literature will be of help in making the advance intelligent and orderly.

### Know Your Church's Work by Sight

The first unit of a new Visual Education Service for the use of parishes throughout the Church will be issued early in December by the Department of Publicity.

Visual Education Service will offer an up-to-date presentation of the Church's work by means of illustrated talks, embodying the correct principle of teaching by means of interesting, informative and stimulating description and argument, with fitting stereopticon pictures to clarify the talk, to aid in creating interest, and to assure retention of facts and ideas presented.

The first unit, The Church in Latin America, is keyed to the current study topic and is especially valuable for use by Woman's Auxiliary branches, Men's Clubs, Church schools, Young People's organizations, and study groups. Dioceses, too, will find it useful, permitting, as it does, concentration on a given topic at a specific time, all through the territory.

Full information may be obtained upon request addressed to Department of Publicity, Church Missions House, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

# Christian Social Service

THE REV. C. RANKIN BARNES, Executive Secretary

Volunteers in Social Work and Other Notes

THE CHURCH has a special concern with the function of the volunteer in social work. The Rev. Lewis Bliss Whittemore, chairman of the Social Service Department of the Diocese of Western Michigan, is also chairman of the Volunteers Committee of the Grand Rapids Community Chest. Under his leadership the Central Volunteer Bureau has largely extended its usefulness.

In earlier years in Grand Rapids the function of the Central Volunteer Bureau was thought of primarily as enlisting, training, and placing volunteer aides for the various social agencies of the city. Under Mr. Whittemore's guidance the Bureau has also developed training courses to serve not only these volunteers but also persons interested in social problems from every conceivable angle. These proved of value to canvassers for the Community Chest particularly and also to socially-minded citizens generally.

In the case of each course the meetings were held on five successive Monday evenings, preceded by a palatable but inexpensive dinner. Topics for the first course included Community Resources, Recreation and Character Development, Health, Dependency, Delinquency and Maladjustment, and Relief. Several hundred people heard each address and at least eighty per cent remained for the ensuing round table discussions.

Inspired by the success of the first course the Bureau reached out into broader fields for the second, calling in outside speakers of note instead of relying upon local talent. Their subjects were: New Responsibilities of Social Work, Social Work Standards and the Job to be Done, New Social Creed of the Federal Council of Churches, The New Transient, and What is the Future of Private Philanthropy?

The practical results of these train-

ing courses showed themselves in a broader understanding of the work of the social agencies of Grand Rapids, and in the growth of a greater spirit of fellowship and partnership between social workers and the public.

In No diocese is the Church's social work quite as well articulated as in the Diocese of Long Island where the Church Charity Foundation has under its direction the huge new St. John's Hospital, the Home for the Aged, the Home for the Blind, all in Brooklyn, and the Children's Cottages, in Sayville. Throughout Long Island the initials C.C.F. are a constant symbol of alert, intelligent, personalized social work.

A recent bulletin of the C.C.F. points out the values served by the one airconditioned room at St. John's Hospital:

Last summer it was the means of saving lives that probably would otherwise have been lost. Everyone recognizes the distress caused by excessive heat and excessive atmospheric humidity; but not everyone appreciates that in certain types of sickness, post-operative conditions especially, proper conditions of the atmosphere in critical hours may easily make the difference between survival or fatal collapse. In other words, an air-conditioned room may save a patient's life. We have one such room at St. John's. We need another, and need it badly.

If a generous Churchman were looking for an ultra-modern Christmas charity, what finer gift could he imagine than the present to one of our Episcopal hospitals of the \$400 needed to provide an airconditioned room!

THE THIRD Sunday after the Epiphany will, as usual, be observed as Social Service Sunday. The date is January 26, 1936.

# The Field Department

THE REV. BARTEL H. REINHEIMER, D.D., Executive Secretary

THATEVER date may be regarded as the turning point in secular life, it becomes plainer every day that General Convention marked the turning point in the affairs of the Church. This turning involved much besides an increase of nine per cent in Expectations over the preceding year. Of greater significance was a turning that expressed itself in an inclination to restore orderly procedure and reëmploy constructive measures. This inclination has increased steadily as the Church moved up to the recent Canvass.

The foregoing needs to be seen in order to understand the treatment given by the House of Bishops at Houston to several matters related to the promotion of the

work of the general Church.

First came the report of a committee on The Promotional Responsibility of the Bishops. This committee had been appointed by the Presiding Bishop in response to a petition received last spring from the Bishops of the Sixth Province. It consisted of the Rt. Rev. Fred Ingley, the Rt. Rev. Cameron J. Davis, the Rt. Rev. James M. Maxon, the Rt. Rev. Walter Mitchell, and the Rt. Rev. J. I. B. Larned.

How largely this report expressed the determination to reinstate orderly and proven methods is evidenced by its endorsement of:

1. The unified promotion of diocesan and general Church work.

2. The strict adherence to the partnership principle in the division of missionary

3. The coördination of the programs of field work conducted by the parish, diocese,

and National Council

4. The importance of the personal leadership of the Bishops, particularly in connection with vestry conferences on the Church's Program.

A very definite suggestion was addressed to the Provinces, inviting them to arrange the programs of the synods to permit in each instance an institute on the promotion and work of the general Church.

Finally the report of the special committee seconded the appeal issued by the National Council at its September meeting urging clergy and laity to give full and continued cooperation with the plans of the Forward Movement Commission and with a specific recommendation that the Commission foster the Church-wide practice of noonday prayers for mis-

In addition to the report of this committee, the House acted on two matters referred to it by National Council.

At its conclusion, two resolutions were adopted replying to the inquiries received

from National Council:

First, the House of Bishops gave its endorsement to the use of a direct appeal to individuals for gifts in case the Expectations of the dioceses fail to meet the Budget of 1936, and thereafter. It provided, however, that this should be done with the consent and cooperation of the Bishops.

What this amounts to is not approval to initiate a new policy, but merely a fresh endorsement of a policy that has prevailed throughout the history of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary So-

The second resolution of the House of Bishops was a request to National Council to consider the advisability of engaging at the earliest time, when income permits, two additional secretaries in the Field

Department.

This means that in the judgment of the House of Bishops the Field Department should be restored as soon as money is available to the status it occupied prior to January 31, 1935, when the staff consisted of an Executive Secretary and Corresponding Secretary working Church Missions House, and four General Secretaries located at strategic points elsewhere in the Church.

# The Woman's Auxiliary

GRACE LINDLEY, LITT.D., Executive Secretary

#### Files and Friends

We are all familiar with the telephone slogan, "The Voice with a Smile Wins," and most of us can recall more than one telephone conversation with someone absolutely unknown to us whose pleasant voice, clear statement of their business, and an appreciative word or two before hanging up has left us, as Skippy would say, feeling "good all over."

This is also true of those with whom one corresponds and is especially so in the Supply Department. We have a large box of cards which to the casual observer is just that. To us it is far more for it represents people whom we feel

honored in calling friends.

One of our yearly duties is to post on these cards the diocesan annual reports of boxes, both personal and institutional, sent to the mission field, and an otherwise dry, tiresome job becomes vital and interesting as one after another a card is pulled out, its owner's name bringing up a clear picture for us. Sometimes it is humorous, sometimes pathetic, but generally inspiring and interesting. Perhaps you might like to take one or two peeps as we go along.

This first card recalls a letter:

My wife and I were doing some work among young girls ten miles from our home base and found a dozen of them of high school age and over, not one of whom had ever heard a Christian hymn or the Lord's Prayer and who were a bit ignorant of the practices of personal cleanliness. They all knew how to ride a horse and drive cattle but none of them had ever seen a toothbrush. (They were taught the use of such things as this along with their religious education!)

A little further on is the card of a young Negro priest who is making his congregation and Church school realize that they must try to do as much as they can themselves and not ask for outside help. He tells of their needing a hymn

board, which was provided from the proceeds of a silver tea given by a group of little Negro girls in his Church school. It was truly a pleasure to send him some needed vestments which, as he writes, "will last him a long time."

And here is the card of a retired clergyman who after many years of happy married life finds himself alone to finish out his pilgrimage. He is a scholar and has made an exhaustive study of bird life and in these declining years with very little means finds opportunities of helping those poorer than himself and especially little children. He always asks for so little and yet we know he needs much.

And finally, this last card reminds us of a recent letter from the mother of a family we have known for years:

I'm sure I have you to thank for two lovely little dresses for three-year-old G—. Soon after our box came last winter a visitor talking to G—— about the nakedness of her dolls said, "Aren't your dolls cold? Why don't you put some clothes on them?" and G—— promptly replied, "They didn't get any box!"

Of course all the cards do not have this happy effect, for some we post and return to the box hurriedly as pictures showing need of adjustment and understanding appear. But most of these move into the friendly group later on.

a box, writes:

Wasn't it wonderful for them to have sent the money early and would you believe it the check came on the opening day of a great twenty per cent sale, enabling us to get just one-fifth more for the money than we could have otherwise? The whole thing is like a splendid dream!

So our box of cards is not just a file but a record of friends.

# The Cooperating Agencies

All correspondence should be directed to the officials whose names and addresses are given under the various heads

#### Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Leon C. Palmer, General Secretary 202 S. Nineteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Selling newspapers in order to buy clothing for a student in St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, North Carolina, is one of the activities of the chapter at St. Luke's Church, Reading, Pennsylvania. This is not only a practical service but is also a genuine experience of interracial friendship.

This chapter also has organized a chapter for younger boys, and meanwhile gained three new members for itself. Of the ten points on the national standard of efficiency, it has attained six, making it a sixty per cent chapter.

R INGING THE CHIMES for Church service, participation in the choir, promoting a Young People's Club for the parish, serving as lay readers, and studying Church history, are among the varied activities carried on by the chapter in St. Peter's Church, Auburn, New York. Meetings are held on each Monday night at the parish house, and a Corporate Communion, together with other invited boys and men, is held on the third Sunday morning of each month. New members are being added to the chapter annually, a Bible class is promoted and attended by nearly all its members, definite plans for promoting Church attendance are being carried out, and systematic efforts are made to bring other boys and young men to baptism and to confirmation. The director of the chapter reports a fine attendance at meetings and a spirit of cooperation in whatever work for the parish they are called upon to undertake. The ten members in the chapter range in age from eight to twenty-two years and constitute a fine group of workers for the Church.

#### The Church Periodical Club

Mary E. Thomas, Executive Secretary 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.



Not long ago an author, remembering the needs of the little library in her old home, devoted most of the royalties of her recent novel to new books for the library.

Friends who heard what she was doing have sent books from their own shelves, and the library is taking on new life and usefulness.

The Church Periodical Club comes in touch with many such libraries among people eager to read but with no money to buy books. It hears also of many opportunities to start a library under the care of some Church worker in a rural community. To meet the need of rural populations for reading matter the American Library Association is working steadily through its Extension Department, but at best it is slow work in our large country. Some day the need will be met adequately, but meanwhile the C.P.C. cannot refuse to help such needs as are presented, and here the reading members of the Church can be of great service. Some communities require only the simplest books, plentifully illustrated. In others are men and women of culture, or young people striving for self-education. They will welcome the recent books we have enjoyed, both fiction and more serious subjects. Everywhere there is call for children's books. Let us share the best we have.

It is a great happiness to report that every book asked for in September was promptly promised. The large sets for the Kuling School and even the old Hutchins Hymnals are all assured. Such wonderful response encourages further appeals.

The wife of a Bishop in China asks for three books by Gilbert Cannan, Round the Corner, Young Earnest, and Old Mole, the last being out of print. She would like also a copy of The Be-

trothed by Manzoni.

One of the laymen working in Japan is very anxious for a copy of The Human Parson by Sheppard. He asks also for Life Began Yesterday by Stephen Foote and any picture books of New York, especially This Is New York, edited by Gilbert Seldes.

### The Church Army

Captain B. F. Mountford, Secretary 414 E. Fourteenth Street, New York, N. Y.



■ HE BISHOP of Alabama has asked Church Army to take over the direction of the House of Happiness, Scottsboro, as

from January first, 1936.

Miss Augusta Martin, founder of the work centering there, has resigned because of continued ill health. Her work has been far-reaching and constructive. Church Army has been assisting at the House of Happiness since May, and will continue to try to build upon the foundation laid by Miss Martin.

During September, Bishop McDowell baptized twenty-one and confirmed sixteen at the House of Happiness. Though that was largely a reaping of seed sown in former days, nevertheless to C.A. fell

the privilege of reaping.

Church Army is active also at the Cumberland Farms Project, a Government scheme to settle two hundred families on the land in that part of Alabama.

At Guntersville an entire congregation has been revived and the Sunday school and Woman's Auxiliary organized. The Guntersville district is about to have several thousand workmen added to its normal population of three thousand, because of the projected hydroelectric dam construction on the Tennessee River.

Several members of the class now being trained will be drafted to the Tennessee Valley after being commissioned in 1936.

### Church Mission of Help

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TOMENTOUS questions were I raised and decisions made at the recent meeting of the National Council Church Mission of Help and the ensuing biennial conference at which all but one diocesan Church Mission of Help was represented. The council suffered a real blow in the resignation of Mary S. Brisley, its executive for the past five years, but accepted the challenge thus presented gallantly, with the emphasis upon the opening of a new period of development, rather than upon the closing of an old. The council discussed at length the sort of person who could furnish the type of leadership most needed by CMH in its present stage of development.

In electing its first Board of Directors, the council limited its own powers, and its meetings to one a year, in favor of the greater concentration and continuity of thinking which an elected board, rather than a representative council, could

give.

A plan was adopted for partial support of the national office through contributions from the diocesan CMHs as recommended by a committee composed of the Rev. Don Frank Fenn, President of the Maryland CMH; the Rev. C. Rankin Barnes; and Norman F. Lovett, Treasurer of the national CMH.

A resolution was adopted calling for a committee to democratize the support of the national CMH, especially through the obtaining of more individual members or contributors, since only about thirty people at present give direct contributions. With the radical cut in appropriation from the National Council, this becomes essential.

Finally, it engaged its retiring executive to do certain pieces of necessary work pending the appointment of her successor. The sessions were marked by an encouraging assumption of responsibility by the diocesan societies and by the new board and staff members.

### The Daughters of the King

Edna Eastwood, Executive

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HEARTY coöperation is being given by Daughters everywhere to the Forward Movement as well as to the Department of Christian Social

Service in its work at the CCC camps as well as with the boys who return from them. Leadership training is to be especially emphasized among the juniors. The junior field should be a fine training ground for both leadership and membership in the senior chapters of the Order. At the request of Bishop Kemerer a conference for girls was conducted in Duluth. Through conferences and cooperation, it is hoped that a better understanding of the Order and its plan and scope of work will be given to the women and girls of all Church organizations. At one school the stressing of prayer as a way to develop the needed leadership resulted in a prayer circle being formed.

# Seamen's Church Institute of America

The Rev. W. T. Weston, General Secretary Maritime Bldg., 80 Broad St., New York, N. Y.



Our ELEVENTH annual Christmas Letter is in the hands of our friends. The fine response of these friends in years past has en-

abled Seamen's Institutes to act as hosts at Christmas to seamen in port on that day along our three coastlines, and to tubercular seamen at the marine hospital in New Mexico.

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While emphasis may be placed on dif-

ferent phases of the work in the various ports, the task of the Seamen's Church Institute in every port is to bring the seaman to recognize his duty to himself, to society, and to his God.

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### The Girls' Friendly Society

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FIFTEEN VOLUNTEERS and three staff members represented the Girls' Friendly Society at thirty-five conferences during the past summer. One volunteer leader traveled 6,000

miles and another drove 4,500 miles in the course of their conference journeyings and both report it "the most enjoyable kind of a vacation." G.F.S. leaders carried responsibilities varying from faculty members to administrative duties, serving as deans of girls or special counselors, in many cases in addition to teaching a course. Their special contribution was a general leadership course, The Approach to Normal Youth, given at ten conferences in which leaders from all young people's organizations were enrolled.

FROM THE branch president of one of the newest G.F.S. branches, in a mining camp in Splashdam, Virginia, comes this letter:

We are running two different Vacation Bible Schools, starting both a G.F.S. and a candidates' group, keeping the Woman's Auxiliary going, making calls, having sales, training the choir, running the library, teaching Sunday school, and having weekly services, so you see we do not lack for something to do, to say nothing of carrying all the water we use from the camp pump and doing most of the housework. . . . The girls are very much interested in the G.F.S. We have taken one hike, and are working out a monthly program of study and worship. Our chief project now is "playing with clay" from the surrounding hills. The children work clay morning, noon, and night, and I enjoy the hobby as much as they do. Our aim is to make our own oatmeal bowls.

### American Church Institute for Negroes

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THE REV. ROBERT W. PATTON, D.D., Director

THE OKOLONA Industrial School at A Okolona, Mississippi, is rejoicing in the recent addition to its equipment of a kitchen range and an electric refrigerator. The old equipment was utterly worn out, wasteful of fuel, and inadequate for the protection of the foods used in the school, while the recent introduction of low cost TVA power into the Okolona area made feasible the introduction of electric refrigeration. The new equipment, which will save the school substantial sums in operating expenses, was purchased with a small balance from the Advance Work funds assigned to the Institute.

The Okolona School hopes that it soon may make other improvements in its equipment. At the present time it is using hay ticks on all its beds and these should be replaced with more satisfactory mattresses.

L ATE IN OCTOBER the St. Paul Normal and Industrial School, Lawrence-ville, Virginia, was host to the eleventh annual State Hi-Y Conference. The three-day conference which was devoted to a discussion of the Approach of Christian Youth to Community Problems was

opened with an address of welcome by the principal of St. Paul, the Rev. J. Alvin Russell. The other addresses and reports laid especial stress on how to live and to enjoy a more abundant life. Students were urged to take education seriously as a preparation to improve life and for the purpose of using it for household service. Race was recognized as a problem, the solution of which rests largely in the hands of students today. Several student and faculty members of the St. Paul School participated in the conference, the secretary of which is Mr. H. A. Taylor Other schools represented at the conference included: Addison High School, Roanoke; Armstrong High School, Richmond; Dunbar High School, Lynchburg; Norcum High School, Portsmouth; Jefferson High School, Clifton Forge; Christiansburg Institute, Gambier: Roanoke County Training School, Salem: Ingleside-Fee Memorial Institute, Burkeville; Jefferson High School, Charlottesville; High School, Orange; Virginia Randolph School, Glen Allen; Halifax County Training School, Halifax; P.I.N. & C.I., Gretna; Booker T. Washington, Norfolk; and Huntington High School, Newport News.

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The sum of the Objectives which the dioceses have assumed for the support of the 1936 General Church Budget is less than the amount needed.

If these Objectives are reached in the Canvass and subsequently paid in full, the National Council, meeting on February 11th next will lack approximately \$150,000 of the amount needed to maintain the general work of the Church at the figure of the Emergency Schedule.

If this situation remains unchanged at the time of the Council meeting it will be necessary, because of the orders of General Convention, to make a further cut in the Church's general work.

Facing this situation, the House of Bishops, meeting at Houston, adopted a statement which concluded as follows:

"Brethren, this will be nothing short of a debacle, and that in the face of improvement in the financial condition of our people generally. The effect will be demoralizing to our people and disastrous to the work. Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this House that every Bishop be requested to send to each of his clergy a Pastoral Letter, to be read to his congregations, setting forth these facts and calling upon them, with all the emphasis possible, to increase their pledges before January 1st in order that at least the Emergency Schedule may be maintained and the influence of the Church preserved in this present civilization."

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