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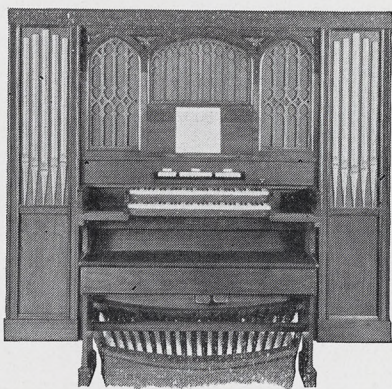
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CLERGY NOTES

FAVOUR, PAUL G., who resigned as rector of Trinity, New Rochelle, N. Y. two years ago because of ill health has accepted the rectorship of St. John's, Presque Isle, Maine.

FUESSLE, RAYMOND E., missionary to Brazil, has accepted the rectorship of the Church of the Resurrection, Greenwood, South Carolina.

HENNING, DONALD G., rector at St. Paul's, Vermillion, South Dakota, has accepted the rectorship of Christ Church, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

HINRICHS, LOUIS H., rector of St. John's, Boonton, N. J., has accepted the rectorship of Grace Church, Nutley, New Jersey.

JONES, CECIL, has moved from Rosedale, Mississippi to Cleveland, Mississippi.

McBLAIN, R. E., Holly Springs, Miss., has also been placed in charge of All Saints, Tupelo, Mississippi.

McKENZIE, B. S., San Antonio, Texas, archdeacon, retired in January and is now to be addressed at 1880 Monta Vista Street, Pasadena, Calif.

PAGE, HERMAN, bishop of Michigan, is now to be addressed at 18210 Fairway Drive, Detroit, the new Bishop's House.

TRIVERS, MARSHALL F., rector of Emmanuel, Kempville, Va., is now the rector of St. Luke's, Prescott, Arizona.

SECOND THOUGHTS

JONAS PETERSON, New York City: I gratefully appreciate your report of Bishop Lawrence's sermon at the consecration of his son. I wish that it might be possible for every clergyman and layman in our Church to read it. I believe that action along the lines suggested by him should be taken in every diocesan convention this year. I was delighted also with Bishop Johnson's editorial in the same number and with the article by Henry Sloan Coffin. I wish you every success in the good work you are carrying on.

NORMAN B. NASH, professor at the Cambridge Seminary: You misinterpreted the significance of the statement by the Archbishops of the English Church when they told a group of clergy who are absolute pacifists that they recognized their Christian loyalty. Ever since 1553 one of the Anglican Articles, to which all clergy must subscribe, has rejected the pacifist position, declaring that "it is lawful for Christian men, at the command of the magistrate, to wear weapons and serve in the wars." The Latin form says "just wars", but though this makes room for conscientious objection to unjust wars, only by a quibble can it be argued that the Article may be taken to mean that all wars are unjust. The position of the pacifist in the Anglican Church has always been open to the charge of heresy in the light of the historical meaning of the Article. What the Archbishops have done is to recognize that pacifists may remain Anglicans, despite the Article. That is, they agree with the position taken by the last General Convention of our own Church when we recognized the position of Episcopalian pacifists and asked the government to give them the status granted Quakers and Mennonites. I don't suppose the Archbishops by their statement thought they were revealing this clause of the Article as far as it disapproves of pacifism. But I submit that their statement represents a step forward on the part of the Church of England and that you ought to make known this aspect of their remarks, and not merely chide them for condescension toward workers for peace.

Managing Editor's Note: There is no better way of making known the real significance of the Archbishops' remarks than by printing this letter from Scholar Nash. If it does mean progress in the Church of England we rejoice and hope the Archbishops have not felt badly about our recent flip remarks.

PEOPLE DO READ THE WITNESS if one may judge by the number of people who wrote letters answering these two questions: "What two birds nested in the House of the Lord?" and "What bird nested in a fir tree?" We have received many answers—too many to list names here—and all the answers were correct: Psalm 84, verse 3: "The sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest (Continued on page 28)

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EXPRESSING OUR HOPE

By

IRVING P. JOHNSON

From the first number of The Witness, January 6, 1917

THERE are those who boldly enter where angels fear to tread, and we know of no place less angelic than an editor's office, and of no man more foolish than the one who voluntarily attempts the impossible. We have been told by those who know that it is impossible to publish a weekly newspaper in the Episcopal Church at a low price. And yet the joy of life consists in attempting the impossible. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" and His "grace is sufficient for me." If He wants this paper to continue then we can do it. If he does not want it to succeed then we do not want it to continue, so whether we succeed or fail we are content. After all, the supreme test of our witness to Christ is whether we are willing to be fools for His sake, and no man who is afraid of failure will ever attempt the impossible. And yet most enterprises that have accomplished things for Christ have begun in attempting that which wise men have said could not be done.

We are in a sense risking our reputation to put this enterprise over . . . we are asking those who believe that an inexpensive weekly Church newspaper is a desirable thing to risk only a bit of cash in attempting to make the thing a reality.

"What kind of a newspaper do you propose to publish?" The question is fair and should be answered before you invest your money in the enterprise. Let me answer the question under four heads: One, we propose to publish an inexpensive newspaper. We therefore must come unadorned and in simple dress. The editors are working for love. That doesn't cost much, but the printer has to have cash. The margin between our printing costs and the subscription price is a very small one.

It was on January 1, 1917, that Irving Peake Johnson was consecrated Bishop of Colorado and on January 6 of the same year that the first number of THE WITNESS appeared. Thus a double twentieth anniversary is marked by this number, edited by a committee of the WITNESS Advisory Board, as a surprise to him, with the hope that it may be something of a tribute to this man who has served the Church so notably. Among his many services is the writing of editorials for this magazine. This he has done, week in and week out, for twenty years. It is fitting, therefore, that we should lead off with his editorial that appeared in the first WITNESS of January 6, 1917.

Two, we propose to publish a paper that the plain man can read and understand. The staff has been told to avoid big words and technical terms. Plain facts for plain men.

Three, we propose to publish a human newspaper, accounting human touch and human viewpoints of more value than profound learning or scholastic attainments.

Four, we propose (but ah! how difficult to accomplish) to publish a paper that shall be instructive and devotional rather than controversial. Now, of course, this is impossible. The moment a man touches anything definitely somebody denies it and the fight is on. We do not propose to issue a paper without teaching definite truth and we hope that we may teach it with some punch, otherwise we are foredoomed to failure.

WE ALL BELIEVE that this Church stands as a witness for definite truth, and that such truth may be found in the Prayer Book. A "witness" is one who bears testimony to facts rather than fancies, realities rather than theories—and we believe that these facts are such as are embodied in the formularies and liturgy of the Church. We propose to be loyal to these facts. We hope to represent the big center of this Church, and we want to shut out from its columns the din that is being made by the extreme right and the extreme left. By saying that we do not propose to be controversial; we do not mean on the other hand that this paper will not have a definite sound. We hope it will. What we hope is that it will not change that definite tone into a chaotic din. We do not expect every reader to agree with all that is said in this paper—neither are we going to enter into a controversy with any reader on that difference. That

is between you and us, and we are not going to inflict the general public with our personal differences, but we will take it kindly if you will write us if you think us unfair.

We wonder if there is another religious body in the world that has such a varied constituency as this Church? It has its advantages and its disadvantages, especially to one editing a paper. And one of its greatest disadvantages comes from the habit that each man has of wearing a label. Here is a man who believes that in the year 1789 God made a special revelation to the Protestant Episcopal Church, a sort of second Pentecost, which it is a sacrilege to dispute. Another

finds a complete revelation in 1552, when the second Prayer Book of Edward VI was put forth; another in 1549 when the first Prayer Book was compiled; others see God's hand in the faith and practice of the Mediaeval Church. Others hark back to St. Augustine and St. Jerome—and so it goes. Each man has his label.

This paper refuses to have a label of this sort. Its mission is to be a witness to the facts upon which our religion is based, rather than the deductions from those facts which any special age has made. The faith is unchangeable; the interpretation of the faith has changed with the changing years.

BISHOP JOHNSON: WRITER

By

JAMES E. FREEMAN

The Bishop of Washington

BEFORE saying a word about my friend and brother, Bishop Johnson, as a writer, may I be permitted to express the deep and unfailing affection in which I have held him for, lo, these many years.

When I went to Minneapolis in 1910 he was strongly entrenched as the rector of Gethsemane Parish. I had known him for many years, hence our friendship was well established. Throughout my ministry in Minneapolis until he was elected Bishop of Colorado, our relations were close and intimate and I bear tribute to his chivalrous and generous friendship.

Before *THE WITNESS* was started on its way, he conferred with me as to the plan he had in mind for this new Church paper. He wanted it to be different from other Church papers both as to cost and subject matter. He strongly felt that there was a field for a paper of the kind he had in mind. He was the father of the idea, and throughout the twenty years of its publication he has been the outstanding and illuminating writer of its editorials. Not since the days of the late Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson and the Reverend John Fulton has a Church editor written with more power or originality. Bishop Johnson is unlike all other writers of the Church press. His style is utterly unique and his capacity to analyze current questions that concern the Church is altogether incomparable. In Church journalism, he occupies a place peculiarly his own. Whether his brethren agree with or differ from him in his strong convictions and opinions, they are compelled to respect his sincerity and his deep devotion to those fundamental things for which the Church stands. His writings are characterized by both wit and wisdom and he is never lacking in courage. He refuses to follow a traditional course, and he is never neutral or colorless in the expression of his views. At times, he dares to take a position quite independent of the expressed convictions of his

friends and associates, but it is always with a touch of kindly feeling for the views of his brethren.

There is no challenging the fact that Bishop Johnson in his pungent and original editorials has been one of the most outstanding opinion-makers of the general Church. Where his convictions are involved, he refuses to yield to compromises or to follow the line of least resistance. One always knows where to place him where great principles are involved, and whether in the spoken or written word those who cordially disagree with him recognize the force and persuasiveness of his argument.

With a generosity wholly characteristic of him, he has given himself without reserve, not only to the writing of brilliant editorials for *THE WITNESS*, but to a service to the whole Church as one of its most outstanding and effective mission preachers. Playfully described as the bishop "out of residence," he has become a "bishop at large," and in doing so he has brought refreshment and stimulation to the clergy and laity throughout the country.

As one who has followed the course of his ministry, both as parish priest, Bishop and editorial writer, I count it a privilege to pay tribute, not only to his genius but to the depth of his consecration and the utter consistency of his life.

Quite apart from the value one gleans from reading the pages of *THE WITNESS*, one is bound to recognize in its leading editorials by Bishop Johnson that which is compensating, refreshing and stimulating to thought.

It is my hope and prayer that God may long spare him to us, and that his trenchant pen may gain in power and influence in the days that lie ahead. He has exercised a salutary and widespread influence through both his written and spoken word, and his brethren gladly accord him a preferred place in their fellowship that is uniquely his own.

COLORADO IN THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

By

GEORGE CRAIG STEWART

The Bishop of Chicago

IT WAS H. G. Wells, I believe, who once remarked that bishops were always "socially in evidence, but intellectually in hiding."

The remarkable thing about Bishop Johnson of Colorado is that he is always intellectually in evidence and socially having the time of his life. The House of Bishops, as he has often said to me, is the most delightful fraternity in the world, and I venture the opinion that no one in that body is more popular and beloved than Irving Peake Johnson. On the floor or in the lobbies, in committee meetings or in council, his solid learning, his sober judgment, his swift and keen powers of analysis, his gift of seeing all round a subject, his legal mind, his mastery of appropriate phrases, his courage, his tolerance, his courtesy, his good humor and above all his kindness have made him a leader from the very day of his entrance to the House. He never evades an issue. He never hedges. He is nobly outspoken. One always knows where he stands. He is a powerful contender for what he believes. But when he is defeated he takes it with a grin. He knows how to "take it," as well as how to "give it." He is what is known as a good sport.

About him cluster hundreds of funny stories, most of them true: some of them apocryphal. Scarcely had he entered the House years ago when there arose debate on whether or not the District of Panama Canal Zone should be set apart. Bishop Gailor of blessed memory was presiding. Suddenly from a rear seat (new bishops are always seated at the rear) the booming voice of Bishop Johnson was heard. "Mr. Chairman, I rise to inquire what the name of the proposed new district is to be!" Promptly the Chairman put the new bishop in his place. "Your question, my young friend, is irrelevant." Bishop Johnson subsided. The



HOST JOHNSON GREETES PRESIDING BISHOP
At the Denver General Convention in 1931

debate went on. Finally, however, it reached a point where the title of such a new jurisdiction must be considered. Bishop Gailor remembered that a young bishop had long before raised the question and had been swiftly silenced. Turning to Bishop Johnson, he inquired, "Well, what suggestion has the Bishop of Colorado to make?" Irving Peake arose, "I suggest for a title," he said, "the word 'Colon'! It is the name of an important city down there. The Bishop then would be *Colon* and when a coadjutor is elected he could be 'Semi-Colon.'" The laughter which shook the house was a welcome to the new and daring bishop.

Bishop Johnson is a great debater. He thinks fast, he thinks on his feet and he knows how to speak illustratively. He can pierce an adversary's logic with a metaphor, and demolish an argument with one of his famous smiles. My great predecessor Bishop Anderson of Chicago was a peerless debater, too, impressive in presence, clear in thought, convincing in his array of facts and persuasive in the clarity and dignity and beauty of his style. It will be long remembered, the debate between him and Bishop Johnson, on America's proposed participation in the League of Nations. Bishop Anderson was for it, and in a magnificent speech, roused the house and the galleries to thunderous applause. When he took his seat Bishop Johnson arose.

"The Bishop of Chicago," said he, "and myself are like the lady over on Euclid Avenue and her washerwoman who lived in a little cottage at the end of the block. *We live in the same square: but we do not move in the same circle!*" He then swung into a characteristic speech, revealing an amazing mastery of international politics, history, the philosophy of Government, all of it illustrated and adorned with clever story and apt phrase. The vote was taken and the League proposal was defeated. Bishop Johnson grinned and glowingly remarked, "Anderson got all the applause: but I got all the votes!"

Bishop Anderson, by the way, admired Bishop Johnson extraordinarily, and I can see him now rocking with laughter over the sallies of his brilliant brother from Colorado.

Well, there he is, Irving Peake Johnson, the beloved veteran of many famous battles, the Happy Warrior who can always be counted on to battle for what he believes to be right.

Stephen Phillips has a great poem on Gladstone.

There are lines in it which apply with equal felicity to Bishop Irving Peake Johnson. Such lines, for example, as these—

Warrior with deep unwillingness to wound
Smiter that ne'er didst learn to stab,
Foeman with sweetness of an Elder day.

Thy voice had all the roaring of the wave
And hoarse magnificence of rushing stones.

Thou gavest to party strife the epic note
And to debate the thunder of the Lord;
To meanest issues fire of the Most High.

And so I count it joy to join with the host of friends of Bishop Johnson in congratulations upon this anniversary. We were comrades in the House of Deputies. And I personally owe him an immeasurable debt for the close friendship which he long ago extended to me and which grows ever more precious as the ripening years go on.

BISHOP JOHNSON: FRIEND

By PAUL MATTHEWS
The Bishop of New Jersey

BISHOP JOHNSON and I have been close friends for very nearly fifty years. We were seminarians together, though not classmates, we went together to Oxford for a short time, and share memories of Paget, Gore, Bright, and other outstanding theologians, great figures in the English Church; we were together in our work in the Associate Mission in Omaha during the first formative years of our ministry. Later, after some eighteen years of separate service, he in Minneapolis and I in Cincinnati, we again got together on the staff of Seabury Divinity School in Faribault, and after a happy time there, all too short, we were pulled apart again, he to Colorado and I to New Jersey, and

now, both of us approaching the end of our course, he is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of his Episcopate.

All the years through we have kept in touch, and this, I believe, is due in largest measure to his own outstanding gift of friendship. He has always held his friends; and it is largely, I think, that he spares no pains to do so; and friendship requires cultivation, because it cannot live without contacts.

It has been a constant quiet happiness through life that the friendships and companionships of all of us who gathered together in our Associate Mission have continued and indeed in many cases, strengthened.

Percy Silver, Francis White, James Wise, Sam Welles, Charles Herbert Young, Herbert Moor, and others have remained life-long and attached friends.

I think that the Associate Mission plan originated with Johnson. Edward Jennings Knight, later Bishop of Western Colorado, James Goodwin and Arthur Jenks, later professor of Church history at the General Seminary, were the ones who with us planned to start our active life in the ministry together. Only Johnson and I were able to carry out the plan; but the plan itself, and the inspiration and impetus, was due to Johnson's gifts and powers, vital and influential even as a young man of twenty-four.

We were ordained as priests to—



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gether on S. Luke's Day, October 18, 1891, in Omaha and kept our forty-fifth anniversary in S. Luke's Church, Evanston, last October. John Albert Williams, the faithful and devoted rector of S. Philip's Church, Omaha (his only parish in his entire ministry), was ordained with us; he never failed to remember us both with a letter on this day until his death.

Others might speak with a closer knowledge and a more intimate touch about Johnson's work in Colorado and the wider work he has done in preaching missions throughout the country. I believe, however, that I helped to start him in this field when I was asked to conduct a mission at S. Luke's Church, Louisville, about thirty-five years ago, and said I would do so if Johnson, then at Gethsemane, Minneapolis, could be induced to join me. McCready, the rector, later Dean of the Cathedral, said, "Who is this man Johnson?" I said, "Wait and see."

It does not matter where it is, the far West, the deep South, the effete East, or the new Northwest, Johnson speaks and has always spoken the tongue of the people, and he has always held their ear, and above all, has captured their heart.

Never extreme, always pointed, consistently kind, everlastingly joyous, his keen wit, his rollicking and gargantuan humour on top of a sound, scholarly mind with extraordinary and penetrating insight to the very core of any matter he considers, all conspire to make him a leader among leaders, and a master of minds.

The fearlessness and directness of his attack on any subject even of high controversy have always left me a bit breathless. I have seen him in action, first in the House of Deputies, in the American House of Bishops and at Lambeth, and it is everywhere the same story, instant attention, respect, and usually conviction.

His keen humour has been like a flashing weapon that pierced but has not hurt. He has laughed many things out of court that we all felt might become bitterly controversial. His pungent pen has been indeed an ever flowing fountain of wit and wisdom for THE WITNESS. Dashed off on trains, when most of us are too muddled or too hurried to think, in his comet-like orbit from hither to yon, these forceful and interesting sketches of colorful thought are never dull or dreary but always delightful and refreshing. To have been the main force behind a Church paper which has an appeal to the average layman is a *tour de force* of no mean order. The increasing labour involved in it all does not appear in the unstudied artistry of his easy writing.

I think that the Bishop of Colorado is one of the major assets of our Church life in my generation. Our pride in him, and our affection for him, are two elemental forces that make an alternating electric current of warmth and joy.

Let's Know

By

BISHOP WILSON

THE SKIPPER

FOURTEEN years ago this spring I began writing this column for THE WITNESS, which was then only six years old. During all that time Bishop Johnson has been the Editor-in-chief and we who have been associated with him on the editorial staff have affectionately dubbed him the Skipper.

When the Skipper launched his bark on the speculative sea of Church periodicals, his idea was to provide a popular medium of Church news, at low cost, and designed to reach the interest of the average seagoing Churchman. It was chiefly due to his own personal efforts that the little ship weathered the storms of its early years, gathered to itself a commendable circulation, and took its place permanently in the number of Church publications. If anyone thinks this is not a notable achievement, let him start a Church paper and learn for himself.

The Skipper has been a genial commanding officer. He is easy to work with because he issues very few commands. He wants his mates, seamen, and cabin boys to write their own convictions and stand responsible for their own effusions. His only request is that the paper shall be strictly non-partisan and shall speak to all the people of the Church about the things which concern the whole Church.

It is not easy to be a Skipper-editor. Readers have a strange way of becoming highly incensed when something is printed which conflicts with their own pet theories and they promptly complain to the man at the top. Our Skipper has the enviable ability of remaining undisturbed over such complaints, strong in the conviction that the Ark of God is headed for its true haven and will not be seriously diverted by the eccentricities of columnists or other literary contributors.



SUMMER CHAPEL AT ESTES PARK
To Mark Anniversary of Bishop Johnson



THE OMAHA ASSOCIATE MISSION IN 1891

Lower Row, Left to Right: Charles Herbert Young; H. Percy Silver; James Wise; Samuel Welles; Peter Hoyt.
 Second Row, Left to Right: Paul Matthews; George Worthington; J. A. W. Pray.
 Capping All: Irving P. Johnson.

BISHOP JOHNSON: HUMORIST

By

JAMES WISE

The Bishop of Kansas

THE managing editor of THE WITNESS has assigned to me the task of attempting to describe my beloved friend, Bishop Johnson, as a humorist. That in itself is funny and an illustration of humor on the part of Bill Spofford. There are so many other qualities about this remarkable man I would rather deal with, but, being trained to obedience to the voice of authority, here goes.

My association and friendship with Bishop Johnson covers a period of 45 years. It began in 1891 when he came to Omaha, Nebraska, following his graduation from the General Theological Seminary. He and Rev. Paul Matthews, now Bishop of New Jersey, were the founders of the Associate Mission, a remarkable missionary association of those early years.

Meal time at the Associate Mission House was never a dull or stupid experience, for the rivalry in story telling, in practical jokes, in fun and fellowship was constantly in evidence. While it is true that the late Rev. Percy Silver had all the innate qualities of an

inimitable story teller and punster, he was trained in the sharpening of his wits by constant practice and association with Irving Johnson, Paul Matthews and the late Francis White.

Mother Eva Mary, founder of the Sisterhood of the Transfiguration, sister of Bishop Matthews, tells of an incident in the early life of the Associate Mission between Johnson and Matthews. It was the custom for these two young priests to exchange pulpits on Sunday nights. Late one Saturday night Johnson came in and found Matthews in the library sitting by the fire. "You ready for tomorrow, Paul?" he asked casually. "Yes, I am ready." "What are you going to preach about?" "The Law. My text is, 'Whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.'" "You can't make anything of that," challenged Johnson. Paul grew eloquent in rebuttal and outlined the whole sermon. They then went to bed. The next evening when Paul started out for the church where Irving had preached in the

morning with his sermon safely tucked into his pocket, Irving stopped him. "You'd better not preach that sermon tonight, Paul," he said with a genial laugh, "I preached it there myself this morning."

I recall another incident where Johnson had the tables turned on him by the quick witted Percy Silver and about which Irving was twitted for a long time. A chapel was an integral part of the Associate Mission House. It was used for the daily services by the house members and also for other services in connection with the missions of the city. The entrance to the chapel was from the street door but another doorway opened into the inner hall of the house. A quiet day for the women of the various churches was to be held in the chapel on this particular day. It was conducted by Johnson and at breakfast time he carefully instructed the clergy of the house to be very quiet and not disturb the quiet day. Between two of the meditations Irving came out through the chapel door leading into the inner hall, incautiously leaving the door open. He went to the foot of the stairs, a yard or two from the open chapel door, and, in stentorian tones, called out to Silver in his room upstairs, "Hey, Percy, what are you doing?" The scraping of a chair was heard, footsteps were plainly audible as Silver came to the top of the stairs and then a hissing whisper, heard by everyone in the chapel, "Keeping quiet, Irving."

As a young man, preparing for the ministry, I had the privilege of living with this attractive group of zealous, yet fun loving, missionaries. They assumed the sometimes thankless task of tutoring me for college. The rules of the House were somewhat irksome to a novitiate and I sometimes rebelled against them. One morning I found pinned to my door the following gentle rebuke from Johnson, who was head of the house in this period.

In days of old, the tale is told,
Monks lived in icy cloisters.
No easy seat nor furnace heat
Nor feast of scalloped oysters.

When lazy he, or contrairee,
With penance met correction,
He did not act as though the fact
Was quite beyond inspection.

But now-a-days, these monks have ways,
By which this rule's inverted.
It really seems, that honest Jeems,
Does need to get converted.

I went with him one afternoon to an old shack to minister to a dying woman whose husband was a drunken derelict and who had brutally abused the poor creature. The scene was pathetic enough to wring the heart of the most stony hearted. Irving Johnson ministered to her needs with all the tenderness of a woman, heating water on a broken down stove to wash her face and hands and to prepare her some food. We came away from there together and I was utterly crushed by all that I had seen. We went directly to the home of one of the wardens of the little church, whose niece was to be married that night. Johnson

performed the ceremony and in the informal party that followed he was the life and center of the whole group, keeping them all in gales of laughter with his wit and humor.

One could go on indefinitely reciting incidents and events of those early years and the others that have followed to prove that Bishop Johnson is a humorist of outstanding note. Who, but him, could have said to a friend whom he met on the street, "Well, John, it is easy to see that you are not double faced, for if you were, you would wear the other one."

Many of the quibs and witty ironies that in other men might be construed as sarcasm, when used by him leave no sting behind them, for underneath them all lies that spirit of true friendship and affection for his fellowmen that is his greatest gift. His combination of brilliant wit and deep understanding of human nature, together with his unfailing sympathy with and affection for his fellow men, sets him apart as a rare personality whom to know is to respect, to honor and to love.



W. RUSSELL BOWIE

Who is to contribute to the series of seven articles on "Doing God's Will," writing on "In the Community." The first article appears in the next issue and is by Spence Burton on "In Your Own Life." Other contributors are Don Frank Fenn on "In the Parish," Charles Taylor on "In the Family," Shelton Bishop on "In Race Relations," James Myers on "In Industrial Relations" and Maude Royden on "In International Relations." Parishes planning to use these articles in discussion groups or otherwise to distribute THE WITNESS in the parish during Lent are requested to send their orders for Bundles at once to the Chicago office, 6140 Cottage Grove Avenue.

JOHNSON AS A PARISH PRIEST

By

A VESTRYMAN

Of Gethsemane Parish, Minneapolis

THE difficulty of arousing to action that passive resistance characteristic of the occupants of most cushioned pews is well known. But there is a latent responsiveness underneath the apathy which can be awakened under proper stimulus. Since those endowments innate in Irving Peake Johnson are peculiarly effective in sounding the reveille, it does seem a bit of a misfortune that but two parishes received, for any considerable period, the high favor of his leadership and teaching. Between the days of the Associate Mission in Omaha and the three years of teaching in Seabury were his two rectorates at St. Martin's in South Omaha, Nebraska, and at Gethsemane in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The little mission Church of St. Martin's in a community of cattlemen—a packing-house town—had been fostered from a struggling beginning to a promising adolescence when in 1901, at the age of 34, he was called to Gethsemane. Here, as parish priest for the next thirteen years, he spent the major portion of his more personal ministry.

During these thirteen years he was able to weld together a congregation in which a minor schism had existed; to survive a money panic while at the same time freeing the church from debt; to maintain parish unity and enthusiasm throughout the period when growing dependence upon automobiles was transforming Gethsemane from a neighborhood parish into a typical downtown church. The basic soundness of his teaching is still evident in the fidelity which that nucleus of lay men and women who remain as exemplars of his training consistently exhibit.

Such a vigorous personality was naturally recruited for diocesan affairs where, in General Convention and in Council, his keen capacity for distinguishing between basic principle and camouflage, his ready repartee and wit, his delightful sense of humor, and his remarkable ability to translate convictions into forceful verbal expression endeared him to all those who believed with him, and engendered a wholesome respect amongst those who did not. He thoroughly enjoyed jousts and combat over differences of opinion—more in that day than now. He was not reticent about giving voice to his beliefs but at the same time always granted that others might hold honestly to an opposite view. Being himself devoid of any trace of sham, hypocrisy, or sanctimony, he resented its intrusion into debate and often trained his artillery upon it. A natural tendency to defend the humble and meek, a wonderful clarity of vision, and a complete desire for fair play often brought zest to otherwise routine standing committee meetings of which he was a frequent member. In sum-

mation of an appraisal of him in executive and legislative action, one may fairly say that he was unabashed before man but exceedingly humble before God.

The capacity to develop a strong and loyal parochial organization lay as much upon his personal characteristics as on his intellectual attainments. First and foremost he has always been intensely human in his interests. He can meet on a common ground all kinds and sorts of men excepting the smugly self-satisfied. He is understanding of the misdemeanors of mankind without relaxing his insistence upon high standards of self-discipline. Those standards were always something higher than a simple ethical code. The relationship was one of intense personal rather than of academic interest, and that interest demanded close acceptance by others as well as himself of the reality and dignity of the Church. There was no sentimentality or mawkish emotionalism in his teaching. Routines were admissible but one might not stop one's understanding or effort by routine performances. A creed was something to be practiced daily, not merely recited; and failures in practice never meant cessation in endeavor.

Men will strive to follow leadership which upholds a difficult standard providing the leader himself maintains a true humility and accepts the challenge offered by the standard. Therefore, in this instance, men,—young and old—did rally around his leadership so that his own criticism of our Church—"that too many women were required to sing bass"—could not be said to apply to his own parishes.

From the pulpit he taught by the use of direct, forceful English, usually Anglo-Saxon English. This teaching was enlivened by his own inimitable, epigrammatic style. He had no capacity for oratorical preaching or bombast. He seldom taught dogma; oftener gave, in terms of everyday living, lucid interpretations of Christ's ministry. Sermons were meaty, succinct, helpful, sometimes brilliant, never dull. One was made to realize that a sermon was merely a means to better understanding rather than itself an end. Those who began their affiliation because of allegiance to a personality, or because of sheer enjoyment in preaching ability, were eventually taught to transfer that allegiance to Christ and the Church. Again one may fairly say that the strength of his parishes came from his own willingness to assume and ability to wear, while standing before his fellow-men, the mantle of leadership; and from his willingness to wear and ability to assume, while standing with his fellow-men before the altar, the cloak of discipleship.

BISHOP JOHNSON AS A BOSS

By

BENJAMIN DAGWELL

*Bishop of Oregon and Formerly Dean
of the Denver Cathedral*

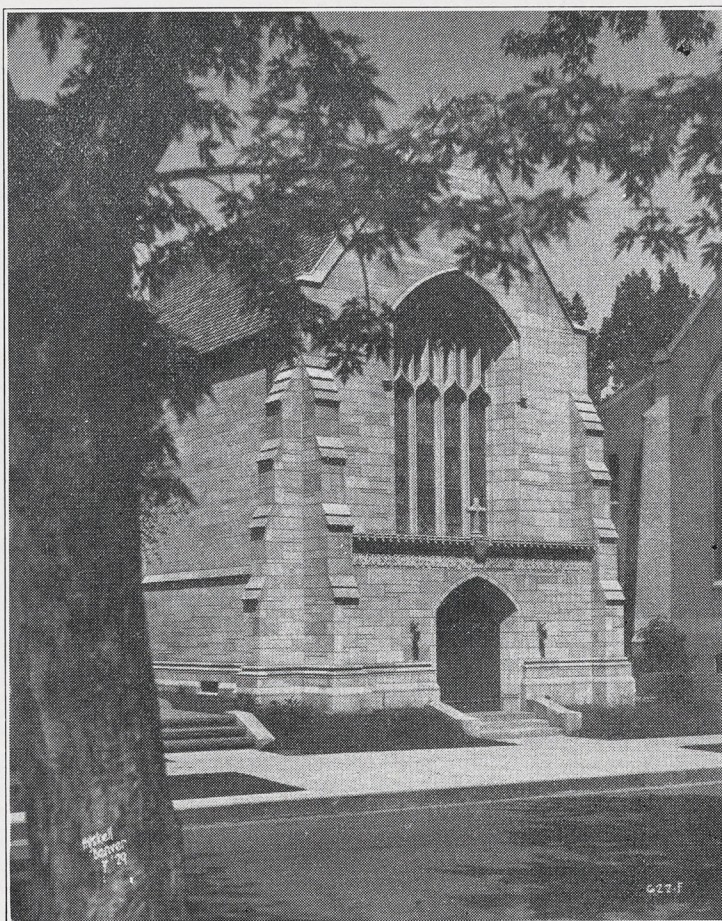
JOHNSON as a Boss — what a subject! What a title for my former seminary professor and diocesan! Bishop Johnson never bossed anyone, not even his wife. Of course, as I recall numerous episodes in my association with him, I confess that he has a habit of letting people do his way.

Somehow he has managed to gain a reputation for being brutally frank. "He always hits the nail on the head," people say of him. Yes, but it is never with a stinging blow. There is such kindness with his force that one is glad to be driven in the right direction.

I have never heard him criticized but that a qualifying remark has followed voluntarily. "He is away too much," someone says, but adds, "Of course, it is always on Church work." "He pays no attention to details," says another, but smiles and adds, "He sees to it that we attend to them."

Bishop Johnson never forgets that he is the shepherds' shepherd. In any dispute between pastor and people he is found on the side of the poor parson. Once I presumed to criticize him for that but he was adamant. He is a democrat and is for the forgotten man. Of course, if one were derelict in a matter of morality or of attention to duty, I can imagine one would have a painful interview with "I. P. J." But he is adept at reconciling differences between clergy and people. He has a way of believing in his men and helping them to adjust their difficulties and to conquer their weaknesses. A great story teller, he has an appropriate tale for each situation and when the moral has penetrated one's inner consciousness one realizes that the Bishop spake this as a parable.

Bishop Johnson never bosses in diocesan conven-



THE DENVER CATHEDRAL
Exterior of St. Martin's Chapel

tion, but things do move and always in his direction. "Did you see the steam roller working today?" an old-timer asked a new clergyman. "If you think Bishop Johnson a steam roller," said the clergyman, "you should have been in the diocese of —." There the convention was a riot because the Bishop tried to run everything and the clergy and laity were always bucking him. "Well, in Colorado," said the experienced layman, who was a politician himself, "we have an expert at the throttle who knows how to handle a steam roller."

A great preacher, the Bishop is in demand all over the country, and being generous and obliging, he has probably preached in more pulpits than any clergyman in this Church. He knows, consequently, the strength and the weakness of the Church. He is full of ideas and suggestions that he has gleaned in his travels. These he passes out gently, not as orders to men whose work is weak or whose ideas are meager, but just as casual conversation so that "he that hath ears to hear" may indeed hear something profitable.

Not a "boss" but a leader, an example, a pattern to the pastors and the flock, that is Bishop Johnson's role. "The disciple is not above his master," and Bishop Johnson's clergy could not be arrogant, self-assertive, lazy or self-indulgent when before them is the example of one utterly devoted to the service of the Master and His Church.

THREE NEW CHURCHES IN COLORADO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY

By RALPH CROSMAN
of the University of Colorado

To commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the episcopate of The Right Reverend Irving Peake Johnson, bishop of the Diocese of Colorado, the people of the Church in that state have joined in a diocesan-wide thank offering, the proceeds of which will be used to build three new churches. Every communicant in every parish and mission in the diocese, numbering ten thousand, will have opportunity to participate in the offering.

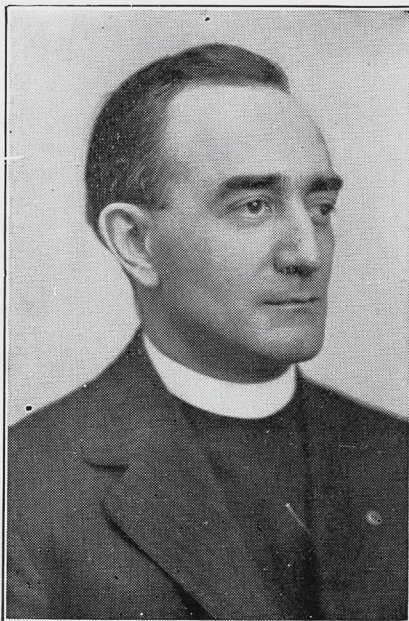
The three new churches will be built in Cortez, in the extreme southwestern part of the state, in Lamar, in the Arkansas Valley, and in Estes Park, the village and center of the Rocky Mountain National Park, a mountain playground that is visited annually each summer by thousands from every section of the country.

Bishop Johnson was consecrated January 1, 1917. He became bishop at a time when the diocese was in a state of disorganization, both temporally and spiritually. He faced the forbidding task of reviving the spiritual life of the Church, of inspiring the clergy, of reenlisting the laity, of bringing order out of chaotic temporal affairs, of assuming responsibility for an extensive missionary district.

With executive ability rarely found in a cleric, with qualities of leadership that compel all to follow willingly and cheerfully, with wisdom, godliness, tremendous spiritual power, Bishop Johnson has, during the past twenty years, led the Church in Colorado to a high plane of spiritual life and temporal efficiency. He has, also, during this time, exercised a great and extensive influence upon the life of the state. Few are the educators, professional men, business men, public officers, or men, women, and children in the ordinary walks of life who have not in some way come under his influence.

It will be, therefore, with true thankfulness, and love, and devotion, and appreciation that the people of the Church in Colorado will contribute to the thank-offering to celebrate Bishop Johnson's anniversary.

The use of the offering to build three new churches is most appropriate. These structures will be visible signs of the spread of God's kingdom on earth, to which Bishop Johnson has contributed so extensively, and they will be living testimonials of his successful stewardship. The churches will be built in widely separated localities, and will



BISHOP WILSON
Columnist for Fourteen Years

serve many communicants now being partially or wholly deprived of the ministrations of the Church.

Cortez is a town of 1500, located in a fertile valley in the southwestern corner of Colorado not far from the New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah boundaries. It is the county seat of Montezuma County, it serves an extensive trade territory, is on a main north-and-south automobile highway, is a junction point for freight and passenger traffic from Arizona and California to Denver and points north, and will soon have an outlet into Utah. It is only a few miles from the famous Mesa Verde National Park, well-known for its ruins of early Indian cliff-dwellings. The town has only two or three small and antiquated church buildings which were erected when it was much smaller in population. It has no Episcopal Church.

Lamar is the largest town in Colorado in which there is no Episcopal church building. It has a population of 4500, is the county seat of Prowers County, located near the southeast corner of the state, and is a thriving center for an extensive agricultural area of the Arkansas Valley.

The new church in Estes Park will serve a most useful purpose, for it will provide an opportunity for worship for thousands who go to this famous Rocky Mountain park for rest and recreation each summer, and who, now, have no services of the Church within their reach. Last summer more than 550,000 persons from every state in the Union and many foreign countries visited the Rocky Mountain National Park.

THE WITNESS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO INTERESTING PAPER

By WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

The first number of *THE WITNESS* was dated January 6, 1917. It had a newspaper format with five columns on each of its eight pages and was printed on newsprint paper. The center of the first page of the initial number carried a large box quoting from an address delivered in the General Convention the year before by the late Bishop Reese of Southern Ohio in which he said, "If the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches have felt the importance of providing a newspaper for wide circulation, certainly our own Church can and ought, in the interest of developing the religious life of our people, to make such a paper possible."

The first column on the front page carried the story of the consecration of the Rev. James Wise as Bishop Coadjutor of Kansas, and the rest of the page was given to a review of the accomplishments of the General Convention, held in St. Louis in the fall of 1916. This story was written by John C. Sage, one of the founders of *THE WITNESS*, who soon after became Bishop of Salina. The second page was devoted largely to a department on Personal Religion, edited jointly by Francis S. White, later dean of the cathedral in Cleveland, and H. J. Mikell, soon to be elected Bishop of Atlanta. Space was found also on the page for a story headed "Churchmen as Ignorant as Fiji Islanders", which carried quotations from numerous letters which seemed to justify the heading and the conviction on the part of the founders of *THE WITNESS* that a plain paper for plain people was needed. One letter, for example, was from a Churchwoman who was much concerned because she had heard that the Episcopal Church was taking steps to eliminate the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments from the Prayer Book.

"What the Church Teaches and Why We Believe Her" appeared on page three and was the work of Irving P. Johnson who seems to have written about half the copy in this and subsequent numbers. Page four was devoted largely to Church news, with an interesting column interpreting the news prepared by John C. Sage, under the heading "Men and Events in the World's Eye." There was a story about the heroism of Cardinal Mercier and also a juicy bit quoting a sermon preached by the Bishop of London in which the prelate spoke in righteous indignation.
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SALUTES TO THE SKIPPER

Bishop Johnson's episcopate is measured by something more than the number of years since his consecration, or by the positions he has filled. He has shown a conception of the Church larger than has been reached as yet in our branch of the Anglican Communion. His administration of ecclesiastical and of civic affairs is not bounded by the official interpretation of the tasks assigned him. His utterances, always heard or read with eager interest, breathe a spirit more comprehensive than the occasion which he addresses or the publications which record them. His pastoral and episcopal ministrations which have touched and blest the lives of countless individuals and whole communities have a prophetic strain carrying the message of Bishop Johnson beyond a term of years and beyond the regions where he has been known.

JAMES DEWOLF PERRY
Presiding Bishop

In addition to the many widely read editorials of Bishop Johnson in *THE WITNESS* over a period of twenty years, his unique and very rich contribution to the Church has been through his work as Mission preacher. With a scholarly background which equips him to present the principles of the Church on historical grounds, he has the faculty of putting forth its claims to the allegiance of men and women in such fashion as to make wide appeal. His sermons are of a kind that give more than a passing interest. They are remembered and stay with his hearers. He has been so generous in giving himself to this work as to become known and loved in all parts of the country.

PHILIP COOK
President of the National
Council and Bishop of Delaware

Bishop Johnson has made the office of Bishop a symbol and instrument of unity in the diocese of Colorado. His is recognized as the finest mind in the state. He has exercised both leadership and fraternity among the brethren. No Bishop has made a greater contribution to the whole American Church. Gifted as few men, he possesses the rarest virtue among the great—humility. Hence our "Laus Deo."

FRED INGLEY
Bishop Coadjutor of Colorado

Bishop Johnson's unwaivering faith, his loyalty to the Church, his true devotion and his remarkable gifts have made him and his work a blessing to all of us and his fair-

mindedness, his genial humor and sanity of judgment and his fearless expression of convictions are appreciated by the whole Church.

WILLIAM T. MANNING
Bishop of New York

To serve for twenty years as a Bishop of the Church and still to retain the enthusiastic zeal and independent leadership that characterized you at the time of your consecration is a great achievement. To serve as editor of a Church weekly and still retain your faith in human nature and your irrepressible good humor is another great achievement. When the two coincide as they do in the case of Bishop Johnson of Colorado, founder and editor of *THE WITNESS*, the occasion is indeed one of great rejoicing. On this happy occasion I send you my congratulations and those of all the readers of *The Living Church*—Congratulations to one who is the dean of editors of the Episcopal Church press though his paper is the youngest of the Church weeklies.

CLIFFORD P. MOREHOUSE
Editor of *The Living Church*

I know I express the sentiments of all who know Bishop Johnson when I assert that our lives have all been richer, more interesting and more valuable because we have had the privilege of associating with his great and marvelously influential personality. I want to testify to his genius as a friend,—a most understanding, a most sympathetic, and a most affectionate one. As a preacher he is unique and no one can estimate the good he has done by his great preaching power wherever he has gone.

MILO HUDSON GATES
Dean of the Cathedral
of St. John the Divine

My first impression of Bishop Johnson was formed at the General Convention in Cincinnati in 1916. He was with strength and eloquence pleading with the president of the House of Deputies for better western representation on the committees of the House. Seriousness of purpose was given the salt of good humor and incisive wit. I knew that much could be expected of him. He has not disappointed that impression. I value him as a personal friend, a strong leader, a worthy Bishop, a true man, a great editor. May many more years be given him for his great work.

WILLIAM MERCER GREEN
Bishop Coadjutor of Mississippi

By his forthrightness, combined with a keen sense of humour and un-

derstanding of human nature, Bishop Johnson has made a notable contribution to the whole Church; and I gladly join in wishing him God's rich blessing and strength to continue his invaluable services.

G. ASHTON OLDHAM
Bishop of Albany

It is a great and sincere pleasure to be asked to join in a tribute to the Editor of *THE WITNESS*, the Bishop of Colorado. Bishop Johnson is a unique figure and force in the Church, active, vital, and original. Through his editorials, his preaching, and his position in the House of Bishops, he exerts a tremendously wide influence in the entire Church.

HENRY K. SHERRILL
Bishop of Massachusetts

Bishop Johnson is endowed with a remarkable mind and an infallible memory. His clear-cut judgment and his unswerving devotion to his ideals have made him a great leader in the Church. His editorials in *THE WITNESS* are the most helpful messages which get into print.

FREDERICK G. BUDLONG
Bishop of Connecticut

In a large measure Bishop Johnson has been the voice of the Church through the medium of *THE WITNESS* and his forthright editorials have been not only confidence but evidence of a sincere and consecrated heart in the soul of a bishop. May he enjoy many more years in this ministry.

CHARLES THOMAS WALKLEY
Rector of Grace Church, Orange, N. J.

Bishop Johnson holds a unique place among his brethren and in the Church. Endowed with a keen and well-stored mind, he has made a real contribution by his preaching and his writings but above all by his sympathetic interest in the down-trodden and oppressed and by his ready helpfulness. His wit adds to the charm of his personality; his unfailing good nature makes him an agreeable companion; his "catholic" vision precludes the possibility of partisanship; his courage is no less than his convictions.

JOSEPH M. FRANCIS
Bishop of Indianapolis

Bishop Johnson, twenty years a Bishop, twenty years an editor, twenty years a consecrated, devoted servant, twenty years a safe rock to tie to, twenty years a cheerful, happy guide.

ZEBOIM C. PATTEN
Layman of Chattanooga

For twenty years in pen and speech, with wit and fancy, with exact truth and a dash of exaggeration, Bishop Johnson has been administering heroic treatment to Episcopalians.

WINFRED H. ZEIGLER
Bishop of Wyoming

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Bishop Johnson guided my studies, ordained me a deacon and then a priest and united me to my wife in holy wedlock. I can attest to the fact that he is in all ways a true Father in God.

ARTHUR H. AUSTIN
Rector, Grace Church, Louisville

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Twenty years a bishop, and the same length of time an editor of THE WITNESS, which he founded! I can't just make up my mind whether he has been a greater bishop or a greater editor. When I look at the man, and I dwell on the many brilliant and fearless articles that have come from his pen, I am bound to come to the conclusion he has been equally great and effective in both capacities.

WILLIAM PORKESS,
Rector at Wilkinsburg, Pa.

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Bishop Johnson is one of the sanest, soundest and most refreshing writers on religious matters that I have come across. I have read his articles in THE WITNESS with the greatest of regularity and the maximum of enjoyment. His wit and common sense enhance his fine spiritual appreciations. He is never stodgy, never affected, never posy or prosy and one always knows exactly what he has in mind. As a layman I rejoice in him as a writer; as a preacher, as a Bishop and as a Christian brother.

FRANK W. MOORE
Layman of Auburn, New York

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Never have I heard Bishop Johnson preach that I have not felt his clear thinking and fine interpretation. For years I have read with eagerness his editorials, on account of which I have not only recommended THE WITNESS to many but have subscribed for it for others as gifts.

MRS. JOHN McEWEN AMES
Laywoman of Topeka, Kansas

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In founding THE WITNESS Bishop Johnson has given to the Church a much needed publication which has appealed to average Churchmen throughout the Church. It is a favorite with laymen. His friends love him because of his brilliance, his sound views and delightful expression of humor. His contribution alone is worth the price of the publication.

HENRY D. PHILLIPS
Rector at Columbia, S. C.

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I admire Bishop Johnson because he lives for the Church and the faith

and gets a lot of fun out of doing it. He is as sane as Hooker, as pungent as Chesterton and as witty as Sidney Smith. As an editor and educator he has done the Church, through THE WITNESS, a service that nobody else was fitted to do so well.

ARTHUR B. KINSOLVING
Rector of St. Paul's, Baltimore

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Bishop Johnson has been a dynamic power in the Church throughout his whole career. His articles in THE WITNESS have been often brilliant and always wisely informing.

THEODORE D. BRATTON
Bishop of Mississippi

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I cannot with a few words pay proper tribute to a great Church leader. Restricting myself to ten words, I say: "He seen his duty and he done it nobly," which really fills the bill.

CHARLES ALFRED JOHNSON
Layman of Denver

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The articles in THE WITNESS from the pen of Bishop Johnson have been the most informing, the most nourishing and the most profoundly stimulating which I have discovered in any Church papers published in America or England during the last twenty years.

ERNEST M. STIRES
Bishop of Long Island

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The Auxiliary is grateful to Bishop Johnson for his wisdom and his humor and his friendship.

GRACE LINDLEY
Executive Secretary, Woman's Auxiliary

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Bishop Johnson I greatly admire. I shall never forget his delightful presence on the campus of Racine College in those early days as we struggled toward the formation of the summer school. Good wishes to Bishop Johnson and THE WITNESS.

MRS. ROBERT B. GREGORY
Laywoman of Chicago

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Bishop Johnson is one of the most stimulating members of our modern Episcopate. No member of the Church has given such continuous common sense—and Catholic—witness to the pleasure of this American Church.

HIRAM R. BENNETT
Dean at Wilmington, Delaware

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The people, priests and bishop of Utah join in glad thanksgiving for Irving Johnson.

ARTHUR W. MOULTON
Bishop of Utah

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Twenty years ago, at Bishop Johnson's request, I joined the group which was planning the founding of THE WITNESS, and with dear Frank White, became joint editor of a devotional page. But from the beginning it was the forcefulness and brilliance of Bishop Johnson, as editor-in-chief,

Twenty Years

As Bishop and

FOR twenty years Bishop Johnson has been giving his weekly message through THE WITNESS. It was his hope, and that of his associates, that the paper would have a wide circulation, and also that the paper might be self-sustaining. Neither hope has been realized. The circulation has never been what a paper for the laity of the Church should be; while the annual deficits cumulated in twenty years into a c

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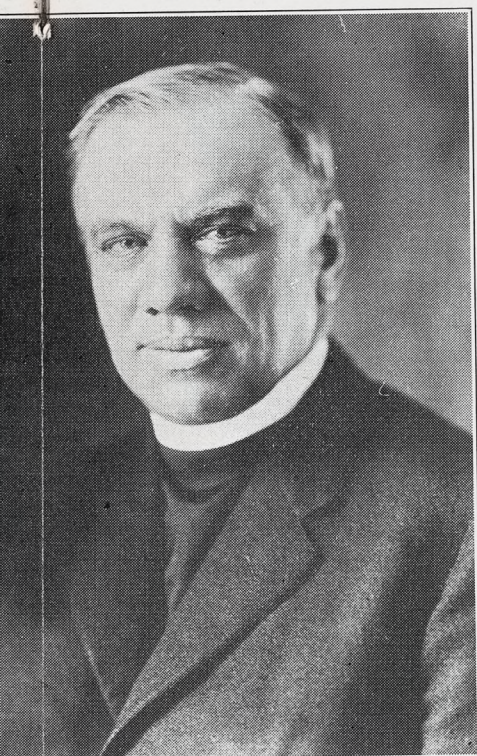
H. J. MIKELL
Bishop of Atlanta

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HERMAN PAGE
Bishop of Michigan
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Bishop Johnson has my utmost ad-
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WARREN L. ROGERS
Bishop of Ohio
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To know the genial and witty Bish-
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know whether he has a Crozier, but if
he has, it may well bear some resem-
blance to a golf club!

ALEXANDER MANN
Bishop of Pittsburgh
* * *

The whole Church is deeply indebted
to Bishop Johnson for his fine work as
Editor of THE WITNESS. I am sure
nothing would make him happier than
a program such as the Advisory
Board has outlined which would mean
the permanence of this valuable paper
during the years to come.

FRANK W. STERRETT
Bishop of Bethlehem
* * *

Bishop Johnson during his twenty
years as Bishop has done a notable
work for the Church. No part of it is
more notable than the founding and
editing of THE WITNESS.

EDWARD L. PARSONS
Bishop of California
* * *

I am heartily for your WITNESS and
your Bishop.

JOHN N. LEWIS
Rector of St. John's, Waterbury
* * *

The mold was broken when Irving
Johnson was born. A keen mind, a
deep sense of the spiritual world and
a physical energy were balanced in
equal proportions. And a heart so gen-
erous that he has always kept himself
poor materially, with the richness of
his mind and soul increasing with ad-
vancing years.

E. B. WOODRUFF
Dean at Sioux Falls, S. D.
* * *

As one of the younger bishops whose
heart is often warmed by the friend-
liness and smile of Bishop Johnson,
may I extend to him, to THE WITNESS
and the Church heartiest congratula-
tions on this anniversary. Godliness
with a sense of humor is a great gain.

FRED GOODWIN
Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia
* * *

The whole Church is indebted to
Bishop Johnson for founding THE
WITNESS 20 years ago and the obliga-
tion has been increased by the inspir-
ing editorials which have come from
his pen. It is a privilege to express my
congratulations to THE WITNESS and
my hope that the present Editor-in-

Chief may long continue in charge
of it.

EDWARD HUNTINGTON COLEY
Bishop of Central New York
* * *

"The voice of him that crieth in the
wilderness, prepare ye the way of the
Lord, make straight in the desert a
highway for our God." (Isaiah XL-3.)
These words have been fulfilled in the
unselfish life, labor and devotion of
Rt. Rev. Irving Peake Johnson, Bish-
op of Colorado. Those who have heard
his inspiring messages will always
think of him as a great prophet and
teacher.

GEORGE A. BEECKER
Bishop of Western Nebraska
* * *

It has been my privilege to know
Irving P. Johnson for over thirty-five
years and while on occasion our opin-
ions differed, nevertheless his friend-
ship was always constant. He has a
remarkable mind and excels in logic.
His points in argument are so clear
and definite it is difficult to refute
them. This, together with his wonder-
ful memory, makes him outstanding
in the American church.

GEORGE A. N. KING
Layman of Minneapolis
* * *

Hearty congratulations to THE
WITNESS and Bishop Johnson. You
have both performed a notable service
in producing a religious paper which
subscribers actually read. Every suc-
cess and blessing through the next
twenty years.

R. E. L. STRIDER
Bishop Coadjutor of West Virginia
* * *

As one of his associates on THE
WITNESS staff during its early years,
I recall the clear and unique policy
which initiated and promoted this new
Church periodical. That Bishop John-
son's policy was sound, and appre-
ciated by Church people, is shown by
the popularity of THE WITNESS in all
geographical sections of our country.
Bishop Johnson's editorials and per-
sonality made THE WITNESS. THE
WITNESS made Mr. Spofford manag-
ing editor. Each seems indispensable
to the other, even as that trio is in-
dispensable to an increasing number of
Churchmen each year.

J. A. SCHAAD
Former Associate Editor
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It would be safe to say that no
bishop in the past two decades has be-
come more widely known or more uni-
versally esteemed than the eloquent,
wise and thoroughly human Bishop of
Colorado.

H. P. ALMON ABBOTT
Bishop of Lexington
* * *

Bishop Johnson has had a remark-
able Episcopate and has endeared him-
self, not only to his diocese, but to the
Church at large. His radiant person-
ality, his sense of humor, his ability to
think deeply and constructively on vi-

tal questions confronting the Church, have found outlet in THE WITNESS where we all have opportunity to share in his keen, refreshing and analytical editorials.

FRANK W. CREIGHTON
Bishop Suffragan of Long Island
* * *

No one in the Church—bishop, priest or deacon—possesses the combination of wit, spiritual insight, and practical understanding of things earthly and heavenly as they really are quite like the Bishop of Colorado. We have laughed with him, but we have never laughed at him. We have been stirred by him, but only to broader and nobler thoughts and feelings. Therefore, we hail Bishop Johnson on his twentieth anniversary and THE WITNESS which he so ably fostered.

WYATT BROWN
Bishop of Harrisburg
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As one of the many who have cherished Bishop Johnson's friendship, it is a pleasure to congratulate the Diocese of Colorado on the completion of twenty years of his Episcopate. May the attractiveness of his personality long continue its help to the Church.

SAMUEL THORNE
Layman of New York
* * *

I hold Bishop Johnson in the highest esteem, and cherish his friendship for me. He is a virile leader in all that is best in the welfare and upbuilding of the Church. By his personality and by the wise use of his gifts and talents he has made a distinct contribution to the work and growth of the Church. We hope he may long be spared among us to carry on in his own most helpful way.

DAVID LINCOLN FERRIS
Bishop of Rochester
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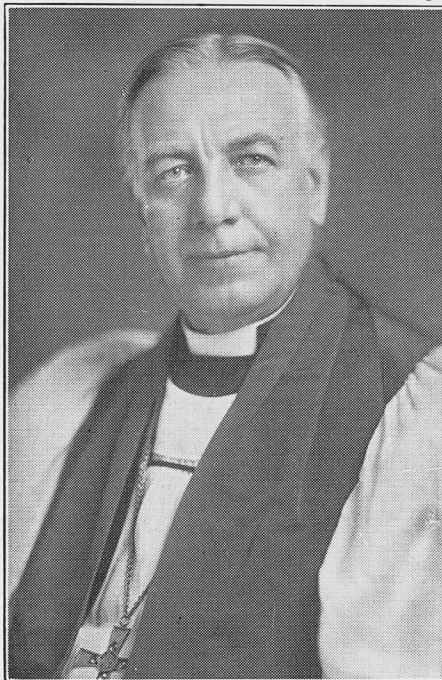
Bishop Johnson has a rare gift in that he knows how to combine wisdom and humor. Out of his experience as a priest and a bishop, he has learned much that the Church needs to know. His gift of wisdom and humor gives him the power to teach in a way whereby we all may learn.

JOHN DALLAS
Bishop of New Hampshire
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The whole Church must congratulate itself upon having had twenty years of Bishop Johnson's service. But the House of Bishops must be especially thankful for its sessions can never be dull when he is present, nor a debate fruitless in which he takes part.

CAMERON J. DAVIS
Bishop of Western New York
* * *

It is a pleasure to join in a tribute to Bishop Johnson. In the House of Bishops he is always fearless in setting forth his well considered judgment. Moreover, he contributes to the discussion of the House an element of humor which is most refreshing. His



BISHOP JAMES E. FREEMAN
Chairman Witness Advisory Board

editorials in THE WITNESS make for sound religion. Even if one may sometimes disagree with him on practical policies, his articles always give food for thought. May his alert wit and consecrated wisdom long serve the Church.

BENJAMIN BREWSTER
Bishop of Maine
* * *

I do not suppose that anyone has stuck to the job of writing for a Church paper quite so persistently as Bishop Johnson. Upon this occasion of his anniversary I just want to put a personal "thank you" in not only for his faithfulness to the job but for his having kept the old Gospel ever fresh and inviting.

CLINTON S. QUIN
Bishop of Texas
* * *

Felicitations to Bishop Johnson on his completion of twenty years as Bishop of Colorado and as Editor of THE WITNESS. Fine character, loyalty to the highest ideals for the Church, clear thinking, mastery of compelling language, kind and courteous friendship—these are a few of his treasures for which we thank him.

WILLIAM L. ESSEX
Bishop of Quincy
* * *

Beloved by his brethren in the House, his great spiritual contribution to the whole Church in preaching and holding missions, his able articles in THE WITNESS, the close attention given to his words in House debate, his good judgment, these and many other qualities have made Bishop Johnson's life a blessing to the Church.

HARRY S. LONGLEY
Bishop of Iowa

Bishop Johnson's editorials in THE WITNESS have been stimulating both to the clergy and laity. His influence is felt throughout the Church.

OLIVER J. HART
Rector, St. John's, Washington, D.C.
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1917-1937 — twenty tumultuous years during which Irving Johnson has been in the thick of the battle, facing every question and problem with a courage and honesty which has made him a unique leader in the Church. Greetings to you, sir, from one who left Colorado the year you were consecrated. There's been steady progress since.

HENRY W. HOBSON
Bishop of Southern Ohio
* * *

Bishop Johnson is a grand and powerful champion of the cause of Christ, greatly beloved by us all.

WILLIAM SCARLETT
Bishop of Missouri
* * *

Bishop Johnson accepts implicitly our Lord's definition of a Christian, "Ye are the salt of the earth and the light of the world." In twenty years his salt has lost no savor and his light has not failed.

WILLIAM G. McDOWELL
Bishop of Alabama
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Simplicity and clarity; good common sense and brilliant witticisms; exemplary devotion to our branch of the historic Church—these have helped in producing in Bishop Johnson a spiritual leadership for which we are both proud and grateful.

NOEL PORTER
Bishop of Sacramento
* * *

Bishop Johnson's ready wit, kindly humor, keen intellect, sound scholarship and facile tongue and pen have endeared him to the whole Church.

JOHN D. WING
Bishop of Southern Florida
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Further tributes to Bishop Johnson, received too late for this number, have come from Bishop Ludlow of Newark, Bishop Kemerer of Duluth, Bishop Jenkins of Nevada, Bishop Lawrence of Western Massachusetts, Bishop Bartlett of Idaho, Bishop McElwain of Minnesota, Bishop Capers of West Texas, Bishop Stevens of Los Angeles, Mr. George Beggs of Fort Worth, Texas, Bishop Ivins of Milwaukee, Rev. George W. Swift of Salem, Oregon, Rev. Charles Sheerin, editor of the *Southern Churchman*, Bishop Casady of Oklahoma, Bishop Mize of Salina, Bishop Mitchell of Arizona, Rev. Karl Morgan Block of St. Louis, Rev. Arthur N. Cummings of Long Island, Rev. Spear Knebel of New York, and Robert G. Gooden, Suffragan Bishop of Los Angeles.

NEWS NOTES OF THE CHURCH IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

Edited by W. B. SPOFFORD

I rather have an idea I will get a bawling out for this number of THE WITNESS. Once before I broke into these pages on the subject of Bishop Johnson and in due time received a wire which said, "Your remarks made me feel dead. Save your obituary until that time." So we planned this number without letting him know anything about it. Comments printed elsewhere however would seem to support my opinion that there is no one in the Church more deserving of a tribute than Irving P. Johnson, and the fact that he was both consecrated Bishop of Colorado and founded THE WITNESS twenty years ago would seem to make this the proper time for it.

My connection with the paper has lasted for eighteen of these years, which is itself a tribute either to Bishop Johnson's liberalism or to his indifference to the welfare of the paper. There have been times I am afraid when he has found it hard. I know that he receives a lot of kicks, mostly from friends who are old and dear to him, and their complaints are rather apt to be about the managing editor. He has a simple way of handling them. It is form letter number one which reads as follows: "Dear; Our job is to make Episcopalians, the most cultured and the most illiterate group in the United States, read something regularly about their Church. We are not doing a very good job but we are doing the best we can. I have no doubt that you would do it much better. We will therefore sell you the paper for one dollar if you will guarantee to run it for five years. If you cannot see your way clear to accept this offer I am afraid I must ask you to let us keep on doing the best we can. Sincerely yours, Irving P. Johnson, Editor."

I was a very young man when I went to Chicago eighteen years ago to take charge of a small parish. Having agreed to do that without salary I earned my living working in a factory. A vestryman of the parish, Mr. Frank M. Clarke, was the publisher of THE WITNESS, the paper being managed by the Rev. Charles Shutt who was so devoted to it that he worked himself into a frazzle and was an easy victim of influenza. Bishop Johnson came from Denver for the funeral. I met him in the study of his friend, Charles Herbert Young, then the rector of Christ Church. "Spofford, how about being the managing editor?" I explained to



GARDINER M. DAY
The Literary Editor

him that I had just taken a parish and had accepted a job in a factory and that therefore I did not see how I could. "Well, get it out for a couple of weeks until I can find someone who will take the job." I okeyed that and have been on the job ever since, not because I wanted the job but because Bishop Johnson never did find his man. It was tough at first, particularly those early years when I spent my days in the clothing factory, my nights in the print shop and my spare moments and Sundays in a parish.

It has been a lot of fun, chiefly because of the association that it has given me with the editor. We have little in common besides a love for the Church and for baseball, yet during all these years there has been no cracking down on his part in spite of great provocation. "I don't see how any sane man can think as you do, but if you think it, say it" has always been his attitude and I am sure no subordinate could ask for more from his boss.

There are many tributes to Bishop Johnson in this Anniversary Number so that anything further from me would be superfluous—I subscribe to it all, and more. But I do not want to have this Anniversary pass without also having a word said about the many others who have helped keep the paper alive, and I hope interesting during the twenty years of its existence. Charles Shutt, the manager for the first two years, had the toughest job of all, and he gave himself to it so completely that it certainly contributed to his death. George Parkin Atwater, like Bishop Johnson, stuck with what he helped start and wrote for the paper week in and week out, until death removed him from us. Bishop Wilson likewise has been contributing his column for fourteen years. On the business side, and behind the scenes, is a fine group of men and women, all distinguished in the

Church, who make up the Advisory Board and who have stood loyally by the paper during the ups and downs. To these and to many others, from my cubbyhole in New York which we call the editorial office, I take off my hat and bow low and then straighten up and square my shoulders to face the years ahead, glad to carry on the best I know how as long as Bishop Johnson cares to have me.

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Great Increase in Church Insurance

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Church Life Insurance Corporation on January 26th it was reported that over twenty million dollars in insurance is now in force, with over \$2,000,000 written in 1936, an increase of better than ten per cent on the amount written in 1935. Moreover there was an increase of over fifteen per cent in the annuity contracts issued. Likewise the Church Properties Fire Insurance, also a subsidiary of the Church Pension Fund, reported that the total amount of insurance in force was increased from \$71,600,000 to \$77,600,000 during the past year, and is now nearly double what it was five years ago. The Church Pension Fund, incidentally, I discover in going through the copies of THE WITNESS for the first year of its existence, 1917, started operation on March 1, 1917 so that they also are soon to celebrate a twentieth anniversary.

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Social Service Sunday in Cincinnati

Because Cincinnati has a layman who really believes in social service, Social Service Sunday was really observed in all the churches of that city on January 24th, the day designated by the National Council. The layman is Dr. Billy Keller, physician and head of the Cincinnati summer school for seminary students. He rounded up a group of experts on social service and offered them as preachers to the rectors. Most of the rectors were delighted. Explaining his efforts Dr. Keller said: "We want to do something besides pray for the underprivileged. The time is here when Church people must know what is involved in adjusting lives. Organized religion, if it is to live and thrive, must learn to convey the real meaning of God in a language not of a dead generation but of today. Let the social workers tell their story."

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Three Year Program for West Texas

Bishop Capers outlined a three-year plan for the development of the work in West Texas when the convention met in San Antonio, January 17-18, and it was adopted enthusiastically. The convention voted to

relinquish all further grants from the National Council, except two items for which appropriations have been made by the Auxiliary. A campaign is to be launched at once for funds with which to liquidate debts and to provide cash for future work. One of the most encouraging parts of the convention was the report on young people's work with the report showing that they were organized in parishes and missions throughout the diocese. Deputies to General Convention: Clergy—Arthur R. McKinstry, William C. Munds, Samuel O. Capers and Charles W. C. Leel. Laymen—Albert Steves Jr., Walter Godart, Albert C. Dulaney and E. H. Keator.

Maryland Clergyman Is Deposed

The Rev. Paul O. Plenckner was deposed by Bishop Helfenstein of Maryland on January 15th.

Bishop Page Speaks to Auxiliary

Bishop Page of Michigan addressed the Auxiliary of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, on January 22, and outlined the plans for work at the cathedral—"not only interested in itself and its very important work, but in the diocese, the nation and the world."

Wyoming Bishop Starts Pence Plan

Bishop Ziegler of Wyoming, having seen how well the Bishop's Pence plan worked in his former diocese

of Chicago, started the idea out in the west as soon as he arrived in Laramie.

Canvass Fails to Show Increase

The canvass in the diocese of Southwestern Virginia, incomplete at the moment, indicates nevertheless that the goal set by the executive committee has been far from realized. Money from other sources will be drawn upon to prevent reductions in appropriations.

Chicago Parish Has Anniversary

St. Chrysostom's, Chicago, where the Rev. Dudley S. Stark is rector, celebrated its 50th anniversary on January 24 with Bishop Stewart the preacher at the founder's day ceremonies.

Women Discuss Racial Understanding

The mission study institute of the Auxiliary of Michigan was held on January 19th at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, with 16 parishes and missions represented. The subject of race relations was discussed, following the program urged by the national office of the Auxiliary. Mrs.

W. L. Torrance, diocesan educational director, Mrs. M. H. Fowler of the Y.W.C.A. for Colored women and Mrs. John C. Spaulding of Detroit were the leaders.

Advent Rector Deposed

The Rev. Benjamin Harrison, rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston, has been deposed from the ministry by Bishop Sherrill.

Church Must Stress Social Problems

Social welfare problems, including social diseases and pre-marital instruction, must be dealt with by the Church, said Rev. Walter K. Morley in being welcomed to Chicago as social service secretary at a reception held at Chase House last week. He urged the formation of parochial social service groups as a means of disseminating information.

Anniversary Service at St. James

There was a great festival service on Sunday evening, January 31st, at St. James' Church, New York, the occasion being the 127th anniversary of the parish. The combined congregations of St. James and the daugh-

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ter-church, Holy Trinity, participated. There was a choir of 150 voices, made up of five choirs; forty guilds marched in the procession and there was a sermon by the Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, rector of Emmanuel, Boston. The service was conducted by the rector, the Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, assisted by the Rev. James A. Paul, the Rev. William J. Dietrich and the Rev. H. J. Knickle, all of the parish staff.

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Inter-Racial Sunday

Churches throughout the country are to observe race relations Sunday on February 14th when cooperation between the races will be stressed. The Federal Council of Churches sponsors the Sunday.

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Preaching Retreat in Ohio

Bishop Rogers of Ohio got twelve of his younger clergy into a huddle for three days in January for a preaching retreat. Each man was required to submit in advance one of his sermons. These were swapped among the men and preached by another fellow—then torn into. There were a couple of professors there who didn't spare the young parsons. The conference was held at Trinity, Alliance.

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News Notes From Rhode Island

Bishop Bennett was the speaker on January 27th at the father-son banquet of St. Dunstan's School, held at St. Martin's parish house, Providence ... The men's club of St. Alban's, Centerdale, have done their own excavating under the church and have constructed additional parish rooms. They did the work and paid for the materials... Mrs. Lawrence M. Judd, wife of the governor of Hawaii and Father Whittemore, superior of the Order of the Holy Cross, were the speakers at the annual meeting of the Auxiliary, held in Providence on January 21st... The Rev. A. B. Beaty, in charge of the cathedral in Providence, was the speaker at the meeting of the Narragansett convocation held on January 26th.

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Lectures at Seminary of Reformed Church

The Rev. Frank Gavin, professor at the General Seminary, delivered five lectures this past month at the seminary of the Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pa., his subject being "Liberal Orthodoxy."

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Fascist Advocate Put on the Spot

Mr. Valentine Williams, journalist, who recently returned from Spain where he was with the fascist forces

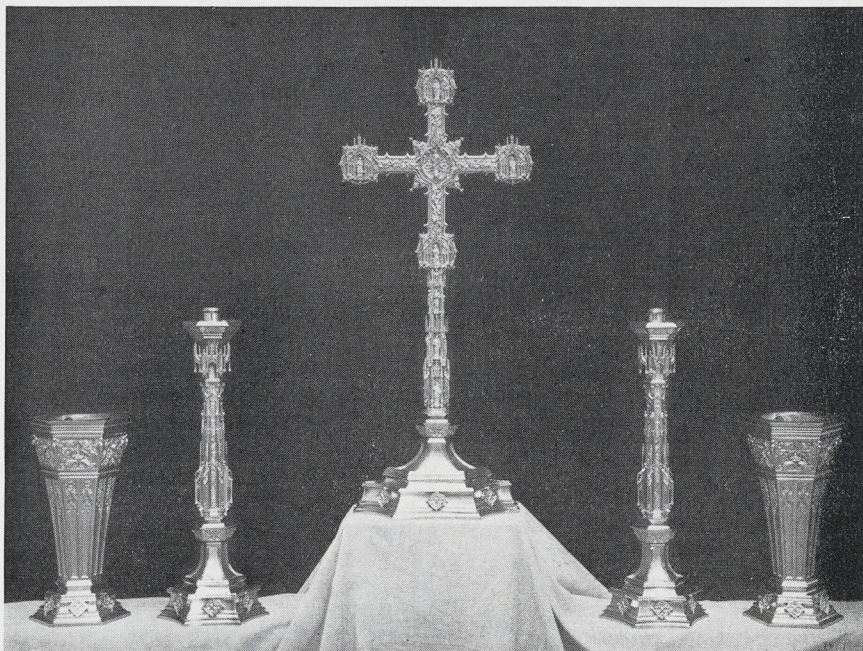
of Franco, pleaded the cause of the Spanish rebels the other day before the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. He managed to get through his address all right, but had a bit of a time during the question period, due largely to Robert Morss Lovett, Chicago University professor, who seemed to know more about Spain than did the speaker in spite of the fact that it has been some time since he was there. Dr. Lovett made the speaker admit that the Popular Front had won an overwhelming victory in the elections of last February in

spite of the fact that the fascists themselves conducted the election.

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Kentucky Merger Is All Off

The matter of merging the dioceses of Lexington and Kentucky again made the front page of Lexington newspapers when the convention met January 20th. Bishop Abbott again offered to resign as bishop of Lexington in order to allow the merger, but after considerable discussion in executive session, the convention expressed confidence in his



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leadership, disapproved of the merger and thus completely closed the matter. The following were elected deputies to General Convention: Clergy: J. Wilson Hunter, W. G. Pendleton, Franklin Davis and C. P. Sparling. Laymen: Major General George B. Duncan, E. L. McDonald, Henry T. Soper and Dr. J. Rice Cowan.

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Bishop Creighton Elected to Michigan

Bishop Frank W. Creighton, suffragan bishop of Long Island, was elected Bishop Coadjutor of Michigan on January 27th.

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Maude Royden Talking to Thousands

Maude Royden, noted woman preacher of the Church of England, addressing mass meetings throughout this country on peace, is packing them in wherever she goes. Her article on "Doing God's Will in International Relations" is to be one of the series of articles to appear in THE WITNESS during this Lent. Incidentally, have you sent in that order for a bundle? If not, please do. The series starts next week.

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Convention of Spokane

"We must keep our attention focused on the primary aspects of our faith and cooperate with others in their furtherance, instead of placing all our emphasis upon matters of secondary importance", Bishop Dagwell told the convention of the district of Spokane (Washington) meeting on January 17-19. It was cold and there was influenza but nevertheless all the clergy of the district were on hand. In his report Bishop Cross spoke of the fine showing made during the past year by the northern part of Idaho which was added to the district a year ago, and said that it demonstrated the soundness of the move. Dean McAllister was elected clerical deputy to General Convention and Mr. H. C. Whitehouse the lay deputy.

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Convention of Oregon

Bishop Dagwell having visited the convention of Spokane, Bishop Cross of Spokane returned the call and was a headliner at the convention of Oregon which met last week in Portland. Both he and Bishop Dagwell were speakers at a young people's rally on Wednesday evening and addressed the diocesan dinner the following night.

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Another Dinner for Dean Fosbroke

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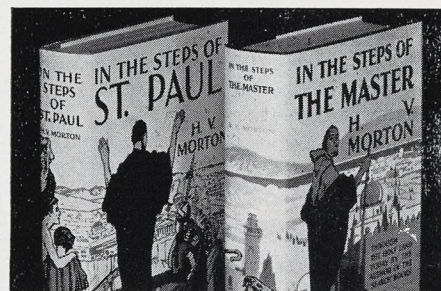
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too much rich food. Dean Fosbroke of the General Seminary was the guest of honor at a dinner of the alumni last week, the occasion being his tenth anniversary, and on February 1st he had to eat again, this time with the students, faculty and trustees. A feature of this party was the presentation of a portrait of the dean which has been hung in Hoffman Hall. The speakers were Bishop Sherrill of Massachusetts, Dean Frederick C. Grant of Seabury-Western and Henry Sloan Coffin, dean of the Union Seminary.

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New Parish House to be Used

Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon, has launched a seven-day program and also announces that a new parish house is needed to carry it out. But the new vicar, the Rev. Lansing E. Kempton, is not going to wait for the building. He has a rectory and plans to carry on increased activities, particularly with the young people, in his home until the new plant is constructed.

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Important Matters Before Chicago Convention

When Archdeacon Ziegler was elected bishop of Wyoming, Bishop Stewart of Chicago announced that he was not to appoint immediately a

A CORRECTION!

THE recent communication sent to the clergy and subscribers stated that all orders for WITNESS Bundles for Lent would have to be in by February 1st. However orders that reach the Chicago office, 6140 Cottage Grove Avenue, as late as Tuesday, February 9th, will receive the first Lenten Number. Lenten feature articles are announced under the picture of Dr. Bowie on page eleven of this paper. Prices for THE WITNESS in Bundles for the seven weeks of Lent are as follows: 10 copies each week, \$2.80; 25 copies each week, \$7; 50 copies each week, \$13. There is a discount of 10% for cash with order, otherwise we will bill Easter Week at the above prices. Order immediately and use THE WITNESS in your parish this Lent.

successor for his work in the rural areas of the diocese. The convention of the diocese, meeting this week, is likely to deal with this problem either by the appointment of an archdeacon or the election of a suffragan bishop, depending on the

wishes of Bishop Stewart. The question of the status of the Presiding Bishop, one of the big issues before General Convention in October, will also be presented by Bishop Stewart who is chairman of a National Council committee to deal with that matter. Other important matters to come before the convention will be a program for youth and memorials on world peace, if they pass the convention, will be presented to the General Convention.

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Preaching on the Psalms

The Rev. Cuthbert Simpson and the Rev. Theodore Ferris, both of the General Seminary faculty, joined forces in giving a course of lectures last week on "Preaching the Psalms" at the College of Preachers, Washington, D.C.

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Young People Meet in Newark

Officers of the Young People's Fellowship of the diocese of Newark, numbering 125 and representing 50 chapters, met on January 23 and listened to addresses by Bishop Ludlow on stewardship; the Rev. Charles L. Gomph of Grace Church, Newark, on worship; the Rev. Peter Deckenbach of Belleville, on service. The dinner speaker was Miss Dorothy May

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Fischer, national secretary of young people, who spoke on wrongs in this badly organized world and raised questions as to what young people were to do about them. Bishop Washburn was present and thanked the youngsters for that \$500 gift to the work in the diocese.

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An Expert on Young People

Declaring that a boy or girl of seventeen could plunge into the lower depths of pessimism and unhappiness as well as reach the higher planes of idealism, Mark McCloskey, New York city administrator of the National Youth Administration, threw down a real challenge to the churches at the annual luncheon of the Church Mission of Help the other day. He said that it was impossible for the federal government to do what it should for young people and that it was therefore for the private agencies to pick up the pieces and give them, with endless patience, the help they must have if they are to fit into the social scheme. Miss Marguerite Marsh, CMH secretary in New York, told of the work of the organization, and she also stated a few of the questions she is most frequently asked by young girls: "How long should an engagement be?"; "Should young people go ahead and marry on a shoestring?"; "Can love persist when economic want enters?"; "Should young people marry when they have to depend on relief, and if so should they have children?"; "Should a girl continue to work after marriage?"; "If the girl is the sole wage earner should the husband do the housework?"

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Archbishop Starts a Discussion

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in issuing a manifesto calling upon the people of England and the world to return to God, apparently started something. His call was seriously dealt with recently at the Student Christian Movement Conference, meeting in Birmingham, England, with a number of speakers declaring that the Christian call is not a call

to return to God within the field of our present social order, but a call to revolutionary changes. Dick Crossman of New College, Oxford, and Principal Bowie of Dundee, economists, were leaders who expressed this conviction.

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Convention Meets in Texas

A pageant, "The Kingdom Come" was one of the features of the convention of the diocese of Texas, meeting at Beaumont, January 24-26. The most important matter to come before the convention was the budget for 1937, with a report of the executive board indicating that drastic cuts would have to be made unless added funds were raised immediately. The theme of the convention was "Redefined Discipleship" with Bishop Quin giving a stirring address on the subject. Plans for leadership training institutes were announced, that met at Christ Church, Houston,

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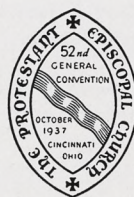
for the General Convention of 1937

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A CALL TO PRAYER for General Convention



Our Lord always prayed—and called His disciples to pray—in preparing to fulfill God's purpose.

The General Convention of our Church meets in Cincinnati on October 6th. The National Council, its Officers and Departments; the Woman's Auxiliary; the Forward Movement and other Commissions of General Convention; and the Committees and Church members in Southern Ohio are preparing for this gathering of our people. We are all called to use the prayers on this card that preparation may be faithfully made, and that all leaders and visitors who shall come to the Convention may catch a new vision of God's will, and may return to lead the Church forward with new courage. Without prayer the Church cannot meet its task in the world today.

FOR ALL MAKING PREPARATION

O LORD Jesus Christ, who in Thy work on earth didst send forward Thy disciples to prepare for Thee, vouchsafe to those entrusted with preparation for the work of our General Convention that they shall do all with the insight and diligence of love, that Thy Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONVENTION

ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst quicken Thy servants to hear Thee and obey, we pray for all Bishops and Deputies to the General Convention of this Church. Grant that they may be cleansed from all unworthiness, and with vision and courage make ready to take counsel for Thy people. And this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Bishop Green Speaks His Piece

Bishop Green, on crutches as a result of his recent automobile accident, went to bat for a resolution that was introduced in the convention of his diocese of Mississippi the other day on the matter of sweatshop conditions in industry. He took a forthright stand and said that the Church must act in such matters. The resolution barely passed. The convention voted to accept the resignation of Bishop Bratton, which of course has to go to the House of Bishops when it meets in October.

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Convention of Pittsburgh

Bishop Mann of Pittsburgh pleaded for funds for flood relief at the convention of his diocese which met January 26-27. He also urged greater activity for peace and urged a full discussion of industrial problems. A high spot of the convention was a rally for young people, attended by 500, at which the Rev. A. L. Kinsolving, rector of Trinity, Boston, was the inspirer. Deputies to General Convention: clergy—Homer A. Flint, Dean Moor, William Porkess, William F. Shero; laymen—Hill Burgwin, Theodore M. Hopke, H. Lee Mason, Charles S. Shoemaker.

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Dean Weigle in Boston

Dean Weigle of Yale Divinity was the top man at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Church Service League on January 20th. He said that excesses of present unbelief would lead to a new spiritual awakening; "it will be less individualistic and more social-minded; less emotional and better grounded in the understanding of the laws of nature and human life; less given to escape from the world and more eager to remake the world and to build there in the city of God."

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Here's a Good Line

Says Hugh Walpole, British novelist: "The world is a comedy to those who think, and tragedy to those who feel." To which might be added that the way to keep from going completely nuts is to both think and feel and, more important, to do something about it.

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Hail Fellow Type Is Out

The "hail fellow" type of priest has had his day and the sooner he fades out of the picture the better for the Church, says Bishop Jenkins of Nevada. "In trying to make the

Church popular he makes it cheap. Discipline rarely goes with popularity. Hence one finds poorly taught Church folk to whom the Church is a convenience."

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Divorced Persons May Receive in England

English bishops, meeting at the convocation of Canterbury on January 21, decided that divorced persons who remarry may receive the communion. The action was taken in rejecting a resolution introduced by the Bishop of Ely which would deny communion to such persons. The only other to support the resolution was the Bishop of St. Albans, who was the preacher at the Denver General Convention in 1931.

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Clergy Not in the Picture

All that clergymen know about the present business boom is what they read in the newspapers. Professional men generally made income gains in 1935, according to an analysis of incomes made by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, the one exception being the parsons. As a matter of fact their salaries showed a slight falling off. The total sum

paid clergymen in the United States in 1935 was \$239,221,000, which represents a per capita salary of \$1,567. The per capita income for dentists was \$2,780 and for lawyers \$2,938, which would seem to indicate that the man who helps you get out of trouble is of more value than the man who tried to keep you out of it in the first place.

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New Church Hospital for Charlotte

Plans have been announced for the construction of a new Church hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina, to take the place of the present St. Peter's Hospital. It is to cost \$350,000.

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Now Methodist Bishops Are to Crusade

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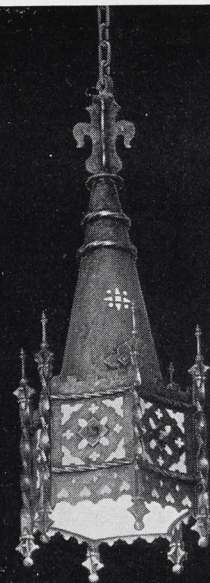
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A GAP THAT OUGHT TO BE FILLED

THERE is a discrepancy between expected income and assured needs in the missionary work of the Church for 1937. This is bad enough in any year but especially humiliating as another Triennium nears its end and the Church looks forward to General Convention.

Without any ado a plan is afoot to close this gap. Across a fair page in one of its ledgers the National Council has written:

MISSIONARY RESERVE ACCOUNT

Loyalists in the missionary cause are filling this page with a record of extra giving. Upon this effort depends whether 1937, General Convention year, shall be one of fiscal worry or of victory for the missionary cause.

The Missionary Reserve Account should reach \$150,000 if 1937 is to have a balanced budget. Otherwise there will be increased deficit and compulsory emergency appeal.

The answer is in the hands of a leadership not satisfied until every Churchman everywhere is giving generously to parish and diocese and through a partnership principle effectively at work is reaching the world activities of the whole Church.

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clergy, both Christian and Jewish, at the Graduate School of Applied Religion, Cincinnati, January 22. They had quite a time with Rabbi James G. Heller opposing Niebuhr's claim that American neutrality should be risked in order to throw democratic influence definitely in favor of European democracies in their struggle with fascism. The Rev. Frank Nelson, rector of Christ Church, supported the rabbi with Presbyterian William H. Hudnut backing the professor. Sounds like an interesting party—as most parties are when Reinie Niebuhr cuts loose.

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Bishop Ludlow Guest of Honor

Bishop Ludlow of Newark is the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the church club of the diocese, held this evening, February 4th. Others to speak are Bishop Washburn and Mr. Henry Young, Newark lawyer, who likes missions and is going to say so.

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Bishop Gilbert in Albany

Bishop Gilbert of New York was the preacher on January 24th at St. Paul's, Albany, N. Y., the occasion being the 110th anniversary of the parish. They had a lot of other things going on during the week, dinners, and talks, all arranged by the rector, the Rev. George Taylor.

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Rector Blesses Food

The Rev. Ralph A. Weatherly, rector of Grace Church, Kingston, Pa., blessed a ton or so of food, clothing and medical supplies last Saturday in Wilkes-Barre. The stuff is on the

way to the Loyalists in Spain. The supplies were collected by a local committee of the North American Committee to aid Spanish Democracy, on which are a number of parsons, including our Gardiner Day.

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Convention in Maryland

The convention of the diocese of Maryland was held at St. Michael and All Angels', Baltimore, January 27th. The Rev. Oliver J. Hart of Washington was the speaker at the diocesan dinner held the night before.

SECOND THOUGHTS (Continued from page 3)

for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars O Lord of Hosts." Psalm 104, verse 17: "The fir-trees are a dwelling for the stock."

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THE FIRST WITNESS

(Continued from page 14)

tion against "the male hawks, much more mischievous than German spies, who walk up and down this very Piccadilly night by night with an army of helpless and trembling girls under their surveillance and who take from them the very money the girls earn by their shame. I am not a bloodthirsty man, but I say shooting is too good for them." There is also the information that it was decided at General Convention to put the financial system of our dioceses, parishes and missions on a business basis.

As for the straight news in the number here are a few items; Bishop Murray of Maryland presented 1492 for confirmation in 1916; Trinity Church, Boston, pledged \$100,000 toward the Church Pension Fund; Twenty million children and young people in the United States are in no Sunday school; the Rev. Ralph B. Pomeroy, rector of Trinity Church, Princeton, N. J., was elected professor at the Seabury Divinity School to succeed the Rev. Irving P. Johnson; Bishop Millspaugh of Kansas died; Stirring addresses were made at a union service held at St. John's, St. Paul, Minnesota, by the Rev. W. S. Howard, the Rev. E. B. Woodruff and Bishop Edsall. The Rev. Edward M. Cross, rector, conducted the service. The Church Temperance Society issued an appeal to the clergy to devote a Sunday "to making America more sober" and there is a two column story of the consecration of the Rev. Hugh S. Burleson, editorial secretary of the Episcopal Board of Missions, as Bishop of South Dakota, the service having taken place in December in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York.

Page five carried the editorial by Bishop Johnson, reproduced elsewhere in this Anniversary Number, and also the first of a series of articles by Bishop Johnson, "The Story of the Christian Church." The masthead revealed the following men

as composing the editorial staff; George P. Atwater, Irving P. Johnson, Henry J. Mikell, John C. Sage, Ralph B. Pomeroy, Charles J. Shutt, Charles J. Sniffan, James Wise and Francis S. White.

Page six was devoted entirely to a column on "Religion and Education" edited by James Wise, while page seven belonged to George P. Atwater who wrote regularly for THE WITNESS until the day he died. Finally a good deal of space in this initial number set forth the plans of the editors, with the very bold announcement that they soon expected to have a circulation of a half million copies.

So much for the first number. We haven't the half million yet, nor do we ever expect to have. But we are in existence after twenty years which, if Bishop Johnson knew what he was talking about in that first editorial, would indicate that God looked favorably upon the enterprise. There is no money in the bank and there are far fewer subscribers than there ought to be, but it has all been a lot of fun, at least during the eighteen years that I have been with the sheet.



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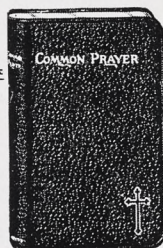
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