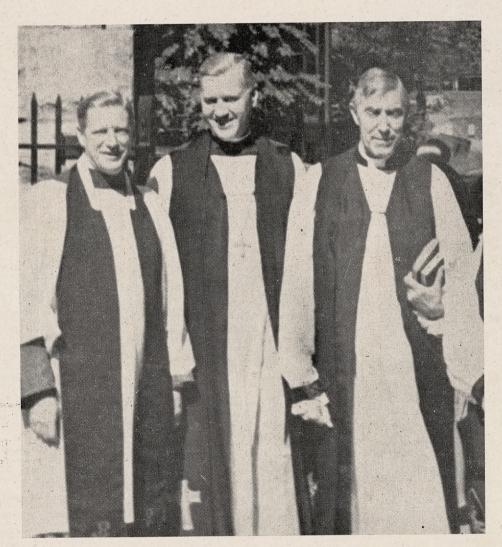
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-STORY OF THE WEEK-

Delegates and Many Visitors Arrive for Convention

National Council and Important Budget Committee Are Now in Session

★ General Convention does not officially open until this coming Monday, September 26, when there will be a corporate communion of bishops and deputies at Grace Cathedral at 7:30, followed by and opening service at 10:30 in the Civic Auditorium. At two that afternoon the two houses will formally open there, with the triennial of the Auxiliary opening at the same hour in the Masonic Temple nearby.

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However already San Francisco is filled with out-of-town Episcopalians, and it has been many years since as many men with clergy garb have been seen on the streets and in the hotel lobbies. For there have been a number of pre-convention events that have attracted large numbers. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew held its convention, September 19-23 at El Rancho del Obispo; the Daughters of the King opened a four day convention at the Church of St. John the Evangelist on September 21; the congress of the American Church Union was held at Grace Cathedral on the 22nd; the Church Periodical Club held a convention at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin for three days this week; and the Association of Deaconesses met on the 23rd at St. James Church.

On the official side the most important pre-convention events are the meetings this week of the National Council and of the all-important com mission on budget and program. The latter group has the exacting task of determining whether or not the large increase in the National Council's budget for the next three years will be approved, and if not, where cuts are to be made. Approximately two million dollars more is requested for 1950 and the two following years, than the budget of this year-\$3,650,000 for 1949, against \$5,552,095, the sum asked by the National Council for 1950. It is a matter of record that there are many rectors, some deputies to the Convention, who believe this to be an unobtainable sum, particularly if larger pension assessments are to be imposed in order to raise the pension minimum payments.

The Daughters of the King is offering this week a particularly good program, with the following giving addresses: Dean Walthour of Atlanta; Canon John Furlong of San Francisco; Bishop Block; Presiding Bishop Henry K. Sherrill; the Rev. V. O. Ward of the national division of religious education; Bishop Daniels of Montana; Bishop Gooden of Los Angeles, and, at the closing service this coming Sunday, the Archbishop of York.

Civic Center

Delegates and visitors will become well acquainted with San Francisco's Civic Center during Convention. San Franciscans take pride in this heart of the city with its many beautiful buildings, the civic and cultural center of the community. Their main interest will be the Civic Auditorium which, through Oceober 7th, will be the center of the Church's life.

Scene of many conventions, political rallies, musical attractions, sports events, the building will become a huge church when Episcopalians take over. This will not be the first time, as it has been used by Roman Catholics and Protestant groups for services and conventions.

To convention-wise San Francisco, General Convention may come as something of a surprise, particularly because of the attendance expected which marks the gathering as one of the largest of the centenary year. The convention will need as much space, as many hotel rooms, as many places for group meetings, luncheons, dinners, as any of the major secular organizations. San Franciscans will know Episcopalians are in town when September 26 rolls around.

Civic Center affords a convenient place for the official meetings. The opening service, the United Thank Offering presentation and mass meetings will be held in the auditorium. This building will also house the two Houses of Convention, and three blocks away the Woman's Auxiliary will meet in the recently-decorated Masonic Hall where a large auditorium and several large committee rooms are available. Adequate exhibit space will be provided in the Auditorium, also a place where visitors may meet their friends, relax between sessions and discuss the business of the day.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

TRIENNIAL MEETING OF AUXILIARY

★ The triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will open at the Masonic Temple the afternoon of September 26, with "Calling Unto His Holy Fellowship" the theme of the meeting. Mrs. Roger L. Kingsland will preside.

The program during the two weeks includes business sessions, participation in joint sessions of General Convention, provincial meetings, the great corporate communion and presentation of the United Thank Offering, missionary luncheons and teas, dinner meetings and sectional conferences. There will be election of members of the national executive board and nominations of the women members of the National Council.

The Rev. Theodore P. Ferris. Trinity Church, Boston, will lead a series of meditations on the general theme.

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At the afternoon session, Oc-

THE REV. ROSCOE T. FOUST, rector of the Ascension, New York, and Witness Editor-in-Chief, will be one of the reporters for The Witness at General Convention

will be addressed by Bishop Stephen C. Neill, assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury and associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches. On Friday, September 30 the triennial will hear an address by Miss Leila Anderson, secretary student work. national Y.W.C.A., formerly on the Woman's Auxiliary staff at Church Missions House as a field worker.

Sectional conference leaders are Mrs. Robert Arneson, Mrs. Rolling T. Chamberlain, Mrs. Francis O. Clarkson, Mrs. John F. Heard, Mrs. Edward G. Lasar, Mrs. Lewis D. Pilcher and Mrs. David R. West, all members of the national executive board. Members of the board who will conduct sections and workshops are Mrs. William R. Taliaferro, Mrs. H. W. Whinfield, Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel and Mrs. Edward G. Lasar. Mrs. Alfred M. Chapman will be assistant presiding officer.

YOUTH CONVENTION ANNOUNCED

* A youth mass meeting on the theme, "Onward in Faith," featuring addresses by three young people and a speaking choir, will be one of the features of the youth convention, which will be held in San Francisco September 29 through October 2. Meeting every three years, this convention will call Episcopal young people to a new sense of Christian vocation through united witness to our Lord and his gospel; it will demonstrate youth's place in the life of the Church; it will reaffirm youth's loyalty, through united action, to the work of the Church. With these general purposes, the convention will formulate plans for youth objectives and programs for the coming triennial.

Another highlight of the program will be the informal reception and banquet to meet Church leaders. Presiding Bishop Henry K. Sherrill will address the banquet. Other Church dignitaries will be present to exchange ideas with young people in intimate conversation.

Some of the significant issues facing the young people which will arise in the convention sessions will be: the consideration of youth's part in the social reconstruction at home and over seas made necessary by recent war; how the youth of the Church can best cooperate in united interchurch activities. both nationally and on the world front: what can be done to make the gospel relevant to modern youth. Youth's answer to these fundamental questions will be reflected in the broad program objectives recommended for the next triennial.

As a part of the convention corporate worship there will be a corporate communion commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Prayer Book.

Plenary sessions will allow for reports on youth activities and discussions of the various concerns of youth. These general sessions will be presided over by Philip Zabriskie, a junior at Princeton. Eleanor Anderson, student at Springfield College, Massachusetts, will serve as secretary of the convention.

Three major interest groups, one for parish youth, one for college students, and one for youth advisors, will allow for intimate discussion of particular problems. From these interest groups and other meetings will come resolutions to be presented to the plenary session for endorsement or rejection.

BISHOP MELCHER TO SPEAK

★ Bishop Louis C. Melcher of Southern Brazil is to be the speaker at the dinner of the province of Sewanee to be held October 3 in San Francisco.

BISHOP S. C. NEILL TO SPEAK

★ Bishop Stephen C. Neill. assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury and associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches, will be the speaker at the General Convention dinner of the Episcopal Evangelical Fellowship and the Evangelical Education Society. The dinner will be held the evening of October 4th at the Francis Drake Hotel. Other speakers will be Bishop Nash of Mass., Bishop Parsons, retired Bishop of California; Bishop Block of California, with Bishop Kinsolving of Arizona as toastmaster.

Bishop Barton of Eastern Oregon will be the celebrant at a corporate communion of the Fellowship on the 3rd at St. Luke's. This will be followed by a meeting for the election of officers of the Fellowship for the next three years.

ARCHBISHOP SOLVES A MYSTERY

★ The Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey F. Fisher, has settled an old controversy by officially announcing that he is the 99th to occupy the Church of England's primatial see. He has been described on various occasions as the 101st, the 100th, the 99th, and the 97th archbishop.

"When I was in America," the Archbishop wrote in his diocesan notes, "I was frequently asked what was the correct answer. Having consulted some scholars on the matter, I find agreement among them that I should be counted as the 99th archbishop, and I suggest that this calculation should be generally adopted."

Crockford's clerical directory prints the names of 101 clerics who were elected to the see of Canterbury. However, one of these was a priest named Weigheard who died before being consecrated, while another was Thomas Arundel whose name appears twice on the list. The

reason for this was that at one time Arundel was temporarily removed from office for political reasons and afterward reinstated.

YOUTH MEETS AT PARISHFIELD

★ A conference attended by sixteen young people held a conference August 28-Sept. 4 at Parishfield, the newly developed conference center of the diocese of Michigan. The leaders were the directors, the Rev. Francis O. Ayres and the Rev. Gibson Winters. Time was divided, according to the plan of the center, into work, seminars, recreation, meditation, prayer and study.

WE ARE SORRY DEPARTMENT

★ The advertisement of the Division of College Work and the Church Society for College Work in our issue of August 4 had the address of the latter as Washington 16, N. Y. It should of course have been Washington, D. C.

FRANK GULDEN IS TREASURER

★ Mr. Frank ("Mustard") Gulden has been appointed treasurer of General Convention by the Presiding Bishop and the president of the House of Deputies, Judge Roberts. He will serve until the oonvention meets and elects—presumably Mr. Gulden. He is warden of St. Peter's, Bay Shore, Long Island, and has been a member of the standing committee of the diocese for the past six years. He is also treasurer of the Berkeley Divinity Scchool.

ST PAUL'S ORGAN GETS PIPES

★ The organ of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is having 1,000 new pipes added. The instrument contains a total of 4,500 pipes, some of them 150 years old. The new ones range from three-quarters of an inch to 16 feet in length. Installation is supervised by Henry Willis whose family has been in charge of the organ since 1875.



The first cable car in the world was tried on a San Francisco hill in 1873. This is famed Chinatown, showing a car held by wire rope cable, climbing to the top of Nob Hill where Grace Cathedral is located.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

PROPERTY LEFT PARISH

★ A property worth \$175,000 has been given to St. Mark's, Altadena, Calif., by Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Markham. They recently moved to Palm Springs, Calif., and gave to the parish their estate, consisting of a mansion of 20 rooms, swimming pool, tennis court, guest house of 8 rooms, two large garages, orchard and meadows. It will be used for school classes, retreat center, parties and youth activities and for church offices during the week. The Rev. Edward E. Hailwood is rector.

GREAT DAMAGE IN PHILIPPINES

★ Bishop John B. Bentley, vice-president of the National Council, visited every mission station and many outstations in the Philippine Islands recently. He reports that "the mission in the Philippine Islands is firmly

RUSSELL E. DILL, treasurer of the National Council, will have a busy time in San Francisco answering questions about the proposed budget

established, that it shows strong and healthy growth, that it is well staffed and that it enjoys an especially able leadership in its bishops."

Twelve young men are studying for holy orders at St. Andrew's Theological Seminary in Manila. There are two Filipino priests and eight deacons at work in the Islands. Shortly two more young men will be ordained to the diaconate, and several deacons will receive priests' orders. In the seminary also are three candidates for the ministry of the Philippine Independent Church, and six priests of the Aglipayan Church who are taking a two months refresher course. Bishop Bentlev spoke highly of the relationship existing between the Episcopal and Aglipayan Churches, and hopes to see a continuing and increasing trend toward ultimate union.

He found that "without exception every mission of the Church in the Philippine Islands suffered material damage as a direct result of the war. It will take a generation, perhaps longer, to rebuild the material and spiritnal structure of the Church in the Islands." Bishop Binsted received approximately \$1,600,-000 from the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, and he hopes to receive \$500,000 at least from the War Damage Commission. "Building goes on slowly but surely. It has been difficult to secure materials and labor costs have doubled and trebled, but what has been done has been done well."

CENTRAL NEW YORK CONFERENCE

★ Lavmen of Central New York held a conference over the weekend of September 10, with Lewis B. Franklin, former treasurer of the National Council, the featured speaker.

OTHER REPORTERS FOR WITNESS

★ In addition to Roscoe Foust. editor, and W. B. Spofford, managing editor, events at General Convention will be reported for The Witness by the Rev. Andrew Van Dyke, a member of the editorial board, and the Rev. Edward J. Mohr, rector of Belvedere, Calif., who was for a number of years the associate managing editor of The Witness. Readers are assured therefore of complete coverage. Those who have not yet placed orders for bundles can start with the issue of September 29 by sending the order immediately to our office of publication, Tunkhannock, Pa.

ANGLICANS APPROVE CONSTITUTION

★ The synod of the Church of England in Australia has passed the second reading of a proposed new constitution under which the Australian Church would become independent of the Church of England. If adopted it will give the Church there full freedom on matters of faith and doctrine without reference to any judicial authority in England.

FORMER VETERINARY A MISSIONARY

★ The Rev. William G. Love, a member of the graduating class of the General Theological Seminary, was formerly a veterinary surgeon. He has the degree of V.M.D., but abandoned that profession for the ministry. He has been appointed to the Missionary District of the Panama Canal Zone and will work in Costa Rica, where he will be minister-in-charge of St. Mary's, Siguirres, and have oversight of several mission churches along the railroad line in the east coastal area of Costa Rica.

BISHOP BINSTED HAS NEW PLANS

★Bishop Binsted of the Philippines is recovering so rapidly from his operation (Witness, Sept. 15) that he has radiogrammed: "Making good recovery. Hope to fly to Convention."

COURSES IN RELIGION AT ILLINOIS

★ The University of Illinois has given permission for the Canterbury Foundation of the Chapel of St. John the Divine to give its own courses in religion for university credit. Ten semester hours are to be allowed of the Episcopal students Church towards their graduation and degrees, with only students of sophomore standing or above eligible. The plan goes into operation this fall when a course on the doctrines and discipline of the Church as contained in the Prayer Book will be given by the Rev. William Ward, chaplain of the foundation. He will be assisted by members of the faculty who are Episcopalians. Plans are under way to offer courses on the liturgy, marriages and family life, Christian philosophy, Church music, to be taught by faculty members.

CHILD EVANGELISM IN DETROIT

★ A new project in child evangelism has been undertaken by the Detroit Episcopal city mission, at the request of Lt. Ralph Baker, commanding officer of the juvenile division of the Detroit police department. An emergency grant has been given the city mission from the Batchelder Fund, held by the trustees of the diocese with income to go for work with boys, in order to make it possible to take on this project. The grant will cover a part of the cost.

For some years, the city mission has conducted the Big Brother and Big Sister service staff with five workers under the direction of the Rev. Austin

J. T. Ecker, with offices on the third floor of the juvenile court building. These workers interview all children who are brought into the detention home except those claiming Roman Catholic affiliations, and also supervise a staff of 300 volunteer Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Upwards of two-thirds of the children arrested in the city's fifteen police precincts are not detained in the detention home. It is in behalf of boys so apprehended, now numbering more than 50 a week, that the aid of the city mission was enlisted. A boy who is arrested and not taken to the detention home is to have a call by a friendly neighborhood minister. In a few cases the family already has some sort of Church connection, so the problem of referral is simple. In many cases however calls have to be made on the home to determine the religious preference, and to discuss with the parents the Sunday school record, if any, of the boy.

Two workers have been added to the staff of the city mission. One, Miss Geraldine Reitz, a recent graduate of Wayne University, directs the referrals, calling the homes by phone, and pastors as well. The other, Mr. Wilfrid Holmes-Walker, an Oxford University graduate, interviews many of the families, and also calls on the juvenile officers of all Detroit's fifteen police precincts.

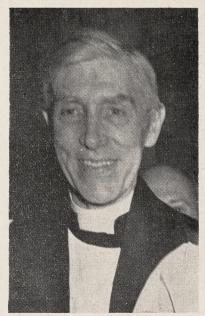
The project of child evangelism is having the cooperation of many of the larger denominations. The Lutherans were the first to accept direct responsibility for their own children. Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists followed rapidly. The project of child evangelism has proved so successful in the few months it has been in effect that it is now planned to extend the service to girls, as well as boys, according to the Rev. G. Paul Musselman, superintendent of the city mission.

PARISH SCHOOL IN AUGUSTA

★ The Episcopal day school of the Good Shepherd, Augusta, oldest parish day school in the state, will have a new director this fall. Mrs. Allen Simms-Lee was trained in Georgia schools and then went to China as a missionary, where she married a missionary of the Church of England. Mr. Simms-Lee died in a Japanese concentration camp and his widow later returned to this country. She comes to Augusta from educational work at St. Peter's, Charlotte, N. C.

ANGLICANS CELEBRATE IN TOKYO

★ Bishop Makoto Makita of Tokyo presided at celebrations that commemorated the 350th anniversary of the arrival in Japan of Capt. William Adam, who served as adviser to the first British commercial office established in the country. A member of the Church of England, Capt. Adam was a pilot on a Dutch boat which was wrecked and cast up on the shores of Japan. He took a Japanese name, Miura Anjin, and was an active Christian.



BISHOP HENRY ST. GEORGE TUCKER is all smiles—perhaps because he no longer has the exacting job of Presiding Bishop

STORY OF THE WEEK-

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Although visitors are to be housed in hotels scattered over the central area of the city, geting to Civic Center will be no problem. It is said that all streets end up ultimately on Market street, and Market street cars go right by Civic Center.

Feeding the crowds presents no problems to a city which is famous for fine food and which has become accustomed to largescale conventions. Its restaurants and cafes run the gamut of nationalities.

Visitors should bear in mind that it is a city of hills, thus brakes must be in good condition. Those who bring cars are advised to ask San Franciscans about the best routes to take from point to point in order to avoid the steeper grades.

San Francisco police are rather particular about the city traffic regulations, particularly as to parking. No matter what the incline, front wheels of a car must be turned into the curb. Runaway cars on the hills can do enormous damage, so tickets are passed out freely to those who neglect to block their cars by turning into the curb. During rush hours certain zones allow no parking or stopping, especially between the hours of four and six in the late afternoon. If a car is found parked it is towed away and the owner pays a fine and towing coses. One such zone is on California street in front of Grace Cathedral.

Show Places

Most Convention attenders will double as tourists. They will be seen trying the seafoods at Fisherman's Wharf, Chinese dishes in Chinatown, a few blocks down the street from the Cathedral, or visiting Golden Gate Park, one of the largest municipal parks in the world. The latter will be a pilgrimage spot for churchmen for there will be found The Prayer Book Cross commemorating the first

use of the Prayer Book on the continent.

No visitor to San Francisco goes home without crossing the two familiar bridges: the Golden Gate Bridge with its milelong span, linking San Francisco with Marin county, and the Bay Bridge linking San Francisco and Oakland. The Peninsular and the East Bay and Marin county are the bedrooms of the metropolitan areas of San Francisco and Oakland. so visitors are advised to stay off the bridges, especially the Bay Bridge from five to six, when the commuters go home, bumper to bumper.

A final word, which is really a warning: the word "Frisco" is heresy in San Francisco. San Franciscans are rather liberal people, friendly, courteous, hospitable, but they do not tolerate this designation of their city.

YOUTH DELEGATION FROM HAWAII

★ Twelve youthful members of the Church in Hawaii, ages 16 to 21, are now visiting churches on the west coast, prior to their visit to General Convention. They are appearing in costumes representing their various national backgrounds: Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Caucasian and Hawaiian. Hawaiian music and dances are a feature of their appearance.



THE REV. W. B. SPOFFORD, Managing Editor, will be on hand to help cover General Convention for The Witness

MARKED ADVANCE IN RURAL WORK

* The commission on rural work is to report to General Convention that there has been a marked advance in this area of the Church's work during the past triennium. Several dioceses, the report says, have achieved definite organizations and wellfunctioning programs: an increased number of clergy, particularly young men, are going into the rural and small town field to make it their life work. New work has been opened, and demonstration and training fields have been established.

Emphasis is placed on recruiting and training rural Church leaders, both men and women, and it is stated that about 400 clergy and women workers are now enrolled each year in the national and regional conferences sponsored by the division of town and country of the National Council.

The Roanridge rural training center, outside Kansas City, Mo., the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur A. Cochel, now valued at about \$200,000, is praised as a center that is attracting nationwide attention by its thorough program. The report states that the Rev. Clifford L. Samuelson and Miss Elizabeth A. Rhea, secretary and assistant secretary, continue to win the commendation of the Church for the zeal, consecration and wisdom which they put into their work.

The Convention is being asked for a large sum in the budget to maintain and develop rural and small town work.

PRE-ENGINEERED CHURCH

★ Ground was broken on September 12 for the first pre-engineered church in the diocese of New York. It will house the congregation of St. Simon's Church, New Rochelle. The "cornerstone campaign" was started in January to raise \$150,000 to build four such churches and one parish house.

EDITORIALS

What Your Vote Means

MONEY is the big issue before General Convention. The National Council has presented to the budget and program committee a report which recommends a budget for 1950, and for the two years following, that is approximately two million dollars more than the budget for this year. If it is recommended by the committee, now in session in San Francisco, there will be increases all along the line: home department from \$766,000 to \$974,000; overseas from \$1,688,000 to \$2,109,000; education from \$124,000 to \$341,000; social

relations from \$32,000 to \$69,000; promotion from \$191,000 to \$306,000, to name a few.

In addition there is the grave problem of pensions, which, if even subsistence pensions are to be paid, will require either the raising of many millions for an initial reserve, plus an increase in the assessment estimated from 11 percent to over 18 percent, depending on the minima set, and the method that is approved for covering the added costs. Whatever method is approved, parishes will be heavily taxed.

There is no question in our mind about any of the needs. There are doubts about the ability—and even more about the willingness—of parishes to pay. There is further doubt about the stability of our

prosperity as a nation. The Baptist Church, meeting in convention this year, reduced their budget on the conviction that the recession is to deepen. Further, the whistling in the graveyard that emanates from Washington and elsewhere reminds us too much of the "prosperity just around the corner" slogan before the last Big Bust to put us quite at ease.

Whatever is done in San Francisco about these money matters, those who are there to make our decisions will do well to think seriously before they do, and further to realize that their vote carries an obligation. It is tempting for a deputy to say: "The experts must know what they are doing. Who am I to question their leadership?" Also the enthusiasm and fellowship which is such an important feature of every General Convention has a way of sweeping a person off his feet. The pattern is simple enough: the Council presents a budget to the committee; the committee works night and day, before and during Convention, going over every item; it then is presented to a joint session, usually about as it was originally. Then, with the fanfare of "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "The Fields Are White for Harvest" the budget is passed with rarely a dissenting vote.

QUOTES"

IN vain you will build churches, give missions, found schools,—all your work, all your efforts will be destroyed if you are not able to wield the defensive and offensive weapon of a loyal and sincere Catholic Press.—Pope Pius X.

The Catholic Press has been one of the great assets in the hands of the bishops of America; without it much of the work they have been able to accomplish could never have been done. A Catholic paper in every Catholic home is just as important as that other cardinal principle: every Catholic child in a Catholic school.

> —ARCHBISHOP VEHR Of Denver.

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These legislators, bishops, priests and laymen, go home. The atmosphere in their home dioceses and parishes is nothing like that of General Convention. "OK, sure they need the money; but what about that parish house we have been talking about?" "OK, but we better do some repairing around here or the national Church won't have any parish here to get money from." Or the bishop gets this: "Of course I agree with you, sir, that the National Council needs all this money. But I do not see how I can substantially increase my pledge and at the same time contribute to the fund you are raising for our diocesan school for girls."

So after a few months the Council and its officers, responsible in the first instance

for making up the budget, and largely instrumental in engineering it through Convention, send out the cry: "Where is the money? After all this is your budget, not ours. You are the ones who voted for it at General Convention."

Seabury House is a good illustration: approved with great enthusiasm at the Philadelphia Convention. But when Bishop Lawrence, as the head of a committee to raise funds, wrote to those who had voted for it for contributions, the response was negligible.

Money is a serious business, never more so than today. Our representatives in San Francisco, all of them, will do well to think hard and long before acting. And once having acted, we remind them that they have a sacred obligation to implement it when they return home.

President of Deputies

WE have disagreed with Bishop Manning many times, on many things, and may do so again. But we believe that he is right in saying, in a recent letter, that a clergyman should be elected President of the House of Deputies, and this in spite of the fact that three years ago The Witness supported Judge Roberts. His election, as Bishop Manning points out, was "a departure from precedent and also a departure from principle. In this Church the clergy are called and ordained to be the leaders in the spiritual life of the Church, and in recognition of this fact a clergyman should preside when the clergy and the laity assemble in the same gathering."

Bishop Manning points out that a clergyman always presides when a diocesan convention meets to elect a bishop and that the rector always presides at a meeting of a vestry. We hope therefore that the coming Convention will return to the precedent by electing a clergyman as President.

Further, we hope that the man elected will be Claude W. Sprouse, dean of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City. Six years ago in Cleveland, and again at the Philadelphia Convention, Dean Sprouse came close to election. There were many then who voted against him at both Conventions under the impression that he was a partisan in churchmanship. They later learned that they were wrong—that Claude Sprouse is a solid Prayer Book churchman, well qualified by experience and temperament to fill this high and exacting office.

Education at Convention

BY
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CENERAL Convention is upon us. In arguing for the adoption in full and its for the adoption in full of the proposed budget of the department of Christian Education for the next triennium, I do not wish to stress too heavily the argument that, in so doing, we are simply implementing the resolution of the General Convention of 1946—although that, of course, is a fact. General Convention can make mistakes as well as other bodies. Even the decisions of the universal councils had to be attested by the Holy Spirit in the body of the Church as a whole. I am, rather, arguing for full and enthusiastic support of the newly constituted department, its leadership, its program and its budget, because the decision of the last General Conventioin has commended itself to the Church as a right and true decision.

Of course, there has been adverse criticism here and there but, if there were not a deep satisfaction with the progress which has been made, we would have a very different pre-convention picture. The air would be full of voices for there have been three years in which to think this thing over. Instead, I believe that if there is any one thing upon which the Church is united, it is the importance of continuing the educational ef-

fort. In view of the importance of the decision, the Convention should keep in mind that the department is asking for an increase of only slightly more than \$200,000 over its present appropriation. To bring the figure down to this amount, the department has cut and pared until it can cut and pare no more. The increase represents a bare minimum. It would be a tragedy of the first water if the program and budget committee, and then the General Convention, should see fit to reduce the amount.

The Church wants the leadership which the department is giving under its chairman, Bishop Dun, and its executive, John Heuss, because this leadership represents the whole Church and deserves to have the confidence of the whole Church. With studied and meticulous care, various schools of thought and types of churchmanship are fully represented in the bodies charged with directing this movement. This rests upon the deep conviction that the Church is not a jangle of opposing and irreconciliable elements, but is essentially one. With the Prayer Book as the norm and, (we believe), the Holy Spirit as guide, the way in which these groups have worked together is one of the evidences of the truth of the above state-

ment. The curriculum, which is in the process of construction, will be of, by, and for the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Work of Experts

THE Church wants this movement endorsed not only because it represents the entire Church but because the curriculum will be the product of the best minds of the Church. Up until now we have not, in a sense, known how good we are! We have in the Church as able theologians, historians, educators, teachers, and authors as are to be found anywhere but we have not taken advantage of their individual and collective brains. The fact that we are doing so at the present time means that the work, which is being done, will not only be representative; it will also be good. The idea that we are hopelessly outclassed in this field by other communions or that any other group has spoken the last work is rapidly receding into the background. Not only will the work fit our own genius but we believe that it will be the soundest work which has been done to date from a purely educational and psychological point of view.

An entirely new approach is being made in the matter of content material. To a very real extent, the present movement in the Church represents a revulsion against ignorance—just plain "brute" ignorance. No one believes that information, as such, "saves." The Bible covers that when it says that the devils also believe and tremble. But ignorance does not "save" either and, without knowledge of her scriptures, her doctrine, worship and history, the Church cannot hope to achieve the development of Christian character nor to inspire enthusiasm for the Church's mission. So, in this matter of content, the department has taken the bull by the horns and is thinking through the irreducible minimum of what an informed and intelligent churchman should "know and believe to his soul's health."

With the enthusiastic aid of our theological seminaries, there will soon be published the first of a series of books under the general title, "The Church's Teaching." The first books of the series (The Bible and Church History) are about ready for the press. They will have a new significance in that they will represent the collective thought of the entire Church and thus have an appeal to the Church as a whole. The individual author is "tagged." These books will be "tagged," too, but the tag will be that of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

They will have immediate uses. They will show that the national department means business in the attack on the truly frightening ignorance of our people. They will give the content material to be used in the graded courses to be produced by our editors. It will be balanced and comprehensive and insure that a pupil who goes through twelve grades will, theoretically at least, have a well rounded knowledge. Aside from being a guide to the building of the graded courses, the books will be of use to the clergy in confirmation and teacher training groups, to adult study classes and to any individual or parent who would like to know what the Church says about itself. If any are fearful about this series, in spite of the manner of its production, it should be added that the guiding principle throughout has been



San Francisco's Civic Auditorium where both the Houses will hold their sessions

the office of instruction and the Prayer Book as a whole. It was only with that clear understanding that the editorial board sanctioned its preparation and publication.

Character Training

NEW approach is to be made in the matter A of character training. It may seem absurd to say it but our Church schools really have not taken themselves very seriously as agencies which can, actually, mould the inner life and vitally affect the developing character of children and young people. We have done about as little here as we have in dispelling ignorance and it is really a damning indictment. Parents are very much concerned about their children's characters and they have a right to be in the general demorialization of a post war period. Amusements, magazines, pictures, radio—the whole current of modern life seems to be away from the old standards, the old decencies. Parents are in a quandary in attempting to stem the tide because it is very difficult to act alone. One has the choice of letting one's children do what everyone else is doing or making them seem peculiar and anti-social. One fights this tide at the risk of breaking one's relationship with one's children or, at least, so it seems. It is a commentary on the esteem in which the Sunday school is held that, while parents may discuss almost every other agency-from private schools to child guidance clinics—they do not, as a rule, even think of the Sunday school as an institution with enough character or bite to accomplish much with their children. They may send their children to Sunday school but it does not occur to them that the Sunday school can do what might be called a professional job in helping to eliminate character kinks and inculcate right motives and ideals. And yet, what a tragedy this is because most parents cannot send their children to private schools, nor to expensive camps, nor to psychiatrists, even granting that these agencies and people can be 100% effective.

For the Sunday school to become, as it should be, the principal character building influence in the community, it will have, first, to capture the confidence of the community. The secret of this is the attitude and skill of the rector. If he knows and loves children and young people, if he has real insight into their needs, he can be the first one to whom the anxious parent turns for advice. He cannot, of course, do all that needs to be done. He needs a group of teachers in his Church school who not only know the subject matter of the courses of instruction, not only know teaching methods, but have a profound insight into the lives of individual children—their needs and capacities. These people can be of assistance to the

rector in his service of counsel. But he needs more than this for the greatest therapeutic agent is the influence of the group into which these children may be introduced. What they need is the stimulus of an atmosphere which will both inspire them and, at the same time, expose them to criticism from their fellows. This must be the atmosphere and life of the Church school itself. This, again, depends upon the leadership in the school. Proper leadership can make attendance at Sunday school a thrilling and transforming experience. With the majestic background of the Church, whose spiritual resources are immediately available, startling results are possible. So, with the best personal counsel made available for the individual idiosyncracy and with the group experiences of the deepest sort ready at hand. one may confidently state that it is possible for the parish church and school to meet the needs of young America and to give anxious parents the comfort and reassurance of a strong ally.

Leadership Needed

WHAT must be done? Leadership, both clerical and lay, must be provided. It is for this reason that the department is entering upon a clergy and teacher training program which is without counterpart in the history of the Church. Recognizing that the parish clergyman is the key to the whole program of parochial education, the first step is being made in his direction. Through the cooperation of Bishop Dun and Canon Wedel, the College of Preachers is to do its share of inservice training for clergy who are now at their tasks. Diocesan institutes and conferences will reach hundreds and, ultimately, thousands more. Theological schools have shown their interest and, gradually, their programs will be made more effective in shaping the ideals of incipient clergymen and in making them, from the beginning, educators as well as preachers and pastors. Guidance is being given now in conducting teacher training classes and, as the subject matter of the new curriculum becomes progressively available, this instruction will become more pointed and effective. It is the ideal of the writer that we may utilize the teaching gift of thousands of intelligent lay people in order to create what might be called a volunteer Teaching Order in the Church. These men and women, by taking advanced work (just like a man who is reading for Orders under a clergyman), will qualify as top sergeants in this teaching army and, in turn, can help to raise the general level. We must have teachers! A large part of the proposed budget is for the purpose of having a body of field workers who can cover the entire Church and increase its teaching capacity.

But we must not only step up the teaching capacity of the Church; we must enlist these worried parents about whom we have been speaking. This task of character training is not something that the Church can do for them alone, even with the best teaching staff in the world. The home life and the attitude of the parents are all-important. Working with them, results in character and attitude can be accomplished. Dr. Ligon's method, which seems to be getting results, is based, to a very great extent, on parental cooperation. The interesting thing about his experiment is the willingness to cooperate which parents have shown.

Your department is making this new curriculum a challenge to parents. The series is to be based on the Christian home. The first course will start before the home is even set up and will deal with preparation for marriage. When one starts to think of it, the place to begin is with the idea and the ideal of the home as it exists in the minds of young people who, in a few years, will be setting up homes of their own. It is interesting to know how much pre-marital instruction was given in the curriculum of the synagogue in ancient Israel. Jewish home life has always been one of the glories of Israel—and it was not left to chance. Thus, after two thousand years, we come back to the old fashioned approach. The next course will be for young parents. After this will come the regular graded courses, all assuming and making provision for parental cooperation—not only in the study of the lesson material itself, but in the atmosphere and habits of the home. The home must be the first place where the child feels the impact and inspiration of group morale. Then, as homes cooperate in the life of the greater family, the Church, there can be that larger morale which will continue to mould character.

The department believes that with skilled leadership and parental cooperation, the parish Church and the parish Church school can stem the present day tide.

This movement is shot through with the determination to succeed in its ultimate objectives of making disciples for Christ. If we do not do this, we have failed in everything; if we do, we have succeeded in everything for a real disciple wants to know and a real disciple cannot help but have a certain character. We must have that type of discipleship which is described in the office of instruction—the discipleship which follows Christ, which is regular in the worship of Almighty God and which is passionately devoted to the spread of his kingdom. Our task is to win the world for Christ, not simply to give a certain amount of culture, even though it be religious culture, to



BISHOP KARL MORGAN BLOCK of California is the host of the General Convention

our young people. We want them to be converted so that they will convert others, so that they will offer their lives and their treasure for the great adventure, the spread of the kingdom of God.

So the department places its case before the General Convention. It is the belief of the present writer that it can give a good account of its stewardship and merits generous and warm hearted support.

The Marriage Canon

BY

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A PAPER has been published and circulated, entitled "Suggestions for the clarification of the marriage laws of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America." The foreword and explanatory statement state that nothing new is suggested, and that it is intended only to clarify language of doubtful meaning. This statement is incorrect, as it clarifies only by a radical change, establishing a rule that no marriage shall be permitted after divorce for any cause arising after marriage. This rule was proposed, and decisively defeated, in 1943.

Canon 18 authorizes a member of the Church who has been divorced, or desires to marry a divorced person, to apply to the bishop "for a judgment as to his or her marital status in the eyes of the Church, or for permission to be married by a minister of this Church." The proposal assumes that there is no difference between these two applications and that "both should be understood to stand on the same footing under the canon."

On the contrary, the two are entirely different, and should not be treated alike. An application to determine marital status does not necessarily arise from a present intention to marry, or from the intention to marry any particular person. It is based solely on the ground that the applicant has never been legally married because of certain specified impediments. These impediments are not peculiar to the Church, as many of them are recognized by the civil law as preventing a legal marriage, and making a marriage contracted during their existence void. A civil court enters a decree in such case, not of divorce, but of annulment. In like manner, the bishop enters a judgment that no marriage ever existed in the eyes of the Church. After such a judgment, the applicant does not need any permission to marry at any time or to marry any person. This is strictly a legal question, to be decided on evidence of past existing facts.

Application for permission to be married is based on the present intention to marry a certain person. The primary purpose is to determine whether the new marriage will be "a true Christian marriage." This is not a legal question, and cannot be decided as a fact, on evidence alone. It involves discretion or godly judgment of the bishop. The character, life and intention of both parties, and the effect of the marriage on their future life, their relation to the Church and their spiritual development are the essential factors; the circumstances of the former marriage and its dissolution must be examined and considered as showing their understanding and appreciation of the principles of Christian marriage and their intention to abide by such principles. If it be found that the failure of the former marriage was not due to the fault of the applicant, or to defects in his character, and that the new marriage would affect favorably the Christian living of the parties, the bishop may so find and may grant permission, even though the cause of dissolution arose after the former marriage was contracted. If, in such an application, the bishop finds that impediments existed at the time of the former marriage, so that it never had been legal, that finding will remove any obstacle to the new

marriage, and may simplify his investigation, but such a finding is not the only possible foundation for the granting of permission.

If it be the will of the General Convention that no remarriage be permitted after divorce for causes arising after marriage, the proposed amendment will accomplish the result, but it should not be adopted on the theory that it does not change the existing law.

California in 1949

BY

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S California observes the centenary of the A Days of '49, the diocese of California marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first parish in the state by entertaining the 56th General Convention, September 26 to October 7. Californians are history-conscious this year, and in fiesta spirit many of the older towns and cities have held colorful celebrations. The Episcopal Church in California is also thinking back to those hearty days when the mountains of gold drew thousands to the Pacific coast and brought life and growth to the sleepy Spanish-Californian settlements, and established new towns and cities. The Church in California is conscious of its growth since the founding of Trinity Church, San Francisco. Now three dioceses and one missionary district serve the Episcopalians of California. The Church takes stock of the hundreds of parishes and missions, Church institutions, and the thousands in its membership as it prepares to welcome its visitors. It has been truly a golden pilgrimage.

Yet the Church in California has not the backward look: it hasn't time for retrospection. Another rush is on. During and since the war thousands have come over the mountains and deserts to make the state their home. Small towns have become cities, cities have reached beyond borders undreamed of a few years ago. There is a striking parallel between the days of 1849 and the days of 1949, not only in the increase of population, but in the missionary challenge such growth has forced upon the Church. Visitors to the General Convention will find a vast mission field and a Church that has a missionary vision.

Church Growth

THE host diocese is a case in point: struggling missions of a few years ago are now parishes. Nineteen such missions achieved parish status within the past few years; one of them became a

mission and a parish in the same year. New missions are established, new ones are being established. Requests come to Bishop Karl Morgan Block from all over the diocese requesting the Church and its services. As Bishop Block says, "We recall with interest and emotion the famous treks of the past, in which, what seemed to be countless hordes, journeyed across the plains to make their home in this favored country. But none of these compare with a recent surge of population in which over three million people have come to California in the last seven years. Populations in the state generally have grown from 38 to 44 per cent; in the bay area the increase has been 840,000. The present migration is thirty times as large as in gold rush days."

But the diocese of California has no time to take pride in such growth; the demands are too great. There is the feeling that opportunities for the Church to enter new areas must often be foregone, perhaps forever, merely because the means are not available to start work where the Church would be welcomed.

Much of the growth is due to Church members moving into the state it is true, but the enormous number of adult baptisms and confirmations is indicative of the evangelistic zeal of the clergy, and the number of unchurched people being reached. It is not unusual to find a majority of adults in confirmation classes. Confirmations in 1948 totaled 1751 with indications that 1949 figures will be well above that mark.

The diocese welcomes the General Convention because it affords the members of the diocesan family the opportunity to see the Church in a larger relationship. Not since 1901 has the opportunity been given, the last time the Convention was held in San Francisco. Few of its people have been able to attend Conventions on the Atlantic seaboard or in the middle west. The inspiration of the great services and mass meetings, the knowledge gained from seeing the vastness of the Church in action, the friendships formed with fellow churchmen from all over the world, will all prove of value to California and sister dioceses in their efforts to meet the challenge that confronts them in the days of '49.

Listen While You Hear

BY

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THERE is a large amount of the Bible read in the public services of the Episcopal Church. For instance, at a celebration of the Holy Com-

munion there is the epistles, a selection from one of the letters, and there is the gospel, a selection from one of the four gospels. At Morning Prayer there are two lessons, one from the Old Testament or the Apocrypha; and one from the New Testament. There is also one or more of the psalms used. At Evening Prayer, again, there are psalms and at least one lesson from the Bible. It is perhaps safe to say that in the course of a vear's time there is more Holy Scripture read publicly in an Episcopal Church than in any other religious body. This is fitting because we are a Bible loving Church, and it was the Church of England that gave to the world that classic of vernacular Scripture, the King James Version of the Bible.

How do we listen to the Scripture as it is read? Do we simply settle back in our pew and regard the lessons as something which must be got through? Do we depend upon the intonation of the reader's voice, or the dramatic quality of the lesson to attract our attention, and make us listen? Or do we welcome the lessons and find in them spiritual information to which we listen with eager and willing minds?



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, meeting at the Masonic Temple which is near the Civic Auditorium, will hold some of the most interesting meetings at General Convention. The Rev. Theodore P. Ferris will give a number of addresses. Others to speak will be Miss Leila Anderson and Bishop Neill.

It is possible to hear a lesson but not really listen to it. Here are a few practical suggestions about how to listen to the lessons.

First, it is necessary to pay attention. That sounds simple and obvious, but it is a needed exhortation because the mind easily wanders. Anyone who has played tennis or golf knows how important it is to keep your eye on the ball and how hard it sometimes is to learn to do that simple but necessary thing. When the lessons are read keep your mind on them instead of on some one's new hat or whether the church is too hot or too cold. Then try to get one idea which will help you, and which you can take home with you. When you get it, and it strikes home to you, hold on to it, and try to work it into your daily life.

When the epistle is read listen to it as to a brief sermonette, full of practical advice for everyday living. Expect to hear something helpful which will apply to your own personal need. For instance, in the epistle for the second Sunday after Epiphany, we read such practical directions as "Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good," "Bless them which persecute you," and "Mind not high things." These are just a few of the gems which are useful in our lives.

The holy gospel usually presents a picture of our Lord in some scene of his life, or gives us some teaching of his. Let us listen to it in that spirit, and if he is described in some scene of his life, we can so picture him, or if he is giving some teaching we can hear it as from his lips. For instance, in the gospel for the third Sunday after Epiphany, we see our Lord performing his first miracle, when he changed the water into wine.

The practice of a few simple methods such as are described here will make the lessons more interesting and helpful to us.

Speaking of Fees

BY RAYMOND BROCK

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ONE day a group of clergy of New York, some of whom were rectors of rather large and prominent parishes, were talking about the fees they had received for their services on different occasions and some of the lesser lights rather envied those whose parishioners were generous on the occasion of marriages and even of some funerals. Then one of the rectors asked the question, "Did any of you ever get less than nothing for a wedding?" One of them said that he had

and so did the questioner and then he proceeded to tell the following:

He was asked to officiate at a certain wedding and was asked to get the organist to play the usual wedding marches. He told the bride what the organist's charge would be and all was agreeable. When the day of the wedding came the groom handed the clergyman a check for \$25.00 and asked him if he would give the organist \$10.00 out of the \$25.00. He did but the check "bounced," and the clergyman couldn't find the groom to collect. Hence he was out the \$10.00.

The other case was not quite so deliberate. The clergyman in question was working in the Missionary District of New Mexico where there are so many tuberculars and had occasion to regularize a common law marriage. The groom was a sick man and couldn't get to the county court house to get the license and so the clergyman brought the deputy clerk down to the house of the sick man in his car and had the legal papers drawn up. The sick man was already on state relief and the family had no funds wherewith to pay the clerk. So the clergyman paid the \$2.00 license fee. He didn't get it back of course. Later he had to bring the county judge down to the house to perform the marriage and he didn't get any fee either. Incidentally the judge was none other than Carl Hatch, former U.S. Senator, now a Federal judge in New Mexico.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

BISHOP VIALL ARRIVES FOR CONVENTION

★ Bishop Viall, assistant bishop of Tokyo, who is also a Cowley Father, arrived in New York recently, accompanied by six young Japanese clergy, who are to enter theological seminaries this fall for graduate work. The Bishop said that the poverty of the Japanese clergy is perhaps the most important factor and hindrance in the Church's present situation. The churches are filled with inquirers, and young people everywhere are eager to learn what Christianity is, but the clergy, who should have their full time free for pastoral work, are compelled to do secular work to keep their families alive. The congregations are still too impoverished by the war to support their clergy adequately, but neither the bishops nor the other clergy wish to have the American and English Churches support them. For the present, until the people have more fully recovered, the annual appropriation from the Presiding Bishop's Fund, providing a small amount of aid, is gratefully accepted and relieves the worst of the need.

CHURCH GAINS ON WEST COAST

★ The committee on the state of the Church, 8th province, of which Bishop Walters is chairman, has presented findings, based on a comparison of diocesan reports for 1938 and 1948. San Joaquin was found to have led in highest proportionate increases, in 1948 over 1938, as follows: baptisms over three times as many, confirmations more than double, communicants almost double, current expenses quadrupled, total disbursements five-fold. Olympia had two first places, with its Church program contributions increased almost five-fold, special parochial almost eight times. Arizona had two first places, with diocesan assessments more than tripled, whole number of Church persons more than doubled. Other first places are as follows: Idaho, Church schools almost triple; Oregon, officers and teachers 68% increase; Sacramento, pupils almost double; Nevada, receipts nine-fold; Eastern Oregon, extra-parochial purposes, eleven-fold.

CAZENOVIA PARISH GETS BEQUEST

★ St. Peter's, Cazenovia, N. Y., has been bequeathed \$10,000 in the will of the late Robert F. Hubbard. Rector William R. Robbins, on behalf of the vestry, announced that the money would be held intact as an endowment with only the income used.

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CHURCH CONSTITUTION APPROVED

The Austrian government has approved a new constitution for the Evangelical Church, adopted at a Church synod in January. Granting full autonomy to the Church in all ecclestiastical affairs, the document represents the successful climax of negotiations and discussions begun about thirty years ago. Designed to meet modern conditions, it abolishes the right to nominate bishops exercised by the old monarchy, grants women electoral rights, and gives laymen a preponderant place in the Church setup. It provides that all officials are to be elected by the congregations and vests all legislative authority in the synod.

CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR EUROPE

A Christian Movement for European Union has been created in London by members of the Church of England, the Free Churches and the Roman Catholic Church. The group seeks affiliation with the European movement, an organization crusading for European unity. Canon Collins, chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, is a leading figure in the organization.

DENY THAT THEY MARXISTS

The Union of Progressive Christians issued a statement on September 13 in Paris stating that the union "does not profess the Marxist doctrine of materialism. It is independent of all parties, including the Communist Party, and its members are free to belong to the political organizations of their choice, under their own responsibility." The statement added that "if we are in agreement with Communists in regard to certain problems, it is because we hold the same opinions and feel that we cannot drop them simply because they are the same as those of the Communist Party."

HIERARCHY'S POLICY IS OPPOSED

A group of 43 priests, claiming to represent a rank and file movement of the Roman Catholic clergymen opposed to the policies of the Polish hierarchy, has asked the Communist government to help them carry out their duties in a people's Poland. The group visited President Bierut in person and stated that they disavowed the hierarchy's stand in Church-state matters and voiced their loyalty to the government. It was announced at

the same time that President Bierut had contributed 100,000 zloty toward the reconstruction of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Sopot, demolished by the war. He made the contribution from a fund placed at his disposal by the government.

JAPANESE PASTORS TO MEET

More than 1,000 Japanese pastors are expected to attend a conference of Christian workers, to be held in Tokyo October 5-9, to rally support for a five-year evangelism drive. All phases of Church activity will be discussed, including the relationship of the Church to politics and social questions. The star of the conference will be Prof. Emil Brunner of Switzerland who is to arrive in Japan later this month, after attending a YMCA conference in Siam.

INTERCOMMUNION REJECTED

Intercommunion as a solution of Christian disunion was rejected by the general committee of the World Student Christian Federation, meeting for two weeks at Whitby, Canada. The 120 delegates from 35 countries rejected the resolution, presented by delegates from Asia, on the ground that the major issue was reunion, with communion only the point of greatest tension.

WOMEN WIN FINALLY IN IRELAND

Climaxing almost 25 years of discussion, the Church of Ireland (Anglican) has voted to admit women to offices. At the general synod, meeting in Dublin recently, a bill was passed making women immediately eligible as delegates to diocesan synods and to the general synod of 1952. The combined clerical and lay vote was 158 to 39.

NIEMOELLER PROPOSAL IS RESENTED

A suggestion by Pastor Niemoeller that German farmers would make fine migrants for Australia has caused resentment in Sydney, where he recently lectured. His critics state that "two wars have been caused by aggressive Germans." They also state that Germans who have been in Australia have proved almost impossible to assimilate. The critics, some of whom protested Niemoeller meetings, declared that his frequent references to Germany's economic and political situation "are not appreciated" in Australia.

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The Secret Way. By Joseph Wittkofski. Morehouse-Gorham. \$2.00.

This is a little book on "biotheology" which the author defines as "the study of life in God." It is intended to combine a biological outlook with a theological or spiritual, i.e., with mystical theology. The great books on the spiritual life are usually produced after many years of thought and experience; this one has been written by a young priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Bishop Pardue has written a Foreword, in which he complains that theological seminaries do nothing for their students religiously or spiritnally. "Conceivably, it is possible to send a man through theological seminary without his having the slightest experience with or idea of the life of prayer and grace." One would like to know where Bishop Pardue has discovered such a theological seminary.

How Came Our Faith. By W. A. L. Elmslie. Scribner. \$3.25.

One of the most difficult tasks which a scholar can set out for himself is that of writing a book on religion which will be of interest to the layman, yet prove to be of value to the scholar. This is the aim of the author here as he writes a book on the Old Testament which is designed to interpret the Hebrew Religious Heritage to modern Christians. Considering all the problems involved, Professor Elmslie, who is principal and professor of theology at Westminster College, Cambridge (England), has been most successful.

No scholarly book on the Bible will find complete acceptance in every detail by all readers (the identification of Kadesh Barnea with Petra was one of the author's assumptions which this reviewer would question). Generally speaking, the scholarship is advanced—according to the English schools of Biblical scholarship. The book is always readable and the application of biblical teachings to the present day will be interesting to all.

—SAT.

These Also Believe. By Charles S. Braden. Macmillan. \$6.00.

America is sometimes described as the "happy hunting ground of the sects." It has also been described as the "paradise of the half educated." These two incisive—and somewhat bitter—comments seem to go together. To a good many persons, this is ample justification for looking down on the "wild religions" which haunt the American scene. Dr. Braden, how-

ever, brings a much more sympathetic heart and understanding mind to the study of these popular movements, which range all the way from Father Divine and Psychiana to Theosophy and the I Am Movement, spiritualism, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the Anglo-Israelites. The book is written with thorough first hand knowledge and is amply documented. Some of this phenomenal "religion" is not really very religious, but is mixed up with all sorts of weird subterranean repressions and longings for a better life on the part of people who have not much of a chance for such a lifeperhaps could not enjoy it if they did have it. But some of it is intensely religious, full of the holy fire that glows and flames in the Church's mystics and saints. One of the great tasks before the Church today is to present the gospel to people in the new situations in which they find themselves. The Church's strategy, therefore, must be subtle, resilient, endlessly resourceful. It might be a fine thing for a vestry or a men's club or a woman's guild to take this book, read it and discuss it with these questions set over the whole discussion: What can the Church do for these people? How can it reach them? What can it bring to them? How can it win them?

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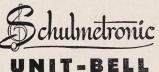
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series of Gifford Lectures, he is expounding and supporting the thesis that "Religion is the dynamic element in culture." (By "culture" he means social culture, not merely individual refinement or sensibility.) He has no difficulty in proving that, as contrasted with the thoroughly secularized and rationalized culture of today in which religion tends to wilt and wither, the great historic cultures have been rooted in the great religions. The tapering-off process in our modern world began with the 17th century, and proceeded apace in the Enlightenment; for a time, natural theology seemed to work as a substitute for religion, but it was living on borrowed time, and its day was bound to end. What is needed now is a resurgence of genuine elemental religion, if our modern culture is to survive and achieve anything like its potential destiny.

Jesus Then and Now. By Willard L. Sperry. Harper. \$2.50.

In these lectures given by the Dean of Harvard Divinity School at Northwestern University, the attempt is made to show how Christianity evolved -in the hope of learning some lessons for the tragic and perilous present day. Dean Sperry insists that the liberal attempt to recover the actual historical figure of our Lord-though denied by the neo-orthodox, or at least not thought important by them -is still possible, and decidedly a worthy undertaking. Our Lord's originality was not novelty, but the restatement of eternal truths from a new angle. The "beloved community" is an emphasis strange to American Protestantism but indispensable, certainly if the ecumenical movement has any future. A valiant and beautiful book.

The Holy Imperative. By Winston L. King. Harper. \$2.50.

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As a criticism of most philosophical ethics this is a very helpful book. The limitations appear when Dr. King presents his own interpretation of the Christian ethic. His view that "The Christian good, rather than being one specific type of action or quality or moral character and motive, consists in a harmonic proportion," tends rather to a Platonic than a Christian interpretation of ethics.

The book only mentions in passing the writings of Nygren, Niebuhr and Aulen, and omits completely the studies of Temple, Bennett, Brunner and others who have done so much in recent years to interpret Christion ethics in the light of Biblical theology as well as sociological criticism.—Paul Abrecht.

God's Grace and Man's Hope. By Daniel Day Williams. Harper. \$2.75.

This book is an attempt to defend two convictions about the hope for a better society. The first is "that there is solid ground in human experience for believing that the better world can be made"; the second is "that any enduring hope must be based not upon man alone, but upon the fact that God is present in human history, and is there creatively and redemptively at work." There is a strong note of assurance here; the conviction that men, through the transforming power of God, can love one another. This is a good and necessary corrective to

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THE PROBLEM OF PUBLICITY:

A committee of the Synod of the diocese of Sydney which was directed to investigate the best means of providing better publicity for the Church has been interviewing experts in the fields of the press, radio and religious drama. A representative of a Sydney morning newspaper told the committee that of all kinds of news, that from the Church was the most difficult to publish. Ninety percent of readers, he said, were apathetic toward or cynical regarding the Church and the Church itself lacked "publicity sense." Many bitter and recriminatory letters have reached newspapers from so-called Church people, based on sectarian or similar issues, with the result that many newspapers "played safe" and omitted religious news altogether. Many leading Churchmen were loath to express extemporaneous points of view on current affairs which would have the importance of showing that Christianity was concerned with all life. The Rev. Kenneth Henderson, a priest of the Church of England, who administers religious broadcasting for the Australian Broadcasting Commission, urged the Church to train men in broadcasting technique. The ordinary church service, he said, had a very small listening public. The best way to attract non-religious listeners was through the controversy of the radio forum. The trials and problems of religious living should be presented, as well as the over-confident assertion that salvation was the medicament for all ills. The A.B.C. gave nine hours a week to religious broad-

Point has been given to the Church's complaint of lack of adequate newspaper publicity by the fact that the consecration of the Co-Adjutor Bishop of Goulburn (the Rt. Rev. K. J. Clements) at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, was not recorded in any Sydney daily newspaper. - Australian Anglican Newsletter.

THE PEACE SCARE: In Germany, in Indonesia and at Lake Success we seem to be pulling cautiously back from the edge of the abyss. After having stood for a long time with our eyes fixed on the depths, we are becoming aware that all around us the climate seems suddenly to have changed. Peace threatens to break out where we expected war. But there are no dancing in the streets, no excited crowds like those which greet the coming of war, no thrilling music, no waving flags. Instead we are filled with a vague dread. The terrors of potential tranquillity disturb us. On the land, on the sea and in the airto use a familiar war-time invocation -a generation toughened on war quails before something new-a peace scare!

The Berlin blockade has been lifted, but we are told nothing has really changed. The Russians have quieted down in the United Nations recently, but it does not mean a thing. The Germans have approved a constitution, there have been overtures for ending the Greek war, and Palestine has been voted into membership in the United Nations. But still we are admonished not to permit wild hopes to run away with us. A Council of Europe has been formed and economic recovery makes gains on that continent, but still the outlook is grim and the public mood is full of foreboding.—Christian Century.

DEPUTIES PRESIDENT: We do not have a single suggestion as to what person should be elected to this important post. We have no axe to grind and no fish to fry. But we do say that the Church is too big and its task at this forthcoming General Convention is too important, to permit a possible division in its ranks. The very life of our Church is to be decided at San Francisco. The future education of our children, the expansion of our domestic and foreign work, the promotion of the cause of our Christ throughout the world are all going to depend upon the adoption of a forward-looking program and budget. These things in turn will call for the unhampered and the unprejudiced thinking of every single delegate.—Southern Churchman

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CLERGY CHANGES:

ROBERT E. COOK, formerly of the diocese of Tenn., is now chaplain of Episcopal students at Syracuse University and assistant at Grace Church.

CARL J. WEBB, formerly in charge of Christ Church, Middletown, Conn., and the Epiphany, Durham, is now rector of St. John's, Franklin, Pa.

JOHN G. DAHL, formerly a teacher, is now assistant at St. Joseph's, Detroit.

BRUCE W. RAVENEL, deacon, formerly of the diocese of Colo., is now in charge of St. John's, Centralia, Wash.

ELDEN B. OWERS, formerly dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Havana, Cuba, is now rector of Grace Church,

WILLIAM A. CLEBSCH, formerly chaplain at Michigan State College, is now on the faculty of Virginia Seminary.

J. GREGORY LEE, formerly rector of St. Peter's, Carlington, Canada, is now rector of St. David's, Shelton,

W. CHAVE McCRACKEN, assistant rector of Emmanuel, Webster Groves, Mo., became rector of Christ Church, Oberlin, Ohio, Sept. 15th.

CHARLES H. DOUGLAS, rector of Trinity, Bessemer, Ala., became vicar of Trinity, San Antonio, Texas, on Sept. 15th.

GEORGE D. GRAEFF, rector of Trinity, Chambersburg, Pa., is to retire from the active ministry October 1 and will reside at Fayetteville, Pa.

ORDINATIONS:

GARDNER SMITH, former radio announcer, was ordained priest by Bishop Higley on August 24, at St. John's, Marathon, N.Y., where he is in charge.

JOHN D. LEE was ordained priest on August 15 by Bishop Block at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, where he is canon.

APPOINTMENT:

RENE G. DELATOUR, stationed at Camp Haitien, Haiti, has been appointed the Bishop's Vicar General by Bishop Voegeli.

DEATHS:

ROBERT H. REID JR., missionary at Nenana, Alaska, since August, 1948, lost his life by the capsizing of a boat in the Tanana River. Two boys from the mission were with him and also were drowned.

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MRS. EVANS HAMMOND President of the Auxiliary, Diocese of California

Congratulations on the splendid issue featuring the CSCA. It was the first time I had read of the work the Chinese students are doing, and I found it thrilling.

Not being on the Rev. Mr. Shoemaker's mailing list, I have not seen Miss McLeod's report of the conference in New Jersey, and I cannot imagine why she attended for even one day, but it was certainly not for LOVE, so though she speaks with the tongues of men and of angels, or in Mandarin, it is only sounding brass and a clanging cymbal.

I am all for the way Mr. Spofford goes to work for real Christian and democratic freedom in the world, and I am confident that God goes with him.

MRS. S. J. FOX Churchwoman of Columbus, Ohio

It seems to me clear that young people are the most important people in the Church, and that everything should be done to keep them interested. I was therefore particularly interested in a report of a young people's conference held in this city. Contrary to popular belief, young people today want more than just a church-sponsored "fun-house." Such was the contention of one of four young speakers at the first city-wide junior town meeting.

Gerald Zeller, a high school student, maintained the churches have not met their responsibilities, saying that young people want and need a clear interpretation of God and the Bible so they can apply the principles to every-day life.

Both Zeller and Norma Mowery, another high school student, who expressed viewpoints similar to those

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of Zeller, maintained that most young people they know - many of them churchgoers—have no clear-cut idea of what they believe. This can be remedied only by churches hiring proper leadership that stimulates youth and having better trained Sunday school teachers, they said.

A different viewpoint was expressed by George Dorn, a high school student, who declared most Columbus churches offer adequate programs, but that the young people have failed to meet their responsibilities to the churches. Miss Nina Krause, also a high school student, maintained that churches such as the First Community had met their responsibility to youth. She said First Community offers a program which gives adequate interpretation of God and the Bible and at the same time has enough social activities to keep young people interested. She cited the following as examples of the program: prayer cell groups for youth; classes for marriage preparation and boy-girl relationships; classes in better family living; and groups furthering dramatics, choir singing, etc.

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