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CLERGY NOTES

ATKINSON, F. B., has resigned the rectorship of St. John's Church, Sharon, Pennsylvania, to take charge of the new department of promotion in the diocese of Southern Ohio, beginning October 1.

CALDWELL, JAMES G. Jr., was ordained priest on August 24th in Trinity Church, Los Angeles, by Bishop Stevens. He is the vicar of St. Bartholomew's Mission, El Sereno, California.

CLINGMAN, R. C., rector of St. Peter's Church, Talladega, Alabama, has accepted a call to become rector of St. Peter's Church, Akron, Ohio, effective September 16th.

ELDRIDGE, E., has been appointed by the National Council as a member of the Alaska staff and arrived in the field late in July. He will have charge of St. Matthew's Church, Fairbanks, Alaska.

FENN, W. R., who is in charge of All Saints' Church, Anchorage, Alaska, sailed from Seward early in June for regular furlough in the States. He will attend General Convention.

LONSDALE, H., retired priest of the diocese of Long Island, rector emeritus of St. George's Church, Astoria, New York, died at his home in Colchester, Connecticut, on August 16 at the age of 82.

MASLIN, T. P., for the past two years in charge of St. John's Church, Ketchikan, Alaska, retired on September 1.

MAYNARD, MALCOLM DE PUE, for fifteen years the rector of Grace Church, Ridgeway, Pa., has accepted the deanship of the Cathedral in Milwaukee, effective October first.

MITCHELL, S. S., retired, died of a heart ailment in North Plainfield, New Jersey on August 14 at the age of 78.

PARKERSON, C. R., Prison chaplain on the staff of the New York City Mission Society has changed his address to P. O. Box 529, Bedford Hills, New York.

STARK, L. W. F., formerly rector of the Ascension Church, Stillwater, Minnesota, became Dean of Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, effective August 15.

THORP, A. M., formerly assistant at Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio, has accepted the rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, Columbus. He will also serve as the student pastor at Ohio State University.

WILKINSON, R., can be reached at his new address, 936 Hickman Road, Augusta, Georgia, for services as a General Missioner.

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GOD'S JUDGMENT

By

BERNARD IDDINGS BELL

THE Rev. Alec R. Vidler has lately taken his place as one of the more able English theologians. His latest book, *God's Judgment on Europe* (Longmans, Green; \$1.50) deals with Christian politics today and is a penetrating and painfully moving analysis of the European situation in the light of Christianity. He comes to the conclusion that "the present European crisis is not merely a retrograde and disastrous incident after which our present civilization will sooner or later be able to resume its orderly development, but is a decisive stage in the disintegration of a civilization which for generations, if not for centuries, has been proudly emancipating itself from the authority of Christian tradition." The Christian foundations, he says, "will have to be relaid or rediscovered, for there is no way back to them now by way of a war which, however it may be moralized by those taking part in it, is a frantic and demonic struggle for power on behalf of national interests which are in process of disintegration." The war is "God's judgment on the apostacy of Christendom," and in this apostacy it is not merely the totalitarian states that are iniquitously involved. England's (and by inference America's) secularistic liberalism is as godless and worldly as the ideologies of England's enemies. England enjoys a certain sort of freedom, it is true; but a freedom almost wholly for materialistic self-seeking, rarely if at all for spiritual ends; and even that futile sort of freedom has been curtailed during late decades, and is more rapidly being curtailed during war-time. Nor can the godlessness of England be concealed from view by the "Establishment" for in England, as in Germany, the Church must keep hands off politics and economics and deal only with "personal religion" and "personal ethics." "The

shadow of the Establishment conceals the absence of its substance." Down will go all Europe, England included, because it has forgotten the sovereign majesty of God.

WHAT can the Church do in such a parlous world situation? Officially nothing much, says Dr. Vidler, for "the official mind of the Church, the utterances of the hierarchy, and the overwhelming proportion of middle-aged and elderly Church people" in England are intent merely in "endorsement at their face value of the claims of the government and of its profession of war aims." This seems to the author to involve a fatal ignorance of history and of fact. The situation, he thinks, can not be resolved merely by British victory. "When appeals are made for a Christian lead it is something more than an outburst of ecclesiastical activity that is desired. Churchly echoes of patriotic slogans will not do. What men are really asking for is an outburst of prophecy in the great Hebrew tradition. But are they not innocent if they expect such an outburst to proceed from ecclesiastics?" Not that Dr. Vidler would indulge in mere bishop-baiting; but the bishops "are to blame when they cry 'Peace, Peace' where there is no peace." No, Europe is doomed, England along with the rest. Now is the judgment of the world. Europe has tried to solve the diarchy between the eternal order and the world order by regarding the eternal order as negligible. For that mistake it must suffer even unto death. Let the Church tell the truth about this, even though to do so means suffering akin to martyrdom.

Is this pessimism near akin to cynicism? Dr. Vidler thinks not. "It is silly," he says, "to call a view pessimistic because it is unpleasant. The Christian can never be a pessimist in the end. He

knows that God is sovereign over the world, and Lord of history." God's redemption "does not suddenly change the basic elements of an historical situation, but enables those who accept it to act with insight and resolution in the most adverse conditions."

Perhaps these excerpts may prompt a reading of this extraordinary book in which Niebuhr's thought and Eliot's thought comes to a burning focus. It is especially useful now that those on this side of the great water begin to realize that this war is not merely God's judgment on Europe but on America as well. Thoughtful perusal of it may help Christians over here from foolish simplifications of a world disaster.

Talking It Over

By

WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

YOU are, I presume, familiar with the shotgun method of advertising and propaganda. It is sending out hundreds of thousands of broadsides figuring that at least a few of them will have the desired effect. Last week there appeared in newspapers throughout the country the news that seven distinguished Church leaders were in favor of conscription. Among these were three Episcopal Bishops: Bishop Manning, Bishop Davis and Bishop Stevens. The release, which we received came from the Military Training Camps Association, the organization chiefly responsible for the conscription bill. We did what we always do when we receive such releases from a New York office. We called upon the sender. In this particular case we wanted to find out two things: how many Church dignitaries were asked to make a statement favorable to conscription, and, two, did any refuse? The gentleman in charge of publicity for the Association was cagy with his answers. He would not give the exact number but replied, "Just a few." But then he went on to say, "There was no effort to poll a large group. We selected from the replies the ones most suitable for publication. Some of the others, while favoring compulsory training, preferred not to have their views published. A few were definitely opposed and a dozen or more of our messages were returned undelivered."

Certainly anyone who has had experience with mailings knows that when "a dozen or more" come back undelivered it means a large mailing. My guess is that hundreds of Church leaders were asked to issue statements favorable to conscription by this organization. If they had wanted to indicate to the public—and more important, to

Congress—how these Churchmen felt on the subject they would have reported the number favorable and the number opposed, just as one does in a straw vote. But of course this propaganda agency—and a very successful one too—was not interested in putting out a factual report. They were out to create the impression that the Christian Church is for the act, and I rather imagine they were successful in accomplishing their purpose.

There is another interesting angle to this which perhaps illustrates how the people of the country are being taken in by propaganda. Ordinarily any responsible newspaper receiving a release of this sort gets in touch with the agency sending it out and asks them the questions I asked: How many were asked to make such a statement and did any refuse? The reporter would dig out the facts and write his story based on the facts. But not so in this case. And the reason was given to me by a friend who is a reporter on a large New York newspaper: "Reporters are not fools. We know that the owners of our papers are favorable to conscription. To print that story as it was received pleased the boss. Any reporter who handled that job as it should have been handled probably would have got the sack."

I recall a cartoon of some years back which pictured an individual labelled "The Public." The top of his head had been opened, a large funnel inserted, with another figure, labelled "Newspaper and Radio" pouring lies into poor Mr. Public's head. Believe me that is going on with a vengeance today and there will be more of it before there is less.

Let's Know

By

BISHOP WILSON

HOLY CROSS DAY

ONE of our readers has written a long letter referring to a statement in this column last June that "the cross has always been a Christian symbol". The writer thinks that the Good Shepherd was the symbol of our Lord in the early centuries and says that the characteristics of the early Christians was exaltation and joyousness—"their outlook was upward rather than backward. Their thought was not so much what He once did in a moment of time in the past but what He is willing and able to do in the present."

It is true that the Good Shepherd was one of the first symbols of our Lord and it is also true that the early Christians were marked by the exaltation and joyousness of their faith. Never-

theless the place of the cross is not dimmed by either of these considerations. In the first three centuries crosses were not much in evidence because it was dangerous to display outward marks of the Christian religion. But we have it on the word of Tertullian toward the end of the second century that it had long been the custom for Christians to identify themselves to one another by making the sign of the cross on their foreheads. This was safer than to erect a cross which some inquisitive official might discover.

To the early Christians the cross was always a sign of victory. The joyousness and triumph of the faith was just as much symbolized by the cross as by the Good Shepherd or any other symbol. The crucifix in its original form about the sixth century showed the living Christ crowned and reigning from the cross.

In this connection there is an interesting day of remembrance which comes in the month of September according to the old Christian calendar. During the days of persecution the Roman emperor Hadrian had thought to ridicule Christianity by building a temple to the pagan goddess Venus on the site of the crucifixion. There the temple stood when Constantine declared himself a Christian and ended the period of persecution.

The mother of Constantine was St. Helena. She was a devout Christian and in her old age set out to find the cross on which the Savior had been crucified. There are endless legends connected with the cross and with her discovery of it. At her command the pagan temple was destroyed and workmen dug down into the earth beneath it. They finally came upon three crosses. One of them was selected as the true cross, the other two being those on which the two malefactors were executed. The discovery was made on May 3 in the year 326. A Christian church was begun at once on the sacred site and was completed during the following summer. On Sept. 13 the church was opened and the next day being Sunday, the cross was elevated on the high altar on Sept. 14. Those two dates found their places in the calendar. The first is known as the feast of the Invention of the Cross (the word "invention" here bearing its original meaning of discovery). The second date was the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. It is still widely observed on Sept. 14 in the East.

Part of that original cross is said to have been transported to Rome where it was housed in a special church built for that purpose under the title of St. Croce in Gerusalemme. An old story tells how in the seventh century the Persian king Cosroes stole the cross from Palestine and the Christian emperor Heraclius declared war and won it back.

A United Church

By

GEORGE I. HILLER

THERE was never a time when it was more essential for the Church to present a united front to the World. Are we? If so what is the purpose? The purpose of the Church does not seem to be definite and the unity not very apparent in some parishes. If the purpose of the parish is simply to maintain itself, I frankly do not believe it is worth the effort. If the purpose is to furnish social contacts, there are better organizations for that purpose. If its purpose is to furnish a few people with the opportunity to have something to do, their home and business might be the better for that additional exercise. If its purpose is to furnish a place and means for funerals and weddings, we could, it seems to me, find a good substitute. If its purpose is to teach a few desultory facts about the Bible or morality, that too might be done by the printed word and parental interest.

All of these things and some others seem to be the purposes for which people believe the Church exists. For many people the purpose of the Church seems to be a combination of these and other things. Not very definite purposes and incidentally not a very united organization.

Some parishes have more meetings, classes, activities, organizations than others. They compete, double up, and have lots of lost motion. Their membership includes people who never worship or publicly acknowledge their duty to God. The lack of unity is apparent. I wonder if that is not because definite purpose is lost sight of, and all these things have become ends in themselves instead of being means to the end.

The purpose of the Church is to lead in the Worship of God. The supreme purpose of the Church is to relate men to God and to do so through Jesus Christ—His Life and Sacraments. The energy, effort and united action of a group who had that vision of the Churches purpose—would be bent to bringing others to that purpose. Anything which forwards that purpose is valuable, and anything which does not forward it has no value so far as the Church is concerned.

When one discovers that hardly more than half of the communicants of a parish made an Easter Communion, and that the weekly average attendance at the Holy Communion is very low; that seldom if ever are half of the communicants of the parish in church on Sunday; then we must sorrowfully conclude that we cannot have much unity until we have a clear grasp of the Church's definite purpose.

Tough Lamb

"IT HASN'T got around yet, but the engagement between my daughter Minnie and Harry Purdy is off," explained Warden Johnston.

"It might be better if one of you fellows spoke to him."

"No," insisted Vestryman Greene. "You are the logical man, for you know him better than the rest of us do and someone has got to get after him. Remember what the Rector told us about stray lambs, last week?"

"Oh, well, if you put it that way, I suppose I will have to do it," reluctantly consented the Warden.

Accordingly, the next time he met Harry Purdy, he waded right into the subject, like this. "See here, Harry, ever since you joined the Lodge, you have been missing from Church more times than you have been present. What is the matter with you, anyway?"

The Warden's tactful approach must have irritated Harry, for he responded with some heat, "There's a whole lot the matter with me, if you want to know. In the first place, I am sick of the Rector and all the Hundred Percenters looking at me as if I had been stealing sheep, every time I skip Church. There is entirely too much importance attached to Church attendance.

"Then there's another thing that gets on my nerves,—the expense. I pledge fifty cents a week and it ought to be enough, but I have had two or three hints, lately, that I ought to double it, considering the size of my salary. My money is my own and it gets me sore to have people telling me how I ought to spend it.

"Nobody worries how much I stay away from the Lodge, as long as I am square on the books. I pay the same six dollars a year that everybody else does and that's the end of it."

Harry paused for breath but, before the Warden could get in a word, he went on. "I know what you are going to say, 'It's God's Church' and all that. It's God's Lodge, too, and, if I live up to my obligations, I'll take my chance on Salvation. For two cents, I would pay up my pledge for the year and quit Church, altogether. That's what's the matter with me."

Then the Warden had his innings. "Yes, Harry," he snapped, "the Lodge is God's and so is every other organization that believes in Him and tries to do a bit of His work, but there isn't a decent organization on the face of the earth

that doesn't require a certain loyalty and some sort of sacrifice from its members. Evidently, those qualities are not in your make up. Go ahead and do what you say. The Church will lose nothing, the Lodge will get nothing and—I'm darned glad you are not going to be my son-in-law."

"By the way, Warden," inquired Vestryman Greene, a few days later, "did you have your interview with young Purdy?" "I'll say I did," replied the Warden, "and it's no more 'stray lambs' for me. That one was tough. Still, come to think of it, maybe I was a little bit tough, myself."—THE CHURCHMOUSE.

Christian Family



THE picture is of the Rev. and Mrs. Kimber Den and their eight children, taken this summer at Lichwan, China, where Mr. Den is carrying on such fine work for Chinese refugees, especially children. The whole family are refugees themselves in a sense, having been obliged to move, mostly by foot, hundreds of miles from their home. During the trek there was an air raid in which the family scattered for safety. Two of the younger boys in this picture were lost for several days. When they rejoined their parents they explained that they had hidden in a rain barrel and kept repeating the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Den, who has a world-wide reputation for work he previously did for lepers, is now caring for refugees, supported in large part from funds donated by friends in the United States. He assures us that \$15 will clothe, feed and house a Chinese child for an entire year, while \$250 will build and furnish a cottage that will take care of twenty refugees. Donations for this work may be sent to the Church League for Industrial Democracy, 155 Washington Street, New York, with checks made payable "Treasurer . . . C.L.I.D."

CLID ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS FOR THE CONVENTION FORUM

Outstanding leaders of industrial life are to be the speakers at forum meetings to be held at the General Convention in Kansas City under the auspices of the Church League for Industrial Democracy. All meetings are to be held in a large hall in the municipal auditorium, the meeting place of the Convention, immediately following the adjournment of the morning session of the House of Deputies.

On October 10th the speaker is to be Mr. Roger N. Baldwin, the director of the American Civil Liberties Union, who is to speak on "Maintaining Civil Liberties in America." Bishop Robert N. Spencer of Missouri, host of the Convention, is expected to be the chairman of this opening meeting. The following day, Friday, October 11th, Carey McWilliams, chief of the division of housing and immigration of the state of California, is to speak on the "Plight of the Sharecroppers." Mr. McWilliams is the author of "Factories in the Field" which is frequently referred to as the factual "Grapes of Wrath." Bishop Robert B. Gooden, suffragan of Los Angeles, is to be the chairman. On Saturday, during the Young People's week-end, the address will be by Jack McMichael, the president of the American Youth Congress, who is a student at the Union Theological Seminary and formerly a missionary in China. He is to speak on "Youth in the Modern World." Bishop Huston of Olympia is the chairman.

There will be no meeting on Sunday but the forum will resume on Monday, October 14th, with a highlight in the program when Mr. John L. Lewis, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and of the United Mine Workers, is to speak on "What Labor Expects of the Church." Bishop Parsons of California, the president of the CLID, is to be the chairman. Following this outstanding labor leader the League presents a distinguished employer the following day when Miss Josephine Roche, president of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company, is to speak on Labor Relations from the point of view of an employer. Miss Roche was formerly assistant treasurer of the United States and for a number of years has been the chairman of the White House conferences on child welfare. Bishop Malcolm Peabody, coadjutor of Central New York, is the chairman.

The problem of race relations will



MISS JOSEPHINE ROCHE
To Speak at CLID Meetings

be dealt with on October 16th by Dr. Max Yergen, president of the National Negro Congress and a professor at New York University. Dr. Yergen's subject is "The Negro in American Life." The chairman will be Bishop Beverley D. Tucker of Ohio and a vice-president of the CLID. The final CLID meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17th, when John Foster, Episcopal missionary in China and professor at Central China College, is to speak on the situation in China. Mr. Foster has been a leader in promoting the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives and has made two visits to the Eighth Route Army, being at their headquarters for several months on his most recent visit. It was the Eighth Route Army that was described so vividly in Edgar Snow's "Red Star over China," a best-seller of some months ago. Bishop Henry Sherrill of Massachusetts is to be the chairman.

On Friday, October 18th, a meeting will be held in the same hall under the auspices of the Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship when the whole question of the attitude of Church people to war will be discussed. The Rev. Elmore McKee, rector of St. George's, New York, will be the speaker and Bishop W. Appleton Lawrence of Western Massachusetts and a member of the National Council, the chairman.

In addition to the forum meetings the CLID is to have an exhibit in the hall set aside for that purpose and it is also expected that motion pictures showing some of the more recent struggles of organized labor will be presented before each meeting.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE NEWS OF ALL THE CHURCHES

Edited by WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

Charles F. Andrews, whose initials were once said by an Indian friend to stand for "Christ's faithful apostle," is to have a hall named after him at Santiniketan, Bengal, which was where he carried on much of his great work in India. The appeal for funds is made by a distinguished committee headed by Mahatma Gandhi, Abdul Kalam Azad, president of the Indian National Congress and Bishop Wescott, Anglican metropolitan of India. The purpose of the center will be for the study of the teachings and character of Jesus and its application to the solution of international problems. The appeal states that \$150,000 is needed for the project. Andrews, a clergyman of the English Church, identified himself completely with the national movement in India and was called by the natives, *deena bandhu*, which means friend of the poor. The work at Santiniketan is now in charge of Rabindranath Tagore, who was Andrew's life-long friend.

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A Veteran Writes a Letter

Orrin L. Keener, a veteran of the last war now living in Berea, Kentucky, asks a question: "Are those who favor the draft motivated only by patriotism? Let us make a severe test to find out. If America is now or soon will be in serious danger, then these men will not object to the draft of wealth to pay now the full cost of today's preparedness; the nation will be stronger unburdened by terrible debt. If some other motive is there, the proposal to draft wealth ahead of young men will bring it out. Sincere patriots will give their wealth as quickly as they will ask others to give their sons. Put drafting wealth ahead of drafting youth: that will reveal men's real patriotism." We will ask that question of Mr. Grenville Clark and Mr. Julius Ochs Adler, the two wealthy men who have been the chief proponents for the conscription law, and present their answers, if any, in a future issue.

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Jehovah's Witnesses Have Convention

Fifteen thousand of Jehovah's Witnesses, that strange sect that prefers prison to compromise, gathered in Detroit recently for a national convention. They were welcomed to the city not by city officials but by

strong protests from the American Legion and other "patriots," and before the five day period was over 60 of them were lodged in jail for distributing literature on the street. However they apparently did a thorough job in getting their views before people, the city being divided into sections with teams of disciples ringing every doorbell in Detroit. It is said by authorities that there is no group being more persecuted in America today, largely because of their pacifism and insistence that God comes before the state. It is also known that German concentration camps are full of them since they have vigorously opposed Hitler.

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John C. Bennett Addresses Congregationalists

The Rev. John C. Bennett, Presbyterian professor at Pacific School of Religion, delivered the council lectures at the biennial session of the General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches which met in Berkeley, California, August 13-20.

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Church Leaders Want More Relief

Church leaders, both Catholic and Protestant, have been pressing for more funds for relief in Missouri, but have had little success. Governor Stark, prominent Episcopalian, was none too sympathetic with their demands, even when figures showing the great needs were placed before him by church agencies. Under pressure he did call a special session of the legislature and requested an additional million and a half, which was finally granted, though the agencies said that \$3,300,000 was the minimum requirement.

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A Pretty Story From Washington

A mass meeting to protest against the conscription law was held in Washington, attended by about 1,000 persons. The speakers were church leaders and Senators Nye and Holt. The local newspapers ignored reports of the speeches and resolutions but instead made a hero of a veteran of the last war who came into the meeting drunk and attempted to assault the two Senators. All of which perhaps indicates how much truth you may expect from the newspapers on this greatest of American issues.

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Catholic Membership Declines in Michigan

Official figures released by the Roman Catholic Church in Michigan show a decline in membership over a ten year period. It has 43,000 fewer members than ten years ago, though the Church throughout the



DR. MAX YERGEN
To Speak at CLID Meetings

nation has gained a million members since 1926 when the last religious census was taken. Edifices of the Church in Michigan are valued at close to forty million dollars with building debts of over twelve million.

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Church and State in Japan

Missionaries in Japan are faced with the probability of having all foreign support cut off by action of the government. Representatives of forty denominations met in Tokyo on August 27 to discuss the matter and, following the meeting, stated that a growing campaign was under way to eliminate all foreign financial aid and direction from all Christian religious institutions in Japan, including schools and hospitals. The Holy Catholic Church of Japan, combining the missions of the Church of England and the Episcopal Church of the United States, have already voted to reject future contributions.

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Lutherans Seek Money for Missions

The Lutheran World Convention is seeking a half million dollars to aid foreign mission work which was formerly supported by the church in other countries. Should the church in Sweden be unable to continue its support of overseas work the sum will be raised to \$750,000.

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Rabbis Warn Against Persecution

The Rabbinical Assembly of America met recently in Detroit and issued a warning against curtailment of liberties. "This is no time for wholesale anti-alien agi-

tation. This is no time for indiscriminate curtailment of our basic civil liberties. We endorse every necessary measure of national defense. But we are only embracing tragedy if we, in our hysterical haste to resist the enemy, adopt his weapons of persecution, injustice, oppression and group hatred."

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Here's One for Mr. Ripley

At the North Baptist Church in Indianapolis they stopped passing the plate. Instead they placed four alms boxes at the rear of the church and asked worshippers to make their offerings "thoughtfully and prayerfully." The weekly income of the church has trebled as a result.

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Look Out for These Boys

Men went around Albany, New York, soliciting advertising from merchants for a new church paper. It was going to be distributed at all the churches and part of the income from the advertising was to go to aid the churches in their work. The merchants kicked in with fives, tens and twenties until they were told by the ministers association that they knew nothing whatever about any such paper. The racketeers were driven out of town—no doubt to set up business in some other city, so look out.

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Baptist Young People Hold Meeting

Close to 1,500 student members of the Baptist Church, representing states from Maryland to New Mexico, held a retreat in North Carolina this summer. There were addresses by outstanding Baptist leaders.

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There Are a Lot of Methodists

The membership of the United Methodist Church is 7,572,335 according to official figures. In addition there are over 82,000 "preparatory members." There are 43,194 congregations and a Sunday school enrollment of 5,661,596.

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Evangelical and Reformed Church Deals with Clergy Salaries

An effort is being made in the Evangelical and Reformed Church to reduce the spread between the maximum and minimum salaries of its pastors. As in practically all denominations they have some who receive high salaries while others are about starving to death. A similar effort was made in the Methodist Church a number of years ago, on a voluntary basis, with those receiving the high salaries contributing to a fund to raise the pay of the lower

paid ministers. It met with some success, though the high paid pastors used the arguments about "more entertaining to do," "higher living costs in the city than the country" etc. etc., to justify themselves in not cooperating with the plan.

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International Relations Institutes Held

Ten institutes on international relations, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee were held recently on ten campuses throughout the country. Twenty-three denominations were registered, including Catholics and Jews. The Quakers were outnumbered by Methodists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians. Over 25,000 attended. Some of the headlining faculty were: Kirby Page, Clarence Streit, Elbert Russell, T. Z. Koo and Harold E. Fey.

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Methodists and Catholics Receive Most Publicity

What church gets most publicity from the daily newspapers? A survey made by the publicity department of the United Lutheran Church gives a statistical answer to this question. A review of 45 papers in 23 cities showed that in three months Catholic news filled 30,717 inches of space. Methodist news was second with 10,744 inches and Lutheran third with 10,177.

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Fosdick Appears Before House Committee to Defend C.O.'s

Before the military affairs committee of the House of Representatives, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick made a strong appeal for democratic treatment of conscientious objectors to war in the pending conscription legislation. He asked for favorable consideration of an amendment offered by the American Friends Service Committee. "That amendment," he said, "would grant to sincere conscientious objectors on religious grounds either the right to non-combatant service, or to civilian service. It provides also for the review of contested or dubious decisions by a national civilian board of appeal." Dr. Fosdick took exception to the little known clause of the Burke-Wadsworth bill which calls for imprisonment or fine if the bill is criticized after it is passed. "If a sincere conscientious objector should come to me," he said, "I, as a Christian minister, would have to tell him to follow his conscience and obey God's will as he saw it. You would have no respect for me if I told him not to follow his conscience. But, so far as I can see, from section 10 of the unamended Burke-Wadsworth

OFF-MOMENTS



Here we present, ladies and gentlemen, the Rev. Angus Dun, newly elected dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, in serious conversation with the Little Man Who Wasn't There. Just who it was occupying the vacant chair the genial dean refused to disclose. The snapshot was taken during a baseball game at the Finger Lakes Conference held this summer at Hobart College. The handsome fellow on the Dean's left is Bishop Peabody of Central New York, vigorously chewing his lip over four runs scored in the ninth by the opposition. As becomes those of high office, these distinguished Churchmen are surrounded by fair admirers.

bill, as you have it before you, I should be breaking the law if I did that, and the government should lock me up. There are thousands of ministers who would face this issue and what good it will do the nation to fine or imprison such ministers I cannot see."

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First Ashrams Held in This Country

Over 600 persons have attended the two Ashrams held this summer under the sponsorship of the department of Evangelism of the Federal Council. The first Ashram was held at Westminster Lodge, Saugatuck, Michigan, July 27-August 10. The second was held immediately following, at Blue Ridge, North Carolina, August 10-24. The word Ashram comes from India. It carries with it the idea of a group going apart with a teacher into a forest or wooded place, for instruction. The major purpose of the Ashram has been to prepare individuals spiritually for their tasks in this time of crisis.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS PRESENTED IN BRIEF NOTES

Edited by GERARD TEASDALE

Merger of the diocese of Kansas with the district of Salina is to be recommended to General Convention by the joint commission on Strategy and Policy. The report states that "Missionary jurisdictions which have little likelihood of attaining self-support for many years, if ever, (such as Eastern Oregon, North Texas, San Joaquin and Western Nebraska), should be merged with contiguous dioceses." The report also states that "at the present time we should strengthen existing work and not seek to enter new fields." The commission is also opposed to entering the missionary field of India.

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Commission On Seminaries

The commission on theological seminaries, created at the 1934 General Convention, is to present a report at Kansas City which states that there are too many seminaries, and that mergers or even eliminations may be in order. The commission however is not prepared to recommend just what schools should be merged or eliminated.

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Church Unity in Southern Ohio

The experiment in Christian unity which has been carried on for the past few months in Southern Ohio has been very successful. Presbyterians and Episcopalians got together, used the Wayside Cathedral, which is a large truck equipped as a church that belongs to the diocese of Southern Ohio, and travelled over the state, going to places off the beaten track. Leaders of both churches took part so that the country folk and those of mine villages heard the outstanding preachers of both denominations.

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No Statement Yet on Japan

As reported elsewhere, the government of Japan may compel all foreign missionaries to leave the country, and force the churches in Japan to refuse missionary funds from abroad. However after a conference with Bishops Reifsnider, Nichols and Binsted (all in the United States from Japan to attend General Convention) Presiding Bishop Tucker stated on August 28th that "information regarding the Japanese situation is as yet too inadequate to justify any public statement in regard to it." Two of the three Bishops to Japan



A VIEW OF ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE, VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

have been asked to return there immediately, with but one remaining to attend the General Convention.

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Kinsolving Starts Work in Princeton

The Rev. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, who created a stir last spring by resigning as rector of Trinity Church, Boston, to accept the rectorship of Trinity Church, Princeton, preached his first sermon there on September first. He is to be formally instituted on October sixth by Bishop Gardner. Announcement was made at the service on September 1 of the appointment of the Rev. E. L. Loughnan of Providence as assistant at the Princeton parish, and of the Rev. Wood B. Carper Jr. as student chaplain at Princeton University.

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Of Course He Saw It in The Witness

Rev. Gordon M. Reese of Houston, Texas, told his Church school that he had read somewhere about the work of the Rev. Kimber Den among the refugees of China. He also told them that a dollar in American money goes a very long way in Chinese currency. So a young sixteen year old lad, the son of a mother in poor circumstances, brought his savings of \$8 to Rector Reese to be sent to Kimber Den for this notable work. The only part of the story we do not like is that Mr.

Reese had to say "read somewhere" since he should have known that he has been reading about Mr. Den's work in THE WITNESS for months. Picture of Mr. Den and his family elsewhere in this issue incidentally.

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Funny Things Can Happen in the Army

Bishop Robert E. Gribben of Western North Carolina and the Rev. Homer L. Hoover, one of his clergy, are both members of the National Guard and were in training this summer at Camp Shelby in Mississippi. The Bishop is a Captain while Rector Hoover is a Major. Whether Major Hoover took the occasion to order Captain Gribben around a bit is not disclosed. But some clergy would doubtless welcome an opportunity to order their bishop.

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All Saints' in Mississippi

All Saints' School and Junior College, Vicksburg, Mississippi, was founded in 1908 by Bishop Theodore D. Bratton, and has continued to be operated by the diocese. Through the cooperation of the citizens of Vicksburg, the campus of thirty acres immediately adjoining the National Military Park and on the south edge of the city was obtained for the college. The elevation of the west edge of the campus on which the buildings are located is extremely

favorable, giving a wonderful view of the Mississippi River and the surrounding country. The Rev. William Mercer Green, whose grandfather was the first bishop of Mississippi, was the first dean of the college. In 1918 he was elected Coadjutor of the diocese and became the diocesan in 1938 upon the retirement of Bishop Bratton. Miss Mary Leslie Newton was dean from 1916 to 1937, and during these years her high standards of scholarship and noble Christian character had a great deal to do with forming the enviable reputation which the school now enjoys. Upon her retirement the Rev. W. G. Christian became the rector and Miss Lily Brooke Powell the dean.

Life at All Saints' is full but balanced. Every effort is made to combine as nearly as possible the proper and well proportioned influence of the home, the Church and the school. The fact that the normal young person should be happy at work and at play is recognized. Earnest effort and achievement receive their recognition. The attempt is made to show that those who are not doing their best are losing a great opportunity. One of the great advantages of a small school is that there is ample opportunity to deal with the students as individuals and try to help each girl to learn in her daily life and in her studies how to live wisely, nobly and usefully. An interesting

booklet, showing many views of the school and its activities, will be sent to those interested. Simply write the Rev. W. G. Christian.

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**New Mission Field
Opened in West Virginia**

Bishop Strider of West Virginia, has announced the opening of a new mission field in the Kanawha Valley, said by statisticians to be one of the most rapidly growing centers industrially in the country. The Rev. N. J. Thurston has become general missionary in this new region, effective September 1.

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**Savannah Church
Acquires Property**

Christ Church, Savannah, Georgia, has purchased property two blocks away and will convert it into a parish house as soon as extensive renovations and improvements can be made. The total floor space in the three buildings which the church acquired amounts to 20,339 square feet. It is hoped that the buildings will be ready for use this fall. The Rev. David Cady Wright is rector.

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**Stabler Appointed Provost
of Avon Old Farms School**

The board of directors of Avon Old Farms School, of Avon, Connecticut, has appointed as Provost, the Rev. W. Brooke Stabler, at pres-

ent chaplain of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Stabler will assume the duties of Provost at once, but will divide his time during the fall term between Avon and the University.

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**Presiding Bishop Urges Full
Cooperation in Prayer for Peace**

The Presiding Bishop has urged full cooperation with the proclamation of the President, that September 8 be a day of prayer by all Christian people, that "God may grant to this land and to the troubled world a righteous and enduring peace."

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**Flood Damage
in Western North Carolina**

Part of North Carolina experienced the most destructive flood in its history the week of August 11 reports Bishop Gribben of Western North Carolina. Two members of St. Anthony's Church, Dutch Creek, were drowned, the body of one being recovered seventy miles from his home. Many members of the nearby Valle Crucis Mission saw their homes, gardens and live stock carried away by the roaring river while they sought safety in the Valle Crucis School. The school was a haven for many in the area. A temporary Post Office was set up at

the school because the regular office was under water. The Rev. E. Dargan Butt and Mrs. Mont Glover gave themselves to the rescue work and helped to direct others. Crop damage was high, about \$4,000 and it is feared that feed will be insufficient for the cattle this winter. A diocese-wide offering is being made to help restore what has been lost.

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**Twenty-Five Men
in a Boat**

A service of significance was held on August 11 when a choir of men and boys numbering twenty-five, went by boat from—take a breath—Camp Wa-Li-Ro Choir School, Put-in-Bay, South Bass Island, Ohio, to Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada. They were welcomed by Captain J. B. Batten of the Church Army, who is in charge of the work of the Church on the island. No untoward acts occurred other than a usual fine performance by the choir.

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**Chicago Education Conference
to Be Held September 7-8**

More than 300 church school workers will assemble at St. Paul's-by-the-Lake on the week-end of September 7-8 for the 13th annual religious education conference of the diocese of Chicago. The group will discuss the 1940-41 program of the church schools in the 125 parishes



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and missions of the diocese and will hear several leaders of religious education, headed by the Rev. Harold Holt, chairman of the diocesan department.

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Book On China Since War Is Published

What has happened to the Church's work in China as a result of the war and the present set-up of the Church there, are told for the first time, graphically, concisely and authoritatively by Mrs. E. P. Miller, wife of an instructor in Central China College in a small book "Christians Courageous in China." The book which has just been published by the National Council contains a message from Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. The removal of St. Luke's Hospital, looting of St. Mary's School, the sack of Nanking, the fall of the interior cities, the removal from Kuling, the heroic labors of our mission workers, all are described.

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Middleton Elected School Principal

The Rev. Richard T. Middleton of St. Thomas, Columbus, Mississippi, has been elected principal of the Okolona Industrial School, an American Church Institute junior college and trade school at Okolona, Mississippi. At the age of 28, Mr. Middleton will be the youngest Negro college president in the country and is perhaps the only third generation Negro priest in the church.

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Entertainment Planned for General Convention

Delegates and visitors to the General Convention in the fall will find plenty of things to do in their leisure time. Bishop Spencer and chairman W. A. Cochel are making arrangements for the Kansas City sessions. On October 8th, the visiting Bishops and members of the National Council will be guests of Bishop and Mrs. Spencer at a dinner and on October 9th, there will be a general reception at the Nelson-Atkins Museum. Arrangements have been made for a 40 mile bus trip to Fort Leaven-

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worth on October 12 where delegates will be guests of the Army. On October 18, Thurlow Lieurance, Dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Wichita, will present a world premier program of his original Indian and Southwestern music. Tea will be served each afternoon at the Municipal Auditorium from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Graduate Thirty-one From Cincinnati School

Thirty-one students from thirteen different seminaries were presented with diplomas on August 16th for having completed the nine week summer course at the Graduate School of Applied Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio. The students this past summer represented candidates selected from sixty-five applicants. The Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher, dean of the school, reports that there are twenty applications on hand for next year's summer session.

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Rector Sends Out a Quiz on His Sermon

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Long Island Church Begins Financial Drive

The Church of the Ascension, Greenpoint, Long Island, has started a drive to raise \$2,000 for emergency repairs to the church building. A canvass of the parish is now underway.

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Northwest Negro Mission Is Clicking

Four years ago the Rev. Lee Owen Stone went to St. Philip's Mission, Portland, Oregon, as its first resident priest. Since then the Negro mission has more than kept apace

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with other such missions despite the small population it has to work on. Membership has increased from 70 to 121. Gifts for all purposes in the four years went from \$286 to \$1,136.

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Firm Creates Chalice From Historic Models

The ecclesiastical studio of Black Starr and Frost-Gorham has planned a series of chalices inspired by famous and historic chalices preserved in museums and churches around the world. They will be produced in limited editions to assure individual significance.

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Massachusetts Men Raise Funds

The idea of a Men's Thank Offering is not entirely dead. In the diocese of Massachusetts 120 parishes have given a total of \$2,223. The project is being encouraged by Bishop Sherrill who sent a message to the parishes recently pointing to the great success of the United Thank Offering of the women.

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To Feature College Work At General Convention

Church work in colleges and universities will be given plenty of attention next fall at the General Convention in Kansas City. The Rev. Alden Drew Kelley, head of college work nationally, announces a program which will include clergy conferences and a series of daily luncheons running through the convention period, which should interest faculty members and others interested in student work.

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Typhoons Versus Tar-Paper Wall

The half-hospital which carries on so actively at Sagada, Philippine Islands, has only a tar-paper wall at one end. On the first floor this is a back wall of the chapel; upstairs it is the wall of the dysentery ward. During typhoons the altar is drenched while upstairs any patients fortunate enough to own umbrellas raise them over their heads. As far as possible the ward is emptied but there is never room enough for all the patients elsewhere. It is a half-hospital because when it was planned

and built about eight years ago, there was only money enough for half, although the half was vastly better than the makeshift quarter then occupied. After eight years of hard use in tropical weather, the hospital is now rejoicing in the gift appropriated by the Woman's Auxiliary executive board from the repair item in the United Thank Offering.

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Varied Courses Given to Negroes

An educational guild, giving courses in first aid, hygiene, social problems, citizenship and business principles is a feature of the work of St. Cyprians, a mission for Negro people in San Francisco, of which the Rev. Thaddeus P. Martin is vicar. The classes meet each week for two-hour periods, and in addition the mission operates a free employment bureau to aid unemployed Negro people of the city.

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Classmates Are Reunited.

Classmates at Kenyon College and Bexley Hall, Gambier, Ohio, were united recently at the morning service at Grace Church, Orange, N. J. Rector Lane W. Barton was assisted in the service by the Rev. Almon Pepper, the secretary of the social service department of the National Council, and by the Rev. J. Francis Sant who is the rector of St. Michael and St. George, St. Louis.

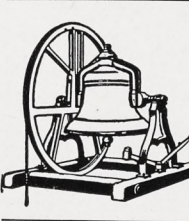
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Plans for Youth Week-End

Plans have been tentatively announced by the college work and youth division of the National Council for the Youth Week-End, to be held in Kansas City on October 11-13 in connection with General Convention. A mass meeting is to be held the evening of October 11th when the address will be by the Rev. H. P. Van Dusen, a professor at the Union Seminary. On Saturday morning there are to be addresses by the Rev. Z. B. Phillips, president of the House of Deputies, after which they will visit the House of Deputies, the House of Bishops and the Meeting of the Auxiliary. At the noon hour it is hoped that most of the young people will attend the forum sponsored by the Church League for

Industrial Democracy, particularly since the speaker that day is Mr. Jack McMichael, student at Union Seminary and the President of the American Youth Congress. In the afternoon there are to be addresses by Captain Estabrook of the Church Army; the Rev. Alden Kelley, secretary of college work and the Rev. Frederick Arterton, secretary of young people's work. A dinner will be held Saturday evening at which the Rev. Charles Sheerin, vice president of the National Council will be the speaker. Bishop Lawrence is to be the celebrant at the communion service on Sunday morning with Dean Paul Roberts of Denver the preacher at the later service.

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Mission School Head Tells of Cuban Conditions

When Miss Eleanor Clancy of Mineola, New York, arrived in New York on furlough recently, she had this to say about the Ashhurst missionary school in Guantanamo, Cuba, of which she is the head. "In Cuba the Church schools are invaluable both for their own accredited standing and because the government schools are far below the need. Cuban public school teachers grow accustomed to have 90 or 100 children in a room. The crowds and inadequate equipment make it impossible for them to maintain the highest standards. Besides those crowded into school, the streets are full of school-age children for whom no space can be found."

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Clergyman and Wife to Be Honored

The Rev. and Mrs. Irving A. McGrew of Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, will receive the honorary degrees of doctor of human letters at the 116th commencement exercises of Hobart College in 1941 according to an an-

nouncement of college's president Dr. William Alfred Eddy. Both served the college for many years until their retirement a year ago. Mr. McGrew was chaplain and his wife was "mother" to many a student.

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The Early Clergyman Catches the Train

To rise at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday in order to catch an early train for his monthly visit to an outstation is routine for the Rev. Cameron F. MacRae, chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai. He has been 41 years in China. Part of the week-end schedule at this place, Sungkiang, is a meeting of the local relief committee. A Chinese Roman priest is chairman, an American Methodist is treasurer and the Chinese catechist in charge of the Episcopal Church mission is secretary.

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